SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 7 December 2010

Subject: **SEEC Task and Finish Groups**

Report by: Aidan Shutter – SEEC Policy Officer

Recommendations:

The SEEC Executive is asked to note the progress made in establishing the Task and Finish Groups and to finalise membership including any specific officer support

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1. Introduction

1.1 At the last SEEC All-Member Meeting on 19 November, it was agreed that three task and finish groups would be established covering the following subjects which would assist in delivering the agreed SEEC work programme for 2010/11:

- **Europe** – particularly ensuring that the South East is able to access the full range of European funding options
  - **Economic Dashboard Indicators** – to create a focused set of indicators which would assist in monitoring the economic success and health of the South East.
- **Decentralisation & Localism Bill** – although not yet published, the Bill is expected to contain a wide range of initiatives which will be central to the development of the Government's Localism agenda.

2. Progress to date

2.1 Nominations for membership of each task and finish group are currently being submitted to Paul Watkins. So far, the following have been nominated:

2.2 **Europe**

Conservative members
Gordon Keymer
Lynne Hack
John Gilbey
Mark Worrall
Alex King
Mary Ballin
Ian Hudspeth
Robert Bliss

Liberal Democrat members
Cec Tallack? + 2

Labour member
James Swindlehurst

2.3 **Economic Dashboard**

Conservative Members
Andrew Cumpsy
Moira Gibson
Mike Appleyard
Elizabeth Cartwright
Ann Ducker
Paul Watkins
Paul Carter

Liberal Democrat Members
TBA

Labour Member
Ed Turner

2.4 Nominations are also sought for the Decentralisation & Localism Task & Finish Group. Executive members are asked to forward nominations at the meeting.

3. Task and Finish Group meeting dates

3.1 Meeting dates for the Task and Finish groups are currently being sought with first meetings likely to be in early 2011. It has been agreed that findings from all the groups will be reported to the SEEC AGM in July 2011.

3.2 The Executive is also invited to discuss and agree the level of officer support required for each of the three Task and Finish groups to ensure the appropriate level of expertise is available. It is possible that this support could come from within SEEC member councils or from other partner organisations.