

**Definition of an Economic Partnership**

(a) **Objective**

The specific objective of each SEEP would be a matter for that Partnership, but it should incorporate the principle of being a locally accountable body created on a voluntary basis to lead the development of a local economic strategy (defined as broadly as possible) for their area, and to work with relevant regional bodies where appropriate. Where deemed appropriate the Partnership could also have an implementation role.

(b) **Membership**

Detailed membership is again a matter for local discretion, but the Partners/membership of each SEEP would be expected to include:

- a broad range of private sector representation
- a broad range of public sector representation
- some representation from the voluntary sector
- close links with the local Lifelong Learning Partnership, the LSC and the SBS franchisee.

(c) **Geographic Coverage**

This would be a matter for each SEEP in consultation with adjacent SEEPs, but the core areas covered by each SEEP should not overlap; individual organisations would be free to become members of more than one SEEP, and close working relationships between relevant EPs should be encouraged.

(d) **Operational Values**

Each SEEP should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Local accountability
- Inclusivity
- Openness and Probity
- Effectiveness