

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

30th June 2005

Review of Promoting Sustainable Development Group Work Programme

1. Background

- 1.1 At its last meeting, the Promoting Sustainable Development Group agreed to review its work programme at this meeting. The revised work programme would then feed into the Group's annual report for Policy Board.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the revised work programme be developed in light of the UK SD Strategy, the Regional Assembly's Business Plan and the work programme submitted to Regional Policy Board last November.

2. UK SD Strategy

- 1.1 The Prime Minister launched the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy on 7th March - 'Securing the future - Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy'. This can be viewed at <http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/publications/uk-strategy/uk-strategy-2005.htm>
- 1.2 Four priorities are set out in the Strategy:
 - Sustainable consumption and production
 - Climate change and energy
 - Natural resource protection and environmental enhancement
 - Sustainable communities
- 1.3 The following set of guiding principles is also highlighted:
 - Living within environmental limits
 - Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
 - Achieving a sustainable economy
 - Promoting good governance
 - Using sound science responsibly

3 Regional Assembly Business Plan

- 1.3 The Regional Assembly's Business Plan includes the section, 'Policy Integration, Development and Delivery' – see Appendix 1 of this report. The activity to 'Promote Sustainable Development' forms part of this section.

4. Promoting SD Group Work Programme

- 4.1 The Regional Policy Board endorsed the Promoting SD Group's work programme in November 2004. It is anticipated, pending endorsement by Policy Board on 6th July, that the Board will be discussing the Promoting SD Group's annual report and work programme at its meeting on 29th September.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Promoting Sustainable Development Group develops its work programme to deliver the appropriate elements of the Regional Assembly's Business Plan and in light of the UK SD Strategy.

Yvette Dearden
Acting Head of Regional Policy and Sustainable Development

Appendix 1

SECTION 3, Policy Integration, Development and Delivery

Brief Chair introduction

John Freeman, Chair of Regional Policy Board

1. Achievements To Date

- **A revised IRS Framework developed to timetable and budget, including, for the first time, five agreed priorities for the region. Continued to co-ordinate the development of regional strategies, securing compatibility between them. Worked closely with regional, sub regional and local partners.**
- **The first Investment for Health Strategy and Regional Energy Strategy. Secured a further year's funding of £100,000 from Dti to implement the Energy Strategy. Significantly contributed to the development of the first Regional Housing Strategy.**
- **Regional Environment Strategy Part Two – Actions for the East Midlands Environment. Achieved sign-up from partner organisations and agreed lead roles in implementing and monitoring progress on environmental improvements across the region.**
- **Environmental infrastructure provision identified as a key priority - to be delivered across the region in a co-ordinated manner and will include the integration of funding streams to help target funds to areas of greatest need.**
- **Lobbied for additional resources for the Regional Housing Pot (RHP) in recognition of the significant amount of additional housing proposed for Northamptonshire as part of the Milton Keynes and South Midlands Growth Area. Indicative figures from Government for the next RHP allocations show an increase of 21% for the region compared to a 15% rise in England as a whole.**
- **Responded to the results of the regional Big Smoke Debate by agreeing a policy in favour of control over smoking in public buildings and enclosed spaces - worked closely with health and other colleagues in the Coalition for a Smoke-Free East**

Midlands,. Lobbied government during the 2004 public health consultation with the resulting "Choosing Health" White Paper setting out the Government's intention to shift the balance significantly in favour of smoke-free environments.

- The first East Midlands Sustainable Development EXPO event to showcase good practice to business and other organisations, attracting over 300 participants.

2. Future Achievements/Objectives

- A diverse range of key players working in partnership to improve people's quality of life in the East Midlands.
- An increased understanding and awareness across the region of the benefits to the East Midlands of working towards a shared vision, set of objectives and priorities.
- A range of activity that will help to mitigate the impacts and lead to a reduction in the region's contribution to climate change.

