

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Date: 30 September 2011

Subject: **Invitation to infrastructure event on 28 October 2011**

Report of: Heather Bolton, SEEC Director

**Recommendation:**

Members note the invitation to attend the South East Infrastructure Forum on 28 October 2011 and the contact details to reserve a place.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 SEEC members are invited to register to attend the South East Infrastructure Forum on 28 October 2011 at Church House, Westminster. The event is being organised by Surrey CC with funding from IESE. Keynote speaker will be Transport Secretary Philip Hammond.
- 1.2 The forum will focus on the increasing importance of infrastructure planning to local authorities, including how to deliver infrastructure and economic growth. The event will include a report back on work – funded by IESE and undertaken by Surrey authorities – to create a best practice model for identifying and delivering infrastructure to manage forecast growth.
- 1.3 Chaired by Cllr Andrew Povey, the agenda will include sessions on super fast broadband, alternative ways of funding infrastructure, neighbourhood planning, Community Infrastructure Levy and a panel discussion on infrastructure provision and economic growth in local areas. SEEC speakers at the event will include Cllr Paul Carter, Cllr Paul Watkins and Cllr Moira Gibson.
- 1.4 Invitations have been emailed to all SEEC leaders and key officers. The event is free but space is limited so members should email ee@surreycc.gov.uk to reserve a place.