

Wider South East Summit
19 March 2015, 15:30
Committee Rooms 4+5, City Hall, London

Recommendation:

That the Summit considers and decides how to take forward joint discussions between London, East and South East England, to explore mechanisms (see options overleaf) to:

- i. Understand common issues underpinning the economic future of London and the wider South East
- ii. Seek more effective engagement in the London Plan review
- iii. Seek more effective engagement on strategic infrastructure provision.

It is proposed a 2nd wider South East Summit in November 2015 will aim to agree a way forward on future dialogue and cooperation.

Final Agenda

15:30	Welcome	Sir Edward Lister (Deputy Mayor of London for Planning)
15:40	View from the East	Cllr Tony Jackson (EELGA Chairman, East Herts)
15:45	View from the South East	Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE (SEEC Chairman, Tandridge)
15:50	View from London	Sir Edward Lister
15:55	Trends, issues and options (based on Discussion Paper attached)	Stewart Murray and John Lett (GLA – Planning)
16:05	Panel discussion with speakers plus Deputy Chairs of - SEEC (Cllr David Hodge, Surrey) - EELGA (Cllr Marco Cereste, Peterborough)	Chair: Phil Swann, Shared Intelligence
16:50	Thanks and next steps	Sir Edward Lister
17:00	Close	

Options for exploring arrangements for dialogue/cooperation

Option 1 Wider South East Commission/Panel

Establishment of formal Commission/Panel (e.g. with one unitary, one county and two district authority representatives, and perhaps independent advisors on planning and the economy and an independent chair). This could follow the already established Outer London Commission model (meetings in public; officer/invited presentations; background papers circulated beforehand; local publicity; followed by private meetings to finalise the recommendations) with four sub-regional roadshows/events spread around the wider South East to sound out views of future structures. It would offer the opportunity for councillors to set out local issues. This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission, which will be taking soundings on such structures from a London perspective.

Option 2 Wider South East Roundtables

Less formal roundtable meetings taking place in London with councillors from the wider South East and an independent 'facilitation panel'; structured/facilitated questions and discussions. This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission (see Option 1 above).

Option 3 Wider South East Officer Group

Building on councillor input at the 19 March summit, an already established officer group (SSPOLG) would work on developing and testing options iteratively which are then assessed by the small political steering group (see paragraphs 3.1). This arrangement would operate collaboratively with the work by the Outer London Commission (see Option 1 above).