

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**



Date: 25 September 2014

Subject: South East representations on housing and planning pressures to the London Plan Examination in Public

Report of: Nick Woolfenden, SEEC Head of Policy Co-ordination

Recommendation:

SEEC Executive members are asked to note the update and discuss ongoing engagement to influence development of the Further Alterations to the London Plan and the Mayor's future housing and growth plans.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Examination in Public of the Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) began in early September, scheduled to run for three weeks. The Plan sets out how the Mayor of London intends to deliver 49,000 new homes in the capital each year for at least the next 10 years to meet the needs of London's rapidly growing population.
- 1.2 South East councils want to ensure that London meets its own needs without pushing homes and families out of the capital to add to housing pressures in the South East. Following [our response](#) to the Mayor's consultation earlier this year, SEEC and SESL appeared jointly at the Examination to emphasise that London's housing demand must not be allowed to spill over into the South East.
- 1.3 In July 2014, London Deputy Mayor Sir Edward Lister told SEEC and SESL members that London could meet its own housing needs. South East councils support the Mayor's ambition and have asked that this be unequivocally set out in the FALP. However at the Examination, several London councils and development companies argued that some of the capital's housing needs should be met in the South East.
- 1.4 SEEC circulated an update in early September to South East MPs and SEEC members outlining the case made by South East councils to manage the impacts of London's growth and counter arguments from groups such as house builders and some London boroughs. This is attached for information (Annex A) and is available on SEEC's [website](#).

2. Going forward

- 2.1 The Examination Inspector is expected to report by end of 2014. We will update members on progress and monitor any further action that may be required by South East councils.
- 2.2 In addition to FALP, two related issues on London's future plans are raised for members' consideration at today's meeting:

Item 7b London Infrastructure 2050 - The Mayor is consulting on his new non-statutory Infrastructure 2050 plan. Members are invited to consider responding in light of key implications for the South East, including the Mayor's suggestion that London's housing need may need to spill beyond its boundaries in the longer-term, and a South East tax to help fund better transport links with London.

Item 7c Ongoing dialogue with London – Given current housing pressures and other growth issues facing the South East and London eg infrastructure, members are invited to discuss how to ensure South East councils are well placed to influence the growth plans of key partners in London, including the Mayor.