

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY MEETING

Date: 5 March 2008

Subject: **Resolution**

Proposed by: Robert Hamlin, RAISE

Introduction

On 31 March 2008 it will be two years since the South East Plan was formally given to HMG, this Assembly notes with extremely deep concern and with growing genuine frustration, the ongoing delay by central Government in responding to the South East Plan EiP Panel Report published on 29 August 2007. At the same time the Government is blaming Regional Assemblies in their Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration Review (SNR) for delays in developing and implementing the current Regional Spatial Strategies!

Resolution

The South East England Regional Assembly as the Regional Planning Body has no confidence in the Government's handling of the draft South East Plan. The Assembly therefore calls on the Government to focus its efforts on publishing its response to the South East Plan EiP Panel Report, and making the current regional planning arrangements work.

Action to be taken if the resolution is passed

The Assembly calls on the Chairman to write to the Minister and express our vote of no confidence in the Government's handling of the draft South East Plan, while asking the Minister to explain the ongoing delay in the Government publishing their response to the South East Plan EiP Panel Report.