

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

**Thursday 26th June 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

Apologies:	Paul Newbold	Portsmouth City Council
	Ray Bowers	South East England Regional Assembly
	Tony Stevens	Horsham District Council
	Leigh Herington	Kent County Council
	David Howarth	Environment Agency
	Chris Swanwick	Wycombe District Council
	John Glasson	Oxford Brookes
	Paul Newbold	Portsmouth City Council
	Sue Archer	RAISE

1. It was agreed that current attendance levels would be reviewed and brought up at the next meeting of StAG by Tony Curtis.

**Action:**

- **Pat to provide Tony Curtis with a record of attendance to date.**
- **Tony Curtis to bring the subject up at the next meeting of StAG.**

2. **Minutes from Last Meeting**

These were agreed and passed. It was noted that the SA Sounding Board had been established.

3. **Update on Futures Work**

Further to the paper issued by John and the discussion held within the Group, it was agreed that the paper setting out the future drivers should be considered by the Assembly's Advisory Groups when they are developing policies for the South East Plan.

**Action:**

- **John Pounder to produce a guidance note to Advisory Groups and how they apply the futures work to their work.**
- **All Advisory Groups to demonstrate how key drivers have been addressed in their policy recommendations.**

**4. Quality of Life/Developing the Vision**

A debate was held on what is meant by 'the quality of life', and it was agreed that there is no simple definition. The Group were informed that the launch of the Integrated Regional Framework (IRF) was taking place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The objectives set out in the IRF provide the context within which it may be possible to consider issues of quality of life in a more structured way. Such an approach would have the added benefit of ensuring a high degree of consistency in approach with the SA for the South East Plan, which is also founded in the context set by the IRF.

There was a discussion as to whether some of the IRF objectives should be given greater weight in terms of assessing the quality of life. It was suggested that the MORI public opinion surveys might be one mechanism by which key objectives could be identified (but not the only mechanism). There was some concern expressed as to whether it was appropriate to differentiate in this way between the IRF objectives. However it was acknowledged that there may be a need to adopt such an approach in order to 'define' quality of life in a way that is more easily presentable.

**Action:**

- **Regional Assembly to review outputs from MORI**

**5. Developing Spatial Options**

The context within which the Assembly will need to consider the identification of broad strategies at the regional level was outlined, drawing upon the initial thoughts set out in a paper circulated to the Group. A key part of the development of the South East Plan will be the consideration of alternative strategic scenarios for the spatial distribution of planned levels of growth. The SA scenario process will also need to consider a limited number of alternative strategic scenarios.

The Group were invited to comment on the series of questions posed in the paper circulated at the meeting. The Group was reminded that the focus of this exercise was to consider the process by which an agreed level of overall growth might be distributed spatially, as opposed to considering the mechanism by which the overall level of growth is determined.

**Actions:**

- **Group members comments on the paper, and the questions set out therein, to be forwarded to the Assembly at the earliest possible opportunity; preferably no later than 02.07.04.**

**6. Any Other Business**

The Group were informed that the final version of PPSI I is due to be published shortly.

**Dates of Next Meeting(s)**

Monday 19.07.04 @ 14.00 – Berkeley House.