

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
RSS Cross Cutting Group  
Action Notes**

**Monday 19th July 2004  
Berkeley House, Cross Lanes, Guildford**

Present:	Tony Curtis(Chair)	Basingstoke District Council
	Chris Corrigan	RSPB
	Martin Tugwell	South East England Regional Assembly
	Rashid Bashir	SEEDA
	Roger Hargreaves	Surrey County Council
	Douglas Horner	CBI
	Catherine Johnstone	RAISE
	Paul Newbold	Portsmouth City Council
	Ray Bowers	South East England Regional Assembly
	David Howarth	Environment Agency
	Leigh Herington	Kent County Council
	Chris Swanwick	Wycombe District Council
	Trevor Cherrett	Rural Advisory Group
	High Williams	Hampshire County Council
Apologies:	Tony Stevens	Horsham District Council
	John Glasson	Oxford Brookes

**2. Minutes from Last Meeting**

These were agreed and passed.

**3. Quality of Life**

The Group were informed that the launch of the Integrated Regional Framework (IRF) had taken place and had been well received. There was a general consensus that the IRF could be viewed as providing an overview on the Quality of Life in the region.

However, there are many different schools of thought on what Quality of Life means to different people as groups and/or individuals have different needs/wants, therefore how do we communicate progress of key issues? It also needs to be decided which audience we are addressing and how we get the message across. It was accepted that the key focus in terms of quality of life may change over time but that in order to move forward with the preparation of the Plan there will need to be some prioritisation of the IRF objectives.

**Action: Members of the Group would feedback their individual thoughts/comments on possible prioritisation of the IRF objectives prior to the next meeting.**

#### **4. Towards a Rural Strategy for the South East**

Trevor Cherrett from the Rural Advisory Group introduced his paper, which was being circulated to all the Advisory Group Chairs for onward discussion.

**Action: To note**

#### **5. Developing the Vision**

The Group reviewed the list of parameters that had been agreed by the Executive Committee as setting the context for developing the detail of the South East Plan. Further work would be required to develop a more regionally specific vision for the South East Plan.

**Action: To be considered at next meeting of the Group**

#### **6. Developing Spatial Options**

The Group reviewed were briefed on the four options that would be presented to members of the Regional Planning Committee:

- a. Continuation of what is already there
- b. Hubs and Spokes – carried forward into spatial options
- c. Economic Drivers – pick up different aspects e.g. regeneration areas
- d. Demographic Profile – sense of focus for distributing levels of growth

The Group expressed a concern at the lack of an option that was driven by environmental constraints, although it was acknowledged that some elements were not easy to measure, e.g. air quality/flooding/noise. Martin and Ray emphasised that the importance of ensuring that issues such as environmental constraints were applied to all policy scenarios considered as part of the development of the South East Plan. The spatial options being considered were the policy focus that would then be used to drive spatial distributions; in creating the distributions there would be a need to consider the implications of each scenario in terms of its impact on constraints and in terms of infrastructure requirements.

The Group also expressed a concern as to whether the options were sufficiently different in terms of the choices that they offer.

**Action: Assembly to reflect on comments on spatial options.**

#### **7. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

**Dates of Next Meeting(s)**

Thursday 26.08.04 @ 14.00 – Berkeley House.