

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

**Friday 26 November 2004
Berkeley House, Cross Lanes, Guildford**

Present:

Tony Curtis (Chair)	Basingstoke District Council
Martin Tugwell	South East England Regional Assembly
Ray Bowers	South East England Regional Assembly
David Howarth	Environment Agency
Tony Stevens	Horsham District Council
Chris Swanwick	Wycombe District Council
Roger Hargreaves	Surrey County Council

Apologies:

Leigh Herington	Kent County Council
Catherine Johnstone	RAISE
David Carman	Hampshire County Council
Chris Corrigan	RSPB
Huw Williams	Hampshire County Council
John Glasson	Oxford Brookes
Douglas Horner	CBI

2. Notes from Last Meeting

These were agreed and passed.

3. South East Plan

Plan Progress Update

Regional Planning Committee had debated the draft of the South East Plan. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Plenary on 29.11.04.

Consultation Arrangements

The Group remains concerned about the soundness of the questionnaire to be inserted with the household leaflet.

The meeting was advised that the Assembly will hold a workshop in each sub-region, including the Isle of Wight. These will be focussed on the Plan.

The Group discussed at length opportunities to ensure that the consultation draft reached all sectors of the community. The Group highlighted the importance of making maximum use of Local Strategic Partnerships as a means of achieving this.

Sub-regional strategy update

The advice from the sub-regional strategy groups have been taken on board with the consultation draft of the South East Plan, including reference to the alternative options considered by the sub-regional groups. Further work will be commissioned by the Regional Assembly in due course.

Action: To Note.

4. Policy Framework

The Group reflected on the need to ensure that the draft policy framework properly reflects the cross-cutting agenda, as well as future thinking and the implications of climate change. The Group also reflected on the need to ensure that the cross-cutting policies add value to the overall policy framework and agreed that at their next meeting the Group would review these policies.

Action: To review cross cutting policies at next meeting. Tony Stevens to ask Paul Geehan to identify two local authority planning officers who can offer critical advice on added value of the draft policies.

5. Housing Distribution

The Planning Committee has requested information on how the district distribution process works. Consultants are to be contracted to look at methodology and this will be overseen by a small Steering Group.

6. Sustainability Appraisal

The consultants are currently finalising the draft Sustainability Appraisal report for consultation. The headlines from initial findings will go to the Plenary on 29 November. The sub regional results will be made available to the lead officers at the sub-regional level.

7. There was no other business

8. Date of Next Meeting(s)

Friday 14 January @ 10.00 – 12.00 held at the Regional Assembly Office, Guildford