

South East England Strategy Board 26 November 2009

Purpose

This paper provides a report back on the 26 November 2009 South East England Strategy Board.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to **NOTE** that at the 26 November 2009 meeting the Strategy Board agreed the following:

1. To approve the Project Plan for the Regional Strategy and to ask the Partnership to formally commission work on the strategy.
2. To note the requirement for SEEDA to produce a Regional Skills Strategy, and that the Economic Development and Skills Board will act as a sounding board for this work.
3. To endorse East West Rail (Western Section) as a critical piece of enabling infrastructure for the region, and to ask regional Transport Board to examine how funding for the project can be secured.

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.

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