3. Risk Management

There are three main risks associated with this section of the Business Plan. Firstly, it is dependent on the willingness of others to engage in EMRA led activity; secondly, it is dependent upon adequate EMRA staff resource for its successful delivery; and thirdly, it relies upon EMRA staff being able to lever in adequate levels of additional funding from partners.

4. Performance

Key Performance Indicators 04-05

1. Publication of the revised Integrated Regional Strategy by November 2004.
2. To finalise the content of the integrated policy appraisal tool kit by September 2004.
3. Develop the Regional Emphasis Document into a draft Regional Investment Strategy by December 2004 (to be rescheduled 2005/6).

Progress



Key Performance Indicators 05-08

1. Develop IRS Framework as a web resource by November 2005
2. Hold an annual event to showcase good practice in sustainable development to business and other organisations
3. Update the State of the Region information on an annual basis

5. Resources

RESOURCES for Policy Integration, Development and Delivery			
ODPM funding £ ,000	05/06	06/07	07/08
Staff	265	275	285
Sponsored research, consultancy and project work	147	156	186
Sub total	412	431	471
Contributions in kind (estimate)	52	52	52
Contributions in funding (estimate)	150		
Total			

Section 3	POLICY INTEGRATION, DEVELOPMENT and DELIVERY
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	INPUT – Resources	PROCESS – Activity	OUTPUT – Product which arises	OUTCOME – Impact and changes on the ground	DELIVERY		Risk Assessment
					By Whom	By When	
1.	See Resource Table above.	Delivery of IRS Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An IRS Framework used at the regional, sub-regional and local levels, eg. in relation to Local Area Agreements 	<p>Increased buy-in from stakeholders.</p> <p>Increased awareness of benefits of having a co-ordinated and integrated approach in the region to strategy development and implementation.</p>	Regional Policy Board supported by Secretariat	Q4 2006/7	Dependent on the willingness to engage by those working at sub regional and local levels.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A web based IRS 	An easily accessible and up to date on-line IRS.	RPB supported by Secretariat	Q3 2005/6	Possible lack of staff resource to maintain and keep up to date

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement, with partners, a set of co-ordinated actions for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> energy public health environment housing 	A co-ordinated and integrated set of actions for energy, public health, environment and housing.	RPB and its Groups supported by Secretariat	Q3 2005/6 to 2008	Dependent upon commitment from key partners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and/or support activity and structures that will help meet regional priorities. 	A co-ordinated approach to meeting regional priorities.	RPB supported by Secretariat	Ongoing – subject to 6 month review	Possible lack of staff resource to develop and support activity
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of regional strategies developed within the IRS Framework - contributing, for example, to the review of the Regional Cultural Strategy. 	<p>Buy-in from key players.</p> <p>A set of regional strategies developed in partnership and working towards a shared vision, objectives and priorities.</p>	RPB supported by Secretariat	Ongoing – subject to 6 month review	Dependent upon commitment from key partners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of policy shortfall to meet priorities. 	A set of regional strategies that together will achieve all the regional priorities.	RPB supported by Secretariat	Q4 2006/7	Possible lack of staff resource to complete on time

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2.	See Resource Table p33.	Promote Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and promote projects that will help to deliver the agreed regional priorities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ East Midlands Integrated Toolkit (EMIT) ○ Environmental infrastructure ○ Sustainable design and construction ○ Facilitating Rural Energy Creation/Conservation ○ Public procurement ○ Showcasing good practice ○ Behavioural change 	<p>A set of projects, each contributing towards the regional priorities.</p> <p>Increased awareness of ways to improve people's quality of life.</p> <p>Increased partner involvement, buy-in and co-ordinated approach.</p> <p>Reduced contribution to climate change.</p> <p>Stimulation of local markets and economic activity that is less damaging to the environment and more beneficial for communities.</p>	RPB and its Groups supported by Secretariat	Q3 2005/6 to 2008	Dependent upon ability to lever in funding from partners.
			<p>Support other projects that will help to deliver the agreed regional priorities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Co-ordination Team • Food & health 	A strong and supportive partnership of key players working together to deliver	RPB supported by Secretariat	Ongoing – subject to 6 month review	Possible lack of staff resource to support projects

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Warmth Action Plan Community Safety/Accident Reduction groups Strategic River Corridors Initiative 	the regional priorities.			

