



SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 5 APRIL 2004

THE LEICESTER SHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (LSEP)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PURPOSE

1. To provide background information to support the presentation to the Commission by the Chief Executive of the LSEP.

REPORT

2. The appendices attached to this report provide information about the role of Strategic Sub-Regional Partnerships (SSP's), their relationship with emda, details about LSEP including Board membership, sub regional priorities and funding and the inter-relationship between various regional/sub regional and local agencies/partnerships:
 - (a) **Appendix 1** provides a summary of the role and purpose of regional institutions and policy in the East Midlands. Paragraphs 13-16 of this report provide details of emda's role and its relationship with SSPs. Paragraph 9 identifies the role of the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) in scrutinising emda.
 - (b) **Appendix 2** provides further information about emda, how it is organised and its key drivers.
 - (c) **Appendix 3** provides further information about SSPs in the East Midlands including their geographic coverage.
 - (d) **Appendix 4** provides information about the scrutiny of 'the role and effectiveness of sub regional strategic partnerships as a key delivery mechanism for delivering economic development at the sub regional level' being undertaken by EMRA. It should be noted that the review will address issues of clarity of purpose, effectiveness (including working relationships with local strategic partnerships (LSPs)), accountability and the strategic delivery role. Paragraph 1.5 of this remit makes reference to

overlapping SSPs. Membership of the review panel includes a representative of EMRLGA and a local authority member (from Rutland County Council):

- (e) **Appendix 5** identifies the membership of the LSEP Board. One member is provided by a District Council on an annual rotation. Harborough District Council has recently replaced Charnwood Borough Council. Rachel Elliot has also recently joined the Board representing the voluntary sector.
- (f) **Appendix 6** is the executive summary of the LSEP Action Plan 2004-2007. It includes details of funding, priorities and targets.
- (g) **Appendix 7** summarises the projects put forward by Leicestershire County Council with the decision of LSEP to support, discuss further or not support.
- (h) **Appendix 8** is a diagram of regional and sub regional partnership relationships.

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