

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Date: 8 December 2004

Subject: **Sustainability Appraisal**

Report of: Head of Regional Transport Planning

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes the progress made with the Sustainability Appraisal.

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To update the Committee on progress with the Sustainability Appraisal of the South East Plan.

2. Update

2.1 Following on from the last meeting of this Committee consultants ERM have continued with their work on the appraisal of the policy framework set out in the consultation document.

2.2 The key points arising from the appraisal of the regional spatial options were to be reported to the Assembly Plenary held on 29 November. This material will be included in the Draft Sustainability Report that is currently in preparation and which will be published on 17 January as part of the suite of documents that form the consultation document.

2.3 The Draft Sustainability Report is an independent appraisal of the contents of the policy framework in the consultation document. At this stage in the development of the South East Plan the consultation document sets out a number of options on which the views of stakeholders are being sought. Members of this Committee are not being asked to choose between the options set out in the consultation document. It is not therefore necessary for the Committee to formally agree the contents of the Draft Sustainability Report.

2.4 The Committee will receive a verbal update on the emerging results from the appraisal on the day of the meeting.

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