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3.	See Resource Table p33.	Performance management and delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An updated State of the Region report and an evaluation of new policy direction required. 	A clear understanding of the direction in which the region is moving and fit for purpose policy.	RPB supported by Secretariat	Q3 2005/6 Annual	Possible lack of staff resource to produce on annual basis
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive information on state of the region, by advising and liaising with partners on their contributions. 	A co-ordinated and partnership approach to assessing and reporting on the state of the region.	RPB supported by Secretariat	Q3 2005/6	Dependent upon contributions from partners
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective monitoring of regional strategies and identification of future policy needs in relation to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> energy public health environment housing 	<p>Better understanding of contributions made by regional strategies with increased buy-in.</p> <p>Timely development of policy.</p>	RPB and its Groups supported by Secretariat	Ongoing – subject to 6 month review	Possible lack of staff resource required for effective monitoring
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of use and influence of the IRS at regional, sub-regional and local levels 	A fit for purpose and broadly supported IRS.	RPB supported by Secretariat	2008	Possible lack of staff resource for evaluation

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY POLICY BOARD**Tuesday 23 November 2004****10.00am****ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP****Synopsis**

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2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The Promoting Sustainable Development Group first met in July 2003 and agreed its terms of reference with the former IRS Policy Forum to be:

"The Regional Assembly's Promoting Sustainable Development Group will work in partnership with stakeholders in the region to:

Demonstrate and showcase sustainable development;

1. Lead cross-cutting initiatives
2. Co-ordinate regional activity; and
3. Develop and promote good practice

- 2.2 In light of previous discussions held by the Regional Policy Board, the following wording is proposed in addition to the above:

"The Group will regularly report on its activity and progress to the Regional Policy Board. It will liaise closely with the other Regional Assembly Groups to add value to activities and avoid duplication of resource or effort and will undertake joint projects, as appropriate. Through its work it will seek to contribute to a better quality of life in the East Midlands, including greater social inclusion.

The Group will develop its work programme and ensure its ongoing consistency with the Regional Assembly's Business Plan. It will prepare an annual review of outcomes achieved in line with this."

3. Key Objectives

3.1 In light of its terms of reference, the Group has established the following five key objectives to shape its work priorities and work programme:

1. To showcase good practice in sustainable development to businesses and other organisations. (Contributing to terms of reference 1, 2, 3 and 4);
2. To develop a co-ordinated approach to sustainable public procurement in the region. (Contributing to terms of reference 2, 3 and 4)
3. To develop a co-ordinated approach to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the region. (Contributing to terms of reference 1, 2, 3 and 4)
4. To promote good practice in education for sustainable development. (Contributing to terms of reference 1, 2, 3 and 4)
5. To assist in the further improvement of the sustainable development element of the Regional Assembly's website. (Contributing to terms of reference 1, 2, 3 and 4)

4. Membership

4.1 The membership of the Group was carefully selected to ensure a range of economic, environmental and social partners from across the region. It was agreed by the former IRS Policy Forum that a representative from business should chair the group. CBI East Midlands suggested Simon Drury from Center Parcs and he has successfully chaired the Group from its inception to date.

