

Agenda Item 5

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: 9 June 2000

Subject: **Regional Planning Guidance - Proposed Changes**

Report of: Director

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the response prepared by SERPLAN to the Government's proposed changes to Regional Planning Guidance, and decides whether to endorse that response in full or in part, and whether it wishes to convey additional views to Government on the Assembly's behalf.

1. Information

- 1.1 While SERPLAN remains the Regional Planning Body it should properly have the lead role for seeing through the current round of Regional Planning Guidance by responding on the region's behalf to the Government's proposed changes following the Crow Report. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for SERPLAN's proposed response to be placed before this Executive Committee on 9 June. It will be open to the Committee to endorse SERPLAN's position either in part or in full, and indeed to articulate further views in response to the proposed changes.
- 1.2 Efforts had been made to co-ordinate the timing of SERPLAN's and the Assembly's consideration of these issues. The slight slippage in the consultation timetable as a result of the later than anticipated release of the proposed changes has resulted in SERPLAN adjusting its own timings in order to maximise the time available for technical work. The SERPLAN Members Policy Group met on 23 May and the full conference will convene on 12 June. As a consequence papers will not now be made available until 5 June. They will be dispatched to Executive Committee members on that day.

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Director

24 May 2000