

Planning Panel report – 12th January 2010

Purpose and Recommendation

The Planning Panel met on 12th January. It advises the Regional Strategy Board on spatial planning issues, effectively replacing the former Regional Planning Committee.

The SEEDA Board is invited to **NOTE the items discussed.**

Reputational implications

The Panel is a key element of the Regional Partnership Structure and ensuring it is providing effective advice to the Regional Strategy and Partnership Boards will be important in their effective operation.

Financial and resource implications

The Panel's work informs the framework for decisions affecting spatial planning and economic development.

Timescale

This is the second meeting. The first meeting was held in October 2009.

Background

The substantive items on the agenda for this meeting were:

- Regional Strategy – following Strategy Board the next steps for finalising arrangements for preparing the single regional strategy, including Sustainability Appraisal and evidence gathering, were discussed.
- Aggregates Review – the Examination in Public Panel Report on the review of aggregates policy in the South East Plan was discussed. The Panel emphasised the need for government to review the assumptions in its targets model.
- London Plan Consultation – the Panel supported a draft response to be brought to the Partnership Board in February, particularly emphasising the need for London to work closely on key issues with neighbouring regions.
- Regional Monitoring Report – the Panel discussed monitoring data relating to the South East Plan. The final draft will be brought to Partnership Board for sign-off. From next year a single monitoring report will be produced for the RES and South East Plan.
- Local Development Framework Surgery – a workshop will be held on 25 March to build upon SEEDA's South East Excellence programme and develop best practice in planning authorities.

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