
REGIONAL HOUSING AND REGENERATION BOARD

Purpose

This paper provides a steer for Board members in advance of the Regional Housing and Regeneration Board on 1 December 2009.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to **NOTE** that

1. The proposed agenda for the 1 December 2009 Housing and Regeneration Delivery Board is set out under justification below.
2. SEEDA's key objective at the meeting will be to ensure that housing investment plans of regional partners most effectively support economic development and regeneration
3. A full briefing will be provided to Imtiaz Farookhi in advance of the December meeting.

Reputational implications

The effective involvement of SEEDA in the Housing and Regeneration Board is important for SEEDA's reputation.

Financial and resource implications

The Regional Housing and Regeneration Board can be expected to have an influence on SEEDA's future physical regeneration investment decisions.

Justification for recommendation

The forward programme for the Housing and Regeneration Board contains the following items for decision at the 1 December meeting:

- Homes and Communities Agency quarterly monitoring report
- Board Business Plan – work priorities for the forthcoming year
- Homes and Communities Agency working arrangements and investment planning
- Affordable Housing Delivery – progress report
- Rural Housing delivery
- London Housing Strategy response (provisional)

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Signed off-by

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Annex – Background to Housing and Regeneration Delivery Board and SEEDA objectives

1. The Regional Housing and Regeneration Board is one of three “Delivery Boards”. Its purpose is to advise the South East England Partnership Board on strategic housing issues and all investment, implementation and delivery aspects of housing and regeneration. It has a particular responsibility to ensure the alignment of Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) corporate planning processes with regional investment priorities.
2. The Board was previously titled the Regional Housing Board. The addition of ‘regeneration’ to the title reflects the greater role the Board now has in aligning the HCA’s regeneration investment with regional priorities.
3. For SEEDA it is vital that physical regeneration creates sustainable economic growth. SEEDA’s role on the Board will be particularly to champion this objective. SEEDA’s own property portfolio also has a key role to play in delivering this. The Housing and Regeneration Board will continue to have a role in influencing how this portfolio is used after an Asset Backed Vehicle has been successfully set up.