

West of England Partnership
22 October 2009

2009/2010 Partnership Board Forward Plan

Purpose of report

To provide the current Forward Plan.

Background

At the last meeting it was agreed that the work programme be amplified by merging the content of the Forward Plan with appropriate elements of the agreed Work Programme.

The current version is attached at the Appendix.

Recommendation

That the Board notes the current version of the Forward Plan.

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Chief Executive

2009/10 Forward Plan for the Partnership Board

3 December 2009:

- **Joint Local Transport Plan 3: Progress with its preparation**
To inform members of the work being undertaken to prepare the Joint Local Transport Plan 3, which will set out medium and long-term policy and investment priorities to support economic growth and competitiveness, regeneration and tackling climate change.
- **Science City**
To receive a presentation on the Science City agenda.
- **West of England Multi-Area Agreement Delivery Plan**
To approve the Plan.

14 January 2010:

- **Single Conversation: Endorsement of Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan**
To inform members of the outcome of the Single Conversation and to seek endorsement of the Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan negotiated with the Homes and Communities Agency, Regional Development Agency and other agencies. The Plan will support the provision of infrastructure for development of housing and employment locations, as well as investment in affordable and supported housing.
- **Employment and Skills Board: Acquisition of Powers to set priorities and direction for delivery of adult (post 19) skills**
To seek endorsement of an agreement with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills which will recognise the Employment and Skills Board as the local employer-led body and to commit the Department to work with the Board to meet the criteria for securing by 1 April 2010 the strategy-setting powers available through Section 4 of the 2007 Further Education and Training Act. These powers will enable the Employment and Skills Board to:
 - join up and focus spending currently committed by the Learning & Skills Council
 - set the priorities and overall direction for the delivery of adult (post 19) skills
 - identify strategic skills needs and priorities
 - actively engage with employers to raise demand for, and investment in, skills provision.
- **Regional Spatial Strategy: Review of government's announcement**
To review the position, given the government's expectation that the Sustainability Assessment is due to be published early in the new year and that this will have implications for the expected timetable.

25 February 2010:

- **Local Transport Act: Outcome of a review of opportunities for increased powers to improve public transport**
To consider the outcome of a review of the opportunities for increased transport powers and investment provided by the recent Local Transport Act, particularly measures to increase the quality of bus services.
- **Major Transport Schemes: Progress with development and implementation**
To update members.
- **Multi-Area Agreement (MAA): Progress against the Delivery Plan**
To update members on the delivery of the MAA, involving actions to: plan and manage growth in homes and jobs; improve access and reduce traffic congestion; attract and grow business investment; and improve skills and reduce worklessness.

25 March 2010:

- **Joint Waste Core Strategy Final Submission Document for endorsement**
To seek members' endorsement of the Final Document for submission to the Secretary of State, which will identify potential sites for waste disposal facilities for municipal, industrial and commercial waste.
- **Supplementary Planning Document: Strategic plan for housing and employment locations**
To seek endorsement of a draft Supplementary Planning Document.