

## **South East England Partnership Board workshop 26 November 2009**

### **Purpose**

*This paper provides a report back on the 26 November 2009 South East England Partnership Board workshop on sub regional working to develop the Regional Strategy.*

### **Recommendation**

The Board is invited to **NOTE** that the key issues arising for SEEDA at the workshop were as follows:

1. The need to use the Regional Strategy (and its associated Regional Delivery Plan) to help secure sustainable economic growth in the region, particularly in the context of the current recession.
2. The need to ensure that the Greater South East is a focus for continued investment by public and private sectors, and to ensure that the three regions work together strategically to deliver sustainable economic growth
3. The need to ensure that our work supporting the Diamonds for investment and Growth as drivers of sustainable prosperity is well understood by local authorities in the South East, and works effectively with constituent local authority boundaries as building blocks.

### **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 Regional Strategy is a long term project. The aim is to produce the draft Regional Strategy by end of 2011, for consideration at a Public Examination.

### **Necessary Background**

The Partnership Board workshop was attended by around 40 local authority leaders and SEEDA Board members. It provided a useful opportunity to discuss in private session issues surrounding sub-regional working, and the Regional Strategy think-pieces. A full write up is being prepared and will be available in due course.

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