

**West of England Partnership
Joint Transport Executive Members Meeting
22 January 2009**

Regional Funding Advice (RFA2) – Transport Priorities

Purpose of report

1. To update Executive Members on discussions with the Region on the likely approach for apportionment of RFA2 transport funds.

Recent progress

2. Since the submission of the West of England expression of interest for RFA2 major transport schemes in October there have been reports to, and discussions at, the Regional Transport Board and the Environment Directors Group meetings which have started to map out a proposed approach for the transport element of the Allocation. In addition Regional Transport Forums were held in Weston-super-Mare in November and in Exeter in January to seek the views of stakeholders on the emerging priorities.
3. In tandem the West of England have been formulating a submission to the Region proposing how national funding is spent in the South West to support sustainable economic growth. This submission was reported to the West of England Partnership Board meeting on 5 December 2008. The transport proposals for the RFA2 funding period to 2018/19 together with the longer term sub-regional proposals to 2026 have been fully embedded in this wider submission.
4. For the Environment Directors Group meeting on 14 January 2009 a summary of schemes was produced, mapping schemes and key housing sites to highlight the need for transport investment. Details are attached in the Appendices.
5. The Regional Assembly is currently assessing all schemes in the South West against common criteria.

Next Steps

6. A short presentation will be provided at the meeting which outlines key issues and the next steps through to the Region's submission to Government in February.

Recommendation

That Members give their views on progress and the next steps.

Appendices

Appendix 1: West of England RFA 2: Transport Infrastructure to 2018/19 & Development Site Priorities to 2026 (Map)

Appendix 2: West of England RFA 2: Transport Infrastructure to 2018/19 & Development Site Priorities to 2026 - Greater Bristol (Map)

Appendix 3: RFA2: West of England Priority Investment in Transport Infrastructure and Indicative Housing & Jobs Trajectory: Key locations 2006-2026

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