

Agenda Item 5

Regional Emphasis Document

Proposed amendment to the Recommendation

Add to the Chief Executive's recommendation:

"... subject to the addition of the following section as para. 1.9..

Scope of the RED

The RED has been drawn up by the regional organisations in the South East as directed by HM Treasury. The resulting document reflects the policy development capacity of these organisations and is therefore focused primarily on economic development, spatial planning and the high level relationships that exist between central and local government. It should not be inferred from this emphasis that the issues highlighted are of greater priority to the region than others, only that they are the ones for which the regional organisational capacity exists to bring forward proposals. Other issues of concern to the people of the region include: flood defence, community and road safety, access to primary and social care, community facilities and other community infrastructure, energy supply, environmental protection and tourism.

All of these may be susceptible to initiatives to make more effective and efficient use of central government resources. However proposals have not been sought for the RED and their comparative importance, in relation to those that have been included, has not been evaluated. "