

## SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

### REGIONAL FUTURES GROUP

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#### **Progress on the development of headline indicators for the IRS as part of the Delivery Plan**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To report to Members progress on developing a set of headline indicators as part of the delivery plan for the Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS).

##### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Members:
- Note the background work ahead of the presentation.

##### **3. Background**

- 3.1 Members will recall the paper presented at the previous meeting detailed work undertaken by the Assembly secretariat, the South West Observatory (SWO) and other key organisations to identify a core set of indicators for the IRS. This was supported by an Appendix which contained a table that presented the output of the work undertaken with a draft list of indicators matched against 'key words' from the IRS.
- 3.2 RFG members requested a further sub-group meeting to consider the work in more detail. This meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2006 and was attended by two members of the RFG group, John Wilkinson and Mark Robins, along with Nick Chase from the Assembly and Pip Tucker (Director) from the SWO.
- 3.3 The group considered the method used for identifying the key indicators to monitor the IRS. The group also explored other elements of the work with a view to these being presented along with the outcome of this workshop to the full RFG group.

##### **4. Presentation content**

- 4.1 A presentation will be given to the group that will cover the following areas;
- A brief overview of the method used to develop the indicators since the last meeting
  - Results of the peer review by 'experts' of the selected indicators and further thoughts on gaps in data
  - A proposal for sourcing the data for indicators
  - An example of how the report may be presented

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- How the work on indicators connects to the delivery plan e.g. regional commitments and how we might monitor regional connectivity
- Next steps

## **5. Ongoing Issues**

- 5.1 It was suggested at the sub-group meeting that the indicators in Appendix 1 should be reviewed by a group of 'experts' (such as specialists from the Observatory modules) to assist in the selection of those most suitable for the task. This task is currently underway and any revisions to the list of indicators will be presented to the group at this meeting.

## **6. Next steps**

- 6.1 Finalise the indicators subject to comments from members.
- 6.2 Draft web pages for the delivery plan, and possible initial report against the indicators to include with the delivery plan to be taken to the full Assembly meeting in July.

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