

## **South East England Partnership Board Economic Development and Skills Board**

### **Purpose**

This paper provides a briefing on the upcoming meeting of the Economic Development and Skills Board to be held on 25 May 2010.

### **Recommendation**

The Board is invited to **NOTE** that the main items will be:-

1. To review progress of the work of each of the three support groups: Science Engineering Technology Advisory Council, Business Development Advisory Group and Skills Working Group.
2. Regional Delivery Plan – there will be the opportunity for the Board to comment on the work to develop the Delivery Plan and consider any gaps that need to be addressed.
3. Risks to Delivery – there will be the opportunity for the Board to assess the potential implications and risks to delivery arising from expected cuts in public budgets.
4. Local Economic Assessments – these assessments are an important evidence feed for the Regional Strategy and Skills Strategy; the Board will consider guidance to help achieve consistency in key aspects of these assessments.
5. European Funding – there will be an opportunity for the Board to consider current European programmes in the region and identify any future funding and policy influencing opportunities.
6. Board Business Plan – to agree a 12- month business plan for the Board.

### **Reputational implications**

The first meeting of the Skills Working Group was held on 29 April chaired by Professor Van Gore, Vice-Chancellor Southampton Solent University. As Chair of the Skills Working Group Professor Gore will be co-opted onto the Economic Development and Skills Board.

### **Financial and resource implications**

SEEDA provides the executive and administrative support for the Economic Development and Skills Board.

### **Timescale**

The Economic Development and Skills Board meets on a quarterly basis; future meetings of the Board have been identified for 25 May, 17 September and 1 December.

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