

CORE CITIES ACTIVITY UPDATE

Purpose of Report

- 1 This is a further update to keep the Partnership informed about the work of the Core Cities Group.

Sub National Review of Economic Development & Regeneration (SNR)

- 2 Core Cities submitted their consultation response to the Secretary of State; they also made a joint submission following further discussions with RDA Chief Executives.

Financing major infrastructure

- 3 These proposals developed by Core Cities with the assistance of PriceWaterhouseCoopers will now be launched in July. They propose that the business rate in specified areas of a city be retained in future years to finance the bridging of gaps in infrastructure funds required to enable development to proceed.

Employment & Skills

- 4 National work has continued with DWP to ensure that the new Pathway Contracts and Contractors work effectively with sub-regional employment and skills arrangements.

National Regeneration Framework

- 5 Core Cities are considering their response to Government's proposed National Regeneration Framework - in effect a national investment plan for government priorities.

Meeting with Ian Wright MP, Under Secretary of State, Communities & Local Government (CLG)

- 6 Core Cities Leaders recently met the Under Secretary of State to discuss current and future priorities, in particular joint work with CLG and the Homes & Communities Agency on housing and regeneration issues.

2008 Core Cities Party Conference Events 2009 Core Cities Summit, Liverpool

- 7 Preparations are being made for these events and the next Core Cities Summit.

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