

Agenda item No: 3 (a)

EAST MIDLANDS IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING: 3rd February 2009

Report of the Director

EM IEP Regional Programme Investment Protocol

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To present a protocol for developing regional investment programmes as a basis for future resource allocation decisions.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Board at its meeting on the 16 September 2008 requested that a protocol be developed which enabled the Board to engage at an early stage, with the development of regional efficiency/improvement investment programmes. The protocol is conditional upon the RIES targets being revised and the continuation of CLG core grant to the EM IEP.
- 2.2 The actual minute from the 12 September Board meeting in action 10 is; "Develop a protocols report, for the November Board meeting, on regional programme commissioning and resource allocation for future years given the revised targets and emerging priorities from Government and the LGA".
- 2.3 The Chair of the EM IEP Board agreed that given the lengthy process involved with the revision of the RIES targets, the protocol report be deferred until the February Board meeting.

3. Factors Affecting the Protocol

- 3.1 There are a number of related factors that affect the regional programme protocol namely;
- The proposal elsewhere on the Board's agenda to enlist support from nominated Board Champions for regional programmes development.
 - The revision of the RIES targets and the endorsement of the three generic improvement themes of
 - Capacity Building
 - Service improvements
 - Efficiency gains
 - Performance targets which hopefully will be agreed by the end of February, and potentially will include areas such as; LAA support, realising efficiency gains, CAA measures of performance and major service sectors.

- An implicit understanding that 70% of any future CLG core grant will be utilised for Sub Regional Partnership programme development.

- Priorities agreed between the LGA and Government departments for new areas of development, particularly those which attract further resource allocations, will be embodied by the protocol.

3.2 The suggested protocol for regional programme development and governance should be based upon the following criteria;

- Involvement of a Board Member as a `Champion` in the development of specific work programmes/workstreams.
- Involvement/consultation with the Sub Regional Partnerships and local authorities to ascertain the support required from any regional commissioned programmes.
- All regional programmes should support the three generic improvement themes and should be directly linked to the achievement of the RIES targets.
- All new initiatives from government including those with ring fenced resource allocations, should be included in the regional programme development process
- All development work should be completed in time for the preparation of the annual business delivery plan, which will be presented to the Board for approval.
- Resources from the annual core CLG grant allocated to the regional programmes should not exceed 30%.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Board discuss and agree the regional programme commissioning protocol as set out in the report.

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