Simon Drury (Chair), Center Parcs Ltd
Yvette Dearden, East Midlands Regional Assembly Secretariat
Cllr Roy Mayhew, East Midlands Regional Assembly
Cllr R Chapman, East Midlands Regional Assembly
Cllr John Bull, East Midlands Regional Assembly
Alan Smith, Groundwork East Midlands
Anthony Payne/Andy Barron, East Midlands Development Agency
Bettina Lange, East Midlands Environment Link
Clark Field, East Midlands Further Education Colleges ...CHECK
Derk Van der Wardt, East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum
Diane Whitehead, Government Office East Midlands
Hugh Fenton, Scottbader Ltd
Jonathan Harris, Regional Public Health Group
Keith Melton, Institute for SD in Business, Nottingham Trent University
Neil Robinson, Nottingham East Midlands Airport
Nick Brown, Nottinghamshire County Council
Nick King, Environment Agency
Paul Fleming, De Montfort University
Sally Stowell, Sport England East Midlands
Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy

5. Review of Past Year

- 5.1 This part of the report outlines the work that the Promoting Sustainable Development Group has undertaken since November 2003.
- 5.2 In relation to the EMRA Business Plan detailed work area to ‘promote sustainable development by undertaking research and developing action plans to promote sustainable construction and sustainable procurement’, the following activity has taken place:

Key Objectives	Group’s Activity November 2003 – November 2004
To showcase good practice in sustainable development to businesses and other organisations.	<p>Managed a research project - the outputs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of additional examples of good practice and the gaps within the region. • Criteria for assessing levels of good practice. • Options for developing and implementing a regional awards scheme. <p>Held the East Midlands first Sustainable Development EXPO 2004 to showcase the range of activity by businesses and other organisations in the region that is contributing towards a more sustainable future.</p>
To develop a co-ordinated approach to sustainable public procurement in the region.	<p>Managed a research project – the outputs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing good practice in relation to sustainable procurement across the region, nationally and internationally. • Options for sharing good practice and actively promoting the benefits of sustainable procurement to both the private and public sectors. <p>Initiated a project to help move the region towards a more co-ordinated approach to public procurement with Trent Strategic Health Authority as pathfinder.</p>
To develop a co-ordinated approach to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the region.	<p>Completed phase I of a project to promote sustainable design and construction within the region. The outputs included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An international, UK and regional good practice audit. • Costs and benefits of more sustainable design and construction using regional examples. <p>Facilitated a workshop alongside the national Climate Change Solutions conference to explore partnership</p>

	<p>building to promote the climate change agenda in the East Midlands.</p> <p>Updated the East Midlands Climate Change Study published in July 2000.</p>
To promote good practice in education for sustainable development.	Steered the final stages of the ERN funded education for sustainable development project

Key Objectives (contd)	Group's Activity (contd) November 2003 – November 2004
To assist in the further improvement of the sustainable development element of the Regional Assembly's website.	<p>Ensured examples of good practice are included as success stories on the website.</p> <p>Continued to use the website as the Group's key means of communication.</p>

5.3 The Promoting SD Group also developed and led the consultation in the region on the Government's UK SD Strategy, in liaison with DEFRA. This activity relates to the EMRA Business Plan detailed work area to 'influence government policy and delivery by playing a full role in influencing the development of national policy',

6. Horizontal Integration

- 6.1 To succeed in meeting its objectives, it is essential that the Group successfully joins up with other Regional Assembly Groups and other relevant groups. To help achieve this, members of the Group:
- Attend other meetings, as appropriate;
 - Invite others to attend the Group's meetings, as appropriate;
 - Ensure its members are making links and joining up with appropriate groups outside of meetings; and
 - Arrange regional events of relevance to other groups and at which other groups participate.

7. Contribution to Vertical Integration

- 7.1 The Group establishes linkages with national, sub regional and local organisations by:
- Ensuring its members are representative of these organisations;
 - Showcasing good practice in the region at the sub regional and local level;
 - Acting as the link with national government on the UK Sustainable Development Strategy; and
 - Arranging events of relevance at the sub regional and local levels.

