

Agenda Item No. 12

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 12 July 2006

Regional Partnerships Contribution to Sustainable Development

Report of the Secretariat (WMRA)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To provide a context for a presentation from Sustainability West Midlands (SWM) on the Regional Partnerships' contribution to sustainable development in the Region.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the paper is noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. In March, the Assembly Board approved a process for Partnership reporting to the Assembly AGM on their contribution to sustainable development. Following this, the Assembly Partnership Chairs were formally invited to submit a report on their contribution to sustainable development in the region based on the objectives set out in the Regional Sustainable Development Framework. Non-Assembly partnerships (Culture West Midlands, the Rural Affairs Forum, and the Regional Skills Partnership) were also invited to submit a response and have been provided with the reporting template based on the RSDF objectives. In future years all Concordat signatories have agreed to report on their contributions.
- 3.2. Reports were submitted to the Assembly Secretariat in late May and early June, and forwarded to SWM for analysis and recommendations for future work. SWM's report will be available on the Assembly website (www.wmra.gov.uk) from week commencing 3rd July, with the reports from each of the Partnerships appended for information.
- 3.3. SWM's analysis of the reports and recommendations for the Assembly's future work programme will be presented at the Assembly AGM by Bernard Doyle, SWM's Chair.

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