

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

Date: 23 May 2007

Subject: **Regional Economic Strategy: Implementation Plan**

Report of: Director of Development  
South East England Regional Assembly

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Committee note the proposed arrangements for the preparation of a response to the consultation.

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise the Committee of the forthcoming publication of the RES Implementation Plan for consultation and to set out the proposed arrangements for the Assembly responding to the consultation. SEEDA will make a short presentation on the content of the draft Implementation Plan to the Committee.

**I. The RES Implementation Plan**

- I.1 The Assembly has been at the forefront of promoting the importance of ensuring that there is a clear framework for the implementation of regional policy frameworks. The Implementation Plan that forms an integral element of the draft South East Plan is already proving to be a powerful tool in arguing the region's case for additional investment with Government. The Executive Committee will receive regular progress reports on issues relating to the Implementation Plan and its development.
- I.2 SEEDA have similarly been committed to developing an implementation plan as part of the Regional Economic Strategy. A draft of the RES implementation plan will be published shortly for consultation. The consultation period will run for 12 weeks. SEEDA will make a short presentation outlining the content of the document to this meeting.

- I.3 The region's submission to the Comprehensive Spending Review set down the aspiration to move towards a single implementation plan for the region; one that sets out a consistent approach to implementation with agreed priorities. The publication of the draft RES implementation plan therefore provides the opportunity for the Assembly to continue its work with SEEDA on realising this aspiration.
- I.4 The publication of the draft RES implementation plan will be a way point in a process that has involved regular dialogue between SEEDA and the secretariat. This dialogue will continue as part of the commitment on the part of both organisations to work towards the aspiration of a joint implementation plan.
- I.5 The Executive Committee will consider the draft RES implementation plan at its next meeting on 15 June. There will be an opportunity for this Committee to examine the detail of the draft implementation plan at its next meeting on 25 July.

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