

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND STRATEGY BOARD 30 MARCH 2010

Purpose

This paper provides a recommended line for SEEDA Board members to take at the 30 March 2010 SE England Strategy Board meeting.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to **AGREE** that at the 30 March 2010 South East England Strategy Board meeting SEEDA Board members should:

1. Note the success of the two stakeholder workshops held in February to discuss the think-pieces and key strategic issues, and in particular the strong recognition by stakeholders at the workshops of the need for economic development to drive the South East England Strategy.
2. Support the principle of developing a number of strategic options to achieve Sustainable Economic Growth. Evidence will be developed over the next 3-6 months to inform development of options for consultation between October-December 2010.
3. Note that a workshop for SEEDA and South East England Councils will be held in July to develop the thinking around these options.

Reputational implications

The effective involvement of SEEDA Board members in developing the Regional Strategy is important for SEEDA's reputation.

Financial and resource implications

SEEDA part funds work on the Regional Strategy, with the balance coming from CLG funding for Regional Planning.

Timescale

Producing the single regional strategy is a long term project. The aim is to produce the Regional Strategy by end of 2011, for consideration at a Public Examination.

Justification for recommendation

- The item on the February workshops and the approach to developing options for the South East England Strategy will be the key paper at the meeting.

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