8. Budgetary Implications

- 8.1 Resources will be needed to further develop the projects and events in relation to showcasing good practice, sustainable procurement and climate change priorities of the group as well as to further develop the sustainable development pages of the EMRA website.
- 8.2 It is vitally important for showcasing the region in the best light that appropriate resources are provided to ensure that the most effective use can be made of the existing resource, both staff and funding, of the Regional Assembly as well as other members of the Promoting SD Group.

9. Constraints

- 9.1 A major constraint to the Group's work is the uncertainty of future funding. This is both in terms of funding for the projects the Group is already undertaking as well as planning future project work.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Policy Board endorses the work programme (over) of its Promoting Sustainable Development Group.

Simon Drury
Chair of Promoting SD Group

Yvette Dearden
Head of Sustainable Development

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Appendix 1

**PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMME 2004 -2006
BASED ON TABLE 2 OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS PLAN 04/05.**

	OVERALL OUTCOME S/ DETAILED WORK AREAS	MAIN OUTCOMES/ ACTIVITIES / TARGETS – WHAT WE WILL DO DURING 2004 - 2006	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
2	<p>Promote Sustainable Development by</p> <p>Undertaking research and developing action plans to promote sustainable construction and sustainable procurement</p>	<p>The Promoting Sustainable Development Group will continue to develop a <i>co-ordinated approach to sustainable public procurement</i> in the region, building on the ERN and Regional Assembly funded research, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holding a supply chain event in partnership with Envirowise for a small number of pilot health authorities and local authorities. If successful, will hold other similar events. b) Developing a proposal for co-ordinating regional activity c) Gaining agreement for a co-ordinated approach in the region d) Implementing the co-ordinated approach <p>The Promoting SD Group will continue to <i>showcase good practice in sustainable development to businesses</i> and other organisations in the region, building on the ERN and Regional Assembly funded research, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holding an annual sustainable development Expo 2005 event b) Continuing to develop the SD element of the EMRA website - additional case studies building upon the SD Expo and project work and further developing the content both in terms of what SD means to people and developing the website to make it an educational resource for a range of sectors. c) Continuing to develop other mechanisms for showcasing good practice <p>The Promoting SD Group will continue to develop a co-ordinated approach to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change in the region, for example by <i>promoting sustainable design and construction</i> by:</p>	<p>Promoting SD Group project steering group - chaired by Jonathan Harris, Regional Public Health Group</p> <p>Promoting SD Group</p> <p>Promoting SD Group project steering group - chaired by Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy</p> <p>Promoting SD Group</p>	<p>Winter 2004/2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Summer/ Autumn 2004 & 2005</p> <p>Competition launch early 2005</p> <p>Nov 2004 Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing Summer/ Autumn 2005</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Developing phase II of the project, including the development of a regional competition for architects as well as addressing education and developing the skills base. b) Working closely with a range of other key stakeholders, including the regional planning groups and East Midlands Centre for the Built Environment c) Considering an event focused on promoting sustainable design and construction, possibly linked to the SD Expo 2005. <p>In addition, the Promoting SD Group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Hold a planning for climate change workshop. e) Develop partnerships to respond to the challenges of climate change in the East Midlands. f) Develop additional projects to address the challenge of climate change g) Consider holding a climate change event, subject to funding 	project steering group - chaired by Nick King, Environment Agency	
3	<p>Influence Government policy and delivery</p> <p>a) By playing a full role in influencing the development of national policy</p>	The Promoting SD Group will respond to national government policy consultations and reviews in relation to sustainable development, as appropriate.	Promoting SD Group	Ongoing
4	Additional Work Items	<p>The Promoting SD Group will continue to give its support to projects undertaken by partners that help to meet its objectives, for example those related to education for sustainable development.</p> <p>The Promoting SD Group will develop a communications strategy to cover all the elements of its work programme. The priority will be to formulate, in close liaison with other groups, the message to business and mechanisms to get business involved in the sustainability agenda, including corporate social responsibility, energy and waste.</p>	Promoting SD Group	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>End 2004</p>