

**Agenda Item 7**  
**(tabled on the day of meeting)**

**RES ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Objective 2 – Smart Growth**

Actions 44 to 58

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<b>c) CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE INTEGRATED AND RESPONSIVE PLANNING PROCESS IN THE REGION</b>		
<b>44. Develop a proactive approach towards the Government agenda to improve planning performance and speed.</b>	A positive planning framework is required for sustainable economic growth.	ODPM (Chief Planner)  South East England Regional Assembly  Local Authorities

<b>a) SECURE INVESTMENT IN A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT NETWORK TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY, REFLECTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC PRIORITIES</b>		
<b>45. Invest in transport to support strategic economic corridors.</b>	Specific priorities are the South Coast (including at Arundel and Worthing, and radially the A21), the A3 at Hindhead, fully capitalising on CTRL domestic services in the Thames Gateway, the Brighton-Gatwick-Croydon Corridor, the Solent-Midlands A34 and rail multi-modal corridor, Thames Valley Artery, Oxford to Cambridge Arc connection and Milton Keynes – Aylesbury Growth Area supported by East West Rail Link, cross London regional connections (CrossRail and Thameslink) and in the longer term a lower Thames crossing.	Network Rail  Highways Agency

<p><b>46. Invest in integrated, intermodal transport hubs of national and international economic significance.</b></p>	<p>Specific priorities are Ashford, Ebbsfleet, Reading, Oxford, Milton Keynes, Gatwick, Heathrow, Thames and Medway Ports, Dover Port and Southampton.</p>	<p>Local Authorities Network Rail SEEDA BAA Port Authorities</p>
<p><b>47. Develop deliverable and pragmatic solutions for regional road, rail and light rail schemes of national and regional significance.</b></p>	<p>Partnership working among stakeholders will need to be supported by innovative funding packages.</p>	<p>Regional Transport Board</p>
<p><b>b) ENSURE SUFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING (OF THE RIGHT TYPE AND SIZE) TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE REGION AND SUPPORT IT'S COMPETITIVENESS</b></p>		
<p><b>48. Encourage close collaboration between local authorities to develop local and sub regional housing market assessments.</b></p>	<p>Collaboration will be necessary to ensure an adequate supply of housing of the right type, tenure and size to enhance regional and sub-regional competitiveness.</p>	<p>Regional Housing Board South East England Regional Assembly Local Authorities</p>
<p><b>49. Encourage innovative approaches to housing delivery across all sectors.</b></p>	<p>Initiatives such as development forums will be valuable to identify and share good practice.</p>	<p>Regional Housing Board</p>
<p><b>50. Develop and implement a private sector housing renewal strategy for the region.</b></p>	<p>This is needed in order to tackle non-decent housing and houses in multiple occupation, as well as to improve energy efficiency and water consumption, and to identify actions which will have the greatest impact.</p>	<p>Regional Housing Board</p>
<p><b>c) CREATE THE CLIMATE FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT THROUGH THE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND RESOURCES</b></p>		

<p><b>51 Ensure that physical development supports economic development, alongside reinforcing established programmes in the Growth Areas and Coastal towns.</b></p>	<p>The main projects will be in urban centres in the Thames Gateway, Ashford, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury Vale, Urban South Hampshire and coastal towns.</p>	<p>SEEDA English Partnerships</p>
<p><b>52. Ensure the best use of land assets surplus to public agency requirements.</b></p>	<p>The South East contains 16% of all brownfield land in the UK. Making the best use of previously developed land is critical to sustainable development. The public sector is in a strong position to set standards and lead by example on its own sites.</p>	<p>English Partnerships SEEDA</p>
<p><b>53. Build the capacity of local authorities to deliver complex developments.</b></p>	<p>A significant proportion of the development industry's output is driven by the public sector. In addition to its regulatory role the public sector is a major investor in the built environment.</p>	<p>SEEDA English Partnerships</p>
<p><b>54. Ensure a wider understanding and adoption of quality standards and best practice in construction.</b></p>	<p>Procurement of construction projects should seek to optimise the combination of whole life costs and quality to meet users' requirements.</p>	<p>South East Centre for the Built Environment</p>
<p><b>55. Improve the quality of new buildings and development.</b></p>	<p>Establish performance standards for SEEDA's own development projects.</p>	<p>SEEDA</p>

<p><b>56. Create cities and towns where people choose to live by investing in urban renaissance.</b></p>	<p>To be achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting town and city centre development strategies which emphasise quality, individuality and diversity</li> <li>• Direct Development</li> <li>• Raising awareness of good design and celebrating excellence through the spread of good practice</li> <li>• Developing the skills, knowledge and behaviour to create successful places</li> <li>• Supporting small rural towns to become service centres to their hinterlands.</li> </ul>	<p>South East Excellence SEEDA Local Authorities</p> <p>South East Rural Towns Partnership</p>
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