

Promoting strategic thinking and collaboration in the East

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- Promote the role of member councils in achieving economic prosperity and sustainable growth in the East of England
- Foster a more equal relationship between the East of England, London and the South East
- Create positive political relationships and forums for discussion and strategic leadership.

How?



- Understand the key challenges/strengths of the East of England economy and our member councils
- Promote collaboration and joint working by councils within the East to tackle these, and
- Facilitate political and officer level engagement with wider partners in London and the South East on issues of common concern.

Governance



Wider South East Political Summit

Leaders from the Greater London Authority, London

Councils, South East England Councils & the East of

England LGA

East of England Assembly of Council Leaders

All 52 council leaders in the East

East of England Management Committee

Cllr T FitzPatrick, North Norfolk (Cons) / Cllr W Nunn, Breckland (Cons) / Cllr K. Bentley, Essex CC (Cons) / Cllr R. Davis, Luton BC (Lab) / Mayor D. Hodgson, Bedford BC (Lib Dem)/ Cllr S. Taylor, Stevenage BC (Lab)/ Cllr C. Noble, Suffolk CC (Cons) / Cllr P. Reeve, Huntingdonshire DC (Ind)

East of England Chief Executives Forum (EECEF)

Lead Chief Executives have been appointed for this work programme: Russell Williams, Ipswich BC and John Wood, Hertfordshire CC.

East of England Growth & Infrastructure Group

Cllr David Finch, Essex CC (Cons) / Cllr L. Haysey, East Herts DC (Cons) / Cllr James Jamieson, Central Beds (Cons) / Cllr R. Howe, Huntingdonshire DC (Cons) / Cllr J. Waters, Forest Heath DC (Cons) / Cllr R. Davis, Luton BC (Lab) / Cllr J. Gardner, Stevenage BC (Lab) / Mayor D. Hodgson, Bedford BC (Lib Dem) / Cllr A.Van de Weyer, South Cambs DC (Lib Dem) / Russell Williams, Ipswich BC (Chief Exec) and John Wood, Hertfordshire CC (Chief Exec).

East of England Strategic Spatial Planning Officers' Liaison Group (SSPOLG)

Strategic planning, Economic Growth, and infrastructure Officers from the East of England

ADEPT- East

County Planning

Officer Groups

geograph

and Infrastructure Group plus cross party and geographical representation from the Greater London Authority, London Councils and South East England Councils.

Elected members from the East of England Growth

Wider South East Political Steering Group

Wider South East Officer Working Group

Strategic planning officers from the East of England SSPOLG plus officers from the South East and London





- Preparation and timing of the full review of the London Plan
- Achieving a common understanding of the data/evidence base
- > Addressing barriers to housing delivery
- Making the case for strategic infrastructure investment

Our ambitions for the WSE



- > Building political engagement and trust across the WSE on future growth and economic potential.
- Harnessing the collective strength of the Wider South East Partners to make the case for strategic infrastructure investment and progress identified schemes of mutual benefit.
- Working together to engage with central government and wider partners to deliver housing and economic benefits across the WSE.

What's in it for the East?



Not a new planning tier, our work is focused on:

- Engage/influence the Mayor of London's Review of the London Plan,
- Undertake effective duty to cooperate and delivery on local plans, and
- Inspire confidence in the private sector to invest in the East of England

Our offer to London



- Helping London to understand the local challenges faced by councils in the East as a result of London's growth.
- Helping councils in the East understand the challenges faced by London.
- Facilitating conversations between the GLA and "willing" councils in the East of England.
- Working together with the GLA on joint strategic priorities, such as barriers to housing delivery and infrastructure investment which can help support our overlapping economies.

Joint Lobbying Housing and Infrastructure



- East West Rail, and new road link (Oxford –Cambridge)
- > Felixstowe to Midlands (Felixstowe to Nuneaton Rail F2N and A14 Capacity Improvements)
- > North Downs Rail Link (Gatwick Reading) and extension to Oxford
- > A27/M27/A259 and rail corridor (Dover Southampton)
- > West Anglia Corridor and Crossrail 2 North (London Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough)
- Great Eastern Corridor
- Thames Gateway Essex: C2C and Crossrail 2 Eastern Branch (London South Essex / London Gateway Port)
- Thames Gateway Kent: Crossrail 1 extension East and HS1 route (London North Kent Channel Tunnel)
- Lower Thames Crossing
- Brighton Mainline (London Gatwick Brighton)
- South West Mainline and Crossrail 2 South West (London Surrey / southern access to Heathrow)
- Great Western Mainline (London Reading / western access to Heathrow)
- Midlands and West Coast Mainline (London Luton Bedford / Milton Keynes)

Achievements?



- Set up governance structure that is accountable to council leaders, chief execs and officers
- East of England and WSE responses to national consultations
- Engaging and responding to London Plan and City for All Londoners
- Leading on some key work streams, such as demographics and infrastructure Lobbying
- Pushed for joint communications strategy
- > WSE Stocktake common evidence base
- Working jointly with LEPs and stakeholders in the East Infrastructure workshop
- Demographics workshop
- LSE Migration Review for the WSE



Any questions?

More info: <u>http://www.eelga.gov.uk/innovation-</u> programme/engagement-with-wse.aspx

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