

Agenda Item No.

**WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Assembly Meeting – 16th January 2008**

**Connecting to Success.
West Midlands Economic Strategy – Delivery Framework**

Report of Director of Policy

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise Assembly Members of:

- the current consultation on the West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) Delivery Framework; and
- the process being undertaken to develop a Regional Assembly response to the consultation.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Assembly Members:

- note the process for developing the WMRA response;
- agree that the response is signed of by the WMRA Chair and Vice Chairs; and
- submit any comments which they wish to be included to the Secretariat.

3. Background

3.1 Members will be aware that the consultation on the West Midlands Economic Strategy Delivery Framework was launched on the 10th December 2007 at the same time as the final revised Economic Strategy. The consultation runs until the 22nd February 2008. The consultation draft can be obtained from the following web link:
http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/Images/WMES_Delivery_Framework_tcm9-9540.pdf

3.2 The WMES Delivery Framework will set the broad framework for the delivery of the strategy. It will focus on the actions and interventions that are best taken at regional level, as well as setting the strategic framework for local application of the key objectives and priorities.

- 3.3 It is intended that the Delivery Framework will be reviewed and updated yearly in order to take account of changing needs and also the outcomes of the Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration.

4. Process

- 4.1 All Assembly Partnerships and officer groups have been asked to consider the consultation draft Delivery Framework, Assembly officers will then coordinate a draft response. Due to the timing of Assembly and Assembly Board meetings Members are requested to agree that the Chair and Vice Chairs sign off the final response.
- 4.2 Assembly Members who wish to submit comments for inclusion in the WMRA response should send them to Kate Docherty at k.docherty@wmra.gov.uk by **Friday 8th February**.

5. Detail

- 5.1 WMRA officers have contributed to the development of the consultation document but it will be important that a robust and detailed WMRA response to the consultation is submitted.
- 5.2 The WMRA response will focus on ensuring that the actions, partners and outcomes identified for each WMES strategic objective and priority are the right ones and that they will support the delivery of the Regional Spatial Strategy and other key regional strategies particularly those which the Assembly is responsible for.
- 5.3 The Delivery Framework and any revisions which are made to it in the transition period up to 2010 should also help the region to move to a Single Integrated Regional Strategy.

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