

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY****BOARD MEETING ON 26 MARCH 2009****ITEM 12****CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

<b>JANUARY</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Economic Strategy Partners Conference in Guildford to reiterate the importance of the RES as a long term strategic framework
30 <sup>th</sup>	Environment Agency Climate Change Group and Flood Defence Finance
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Environment Agency Board Bristol
23 <sup>rd</sup>	PM and Cabinet visit to Southampton
24 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Norman Boyland Chariman of Learning and Skills Council
25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Andy Flower, BAA Gatwick RDA Chairs meeting and a working lunch, hosted by the Prince of Wales at Clarence House, for the Prince's Charities and Chairs of the Regional Development Agencies to exchange the information and enable the Prince's Charities to gain a better understanding of the regional landscape and discuss Prince's Charities work with the RDAs and the best practice and challenges encountered in the regions SEEDA Board Dinner
26 <sup>th</sup>	SEEDA Awayday Redhill
27 <sup>th</sup>	David Petford Alison Broom Maidstone Borough Council Meeting with Lord Mogg Chair and Julian Crampton, Vice Chancellor of the University of Brighton to discuss strategic developments in Brighton and other parts of the South East and to explore opportunities for further joint working particularly around environment, energy, and STEM priorities
<b>MARCH</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lord Mandelson visit to Microsoft in Reading to discuss the state of Microsoft's UK business and IT industry more generally Regional Economic Council Meeting to encourage more substantive contributions from local authorities and business organisations
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Launch of the Pathway to Zero Waste Launch.in Reading to provide the Welcome and Introduction and outline key drivers for setting up PTZW SEEDA European Strategy group meeting in Guildford to discuss European Action plan

5 <sup>th</sup>	Public Catalogue Foundation Board meeting CBI Dinner with Steve Rankin to engage with key regional businesses to understand their strategies for getting through the economic downturn and preparing for recovery
6 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Paul Wilson, Managing Director of De la Rue Sector Consortia Chairs and CE's lunch to thank and acknowledge their work.
9 <sup>th</sup>	EA Corporate Information Services Meeting with David Williams from Avanti
10 <sup>th</sup>	Institute Of Directors Dinner with Miles Templeman to engage with key regional businesses to understand their strategies for getting through the economic downturn and preparing for recovery
11 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Thanet and East Kent Chamber to discuss some of the specific issues relating to businesses in Thanet and East Kent Dover District Council to get an update on the issues affecting Dover, and to have the opportunity to understand how the current workplan is progressing in the current economic climate
12 <sup>th</sup>	City & Guilds Council Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Shaun Leavey The Chairman of Farming and Rural Issues Group (and Chair of the regional Sustainable Farming and Food Board) and Andrew Colquhoun the Chairman of the Horticulture Working group to discuss SEEDA's funding of Sector Champion and other work in land-based industries. Farnham Castle Trustee's meeting Meeting with Cllr Royston Smith at Southampton CC to clarify SEEDA's position on the Northern Above Bar scheme. Ashok Ranchhod Southampton Solent University Meeting with David Bream at Southampton University to discuss SETSquared.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Planting a tree at St Catherine's Primary School Littlehampton to mark the end of the educational Year of Food and Farming. This campaign raised the awareness of how farming works. Newhaven meeting to explore and agree some specific economic areas/issues for joint working. Visit to University of Greenwich
17 <sup>th</sup>	EA Board
18 <sup>th</sup>	EA Board visit to Ipswich and Clacton on Sea Meeting with Mark Gibson
20 <sup>th</sup>	EA Waste Protocols London
23 <sup>rd</sup>	High level visits to Milton Keynes with Pam Alexander, Chief Executive, to meet with local businesses, give clarity on

	SEEDA's sub regional role and manage expectations on funding.
25 <sup>th</sup>	'Beyond the Crunch: Building a stronger South East' - South East Regional Property Market Event to help influence regional and government approaches to development in the South East. The event was sponsored by the South East Economic Delivery Council (SEEDC), as part of its commitment to ensure that South East England responds to the current economic challenges and prepares for the eventual upturn from a position of strength.