

**SEEDA INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
19 November 2004**

1. This was the last meeting of the Infrastructure Committee and primarily provided the opportunity to reflect upon its work. The Committee received a report that highlighted SEEDA's supportive role on ensuring that the region has the transport infrastructure appropriate for its role as the gateway region for the UK. In particular it emphasised SEEDA's role in contributing to the development of the national and regional policy framework, its role in supporting critical projects, and its role in leading projects that have secured funding from European programmes to take forward critical projects.
2. The Committee received an update on the initiative from the Chairs of the three southern Regional Development Agencies (SEEDA, LDA and EEDA) to develop a better understanding of the importance that investment in transport infrastructure in the regions serves in supporting economic development. Primarily focusing on the need to provide an enhanced level of understanding of the economic benefits of some of the major schemes currently under consideration, the initiative is being taken forward under the heading of WISE (Wider South East Region).
3. The meeting concluded with Paul Hudson thanking Janis Kong for her leadership of the Committee's work and for proving to be such an effective champion of the need for investment in transport infrastructure in support of economic development in the region.

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