

PLENARY MEETING
7 March 2007
H G Wells Centre, Woking

AGENDA

From 9.30 Registration
 Group meetings

- 11.00 1. Chairman's welcome and report (herewith)
Cllr Keith Mitchell will report and answer questions on the work of the Executive Committee since the November plenary meeting.
2. Report of the Chairman of the Regional Planning Committee (herewith)
Cllr Christine Field will report and take questions on the work of the RPC since the November plenary meeting.
3. Report of the Chairman of the Regional Transport Board (herewith)
Cllr Nick Skellett will report and take questions on the work of the RTB since the November plenary meeting.
4. Report of the Chairman of the Regional Housing Board (herewith)
Cllr Elizabeth Cartwright will report and take questions on the work of the RHB since the November plenary meeting.

- 11.30 5. Aviation policy (herewith)
For debate: Both the South East Plan and the Regional Economic Strategy aim to stabilise and in time reduce the region's ecological footprint while maintaining economic competitiveness. The expansion of airports in the South East is the principal point of difference between them: the South East Plan opposes further runway development while the RES supports Heathrow's further expansion. The Government recently published a review of the Aviation White Paper and the progress report on the environmental mitigation required for a third runway at Heathrow is expected at the end of March. It is timely therefore for the Assembly to review its position on aviation policy.

The following speakers have been invited to address the Assembly for up to ten minutes each, following which there will be a panel Q&A:

*Stuart Condie, Director of Planning and Surface Access, BAA
Joss Garman, Plane Stupid
Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive, CADIA
John Stewart, HACAN ClearSkies*

12.30 Resolution proposed by Cllr Henry Smith, Leader, West Sussex CC:
(herewith)

SEERA reaffirms its view that “plan, monitor and manage” would be the most appropriate approach to provision of additional airport capacity in the South East while effort is directed at achieving more sustainably balanced solutions to airport development. SEERA therefore calls on the Government for a review of current aviation policy and for a halt to plans for the expansion of runway capacity in the South East.

13.00 Lunch break
Please note that lunch is provided for Assembly members and representatives only.

13.45 **6.** Regional Housing Strategy (herewith)
For debate: The review of the Regional Housing Strategy will set the parameters and priorities for Government investment in housing for the period 2008-2011. The Regional Housing Board’s consultation on the draft strategy runs until 27 April. This is the opportunity for Assembly members to provide input to the review.

14.45 **7.** Assembly Business Plan and Budget (herewith)
For decision: The January meeting of the Executive Committee agreed the Business Plan for submission to Government as the basis for the Assembly’s grant funding. The Committee commends to the Assembly plenary for its approval the budget to deliver the Business Plan.

15.00 **8.** Delivering the South East Plan (presentation)
For debate: As the Examination in Public draws to a close the emphasis of our work moves to implementation. We have mapped and costed what needs to be done to deliver the South East Plan. Co-ordinating regional housing and transport budgets and finding new ways of funding infrastructure are both important aspects of the Assembly’s delivery role. This presentation updates Members on progress with this critical agenda.

15.30 Close