

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND  
REGIONAL HOUSING BOARD**

Date: 5 December 2007

Subject: **Items for Information: 9.5 Regional Funding Allocation –  
RHB response to consultation**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board note the content of this report.

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**9.5 Regional Funding Allocation – RHB response to consultation**

9.5.1 On 16 October, CLG invited the Regional Housing Board to comment on the Government's proposed regional funding allocations for housing for the three years 2008-11. The Chairman responded on behalf of the Board on 2 November 2007. Whilst the Board welcomed the priority attached in the proposals to affordable housing, it also made it quite clear that the level of funding proposed would not allow the Board to deliver the minimum affordable housing targets set out alongside the funding proposals, or indeed, the wider range of housing priorities that have been identified for the South East, including innovative new delivery mechanisms. The Board expressed its disappointment that so much of its submission made in June has been disregarded, and at the apparent lack of commitment on the part of Government to provide the additional investment that is required. The Board has urged Government to increase the level of funding available to reflect the original advice. These points were reinforced by Assembly members to the regional minister Jonathan Shaw MP who attended the plenary meeting in Winchester on 14 November. The Government's final decision on the regional funding allocation for housing is awaited at the time of writing this report.

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