

**West of England Partnership
Planning, Housing & Communities Board
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**Regional Funding Allocation 2: Advice from the West of England
-Progress report**

Purpose of report

- To inform members about progress in developing advice about transport proposals and development priorities for the West of England, for submission to SWRDA and for informing the government's Regional Funding Allocation for the South West.

Background

2. In late October 2008, the Regional Development Agency asked sub-regional partnerships and first tier authorities to submit by 21st November, their advice to assist the region in influencing how national funding is spent in the South West to support sustainable economic growth. Regional discussions on regional advice to government are taking place from November to February 2009.

Up-date on progress

3. The Partnership with support from the unitary authorities, has continued to refine estimates of the development capacities of the key development sites. These estimates are expressed as indicative housing and job numbers that describe the distribution of growth across the sub-region between 2006 and 2026, assuming the delivery of the growth set out by the Proposed Changes to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy. The West of England authorities are continuing to challenge the increase in the level of dwellings shown by the Proposed Changes and their deliverability.
4. The attached map and tables summarise the current position in respect of transport proposals and the estimated dwelling and job capacities of the key development sites for the purpose of informing SWRDA and the government in making decisions about RFA2 allocations.

Recommendation

- 5 **Members are invited to note the report and attached appendices.**

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