



SNR

Review of sub-national economic development and regeneration

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Sub National Review (SNR)

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SNR Background

- Sub National Review announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer in March 2006
- Designed to inform the CSR 07 (due for publication in Autumn 2007)
- SNR led by the Treasury and supported by CLG and BERR and other Government Departments
- Consulted with wide range of stakeholders including Private Sector, RDAs, RAs, LAs etc



Single Regional Strategy (SRS)

- RDA responsible for merged RSS and RES
 = Single Regional Strategy (SRS)
- RDA New Regional Planning Body
- SRS Regional tier of Statutory Development Plan
- LAs Central role in assisting RDA
 develop, scrutinise and sign off the SRS
- RA Will not continue in current form or function



Strengthened LA Role in ED and NR

- Devolutionary, emphasises power of well being and place shaping role
- Government to consult on creating Economic Development duty for Upper Tier LAs
- Would oblige LAs to produce an assessment of their economy and the challenges they face
- Assessment would have to be carried out in conjunction with key local and regional partners
- Assessment would underpin the Sustainable Community Strategy and contribute to the Single Regional Strategy



Cities and city-regions

- Making effective decisions responding to real economic geography
- Government to issue guidance on MAAs by end of year
- Government undertaking to explore creation of statutory sub regional authorities with interested LA's
- Greater long-term funding certainty where suitable governance exists
- City Development Companies – explore with interested authorities



Regional Development Agencies

- Streamlined regional tier
- Single Regional Strategy/Statutory Planning Body role
- New relationship with LA's including "duty to co-operate" on LAA targets
- More programme based delivery including, wherever possible, delegated funding to LA's and more certainty over long term economic development funding
- Government to oversee RDA value for money
- Complementary role of New Homes Agency (aka Communities England)



Education and Skills

- Need to simplify skills landscape
- Funding for 14-19 year olds will transfer to LAs except for Apprenticeships and Work Based Training Providers (subject to legislation and consultation)
- Train to Gain subject to Business Support Simplification consultation.
- Locally led Employment and Skills Boards to be established (Leitch recommendation). They will:
 - build on what exists
 - aim to simplify local arrangements
 - feed into SCS and SRS
 - involve local employers



Regional Ministers / Scrutiny

- 9 New Regional Ministers
- Ben Bradshaw is Minister for South West
- Role to act as advocate for South West in Whitehall (based on detailed understanding of regions issues)
- Supported by GOSW with close relationship with SWRDA
- Constitutional Reform Green Paper published early July proposing a Regional Select Committee to scrutinise regional affairs including new Regional Ministers, GOs and RDAs



SNR – only the first step

Promised Consultations include

- Implementing single regional strategy arrangements
- Economic development duty for local authorities
- Reforms to Local Authority Business Growth Initiative
- Supplementary business rate

And already in train are consultations on

- New Homes Agency (Communities England) (closes 10 September)
- Simplifying business support (closes 14 September)



Some Timelines

- Oct 07 Nov 07 June 08 July 08 April 09 April 10
- Managed transition to single regional strategy arrangements →
- Completing Regional Spatial Strategy →
- Proposed review/revision of Regional Housing Strategy →
- Preparation of new Regional Economic Strategy →
- First round of New Generation LAAs →
- First Multi Area Agreements →
- New Homes Agency operational →
- Second Regional Funding Allocation exercise →
- CSR
- announcements



Further Information

- Sub National Review now available via either the GOSW, CLG or HMT Websites

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1511810>