

SOUTH EAST ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BOARD MEETING ON 14 MAY 2009

ITEM 13

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MARCH	
27 th	Harwell Oxford Science & Innovation Ambassadors Showcase to reiterate the importance of Science and Innovation in the South East.
APRIL	
2 nd	Shepway District Council visit to investigate the current issues affecting Shepway, opportunities and the partnership working currently taking place, particularly in response to the current economic climate. Ashford Chamber Visit to hear from Ashford Borough Council (ABC) and Ashford's Future Company (AFC) about progress with the town's growth agenda, together with the potential opportunities and challenges.
8 th	Meeting with Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC Trust, to discuss the Digital Britain Interim report and its impact on the South East's software and entertainment industries. Meeting with Mike Southon, Commonwealth Club.
9 th	Meeting with Guy Birkby, Director of Commercial Banking at RBS, to introduce Greg Jones, senior regional MD responsible for the South East, to SEEDA.
18 th	Meeting with Paul Clark and Caroline Flint in Gillingham.
20 th	Meeting with Gordon Fraser, Managing Director Microsoft Ltd and Vice President Microsoft EMEA in Reading. Meeting with Miles Templeman Director General of the Institute of Directors (IoD). Dinner with Jonathan Shaw, Regional Minister for the South East, following the invitation of Jim Easton, CEO NHS South Central and Candy Morris CEO NHS South East Coast to join the Regional Economic Delivery Council.
21 st	South East Economic Delivery Council (SEEDC) meeting in Milton Keynes to explain and illustrate the help available for businesses and in particular what banks are doing to get lending moving again. Mayor of Oxford Reception to discuss the Smith School for Enterprise and Environment and how it fits with SEEDA

	plans in this area of business. Reception beforehand given by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Susanna Pressel, focusing on Oxford City and Oxfordshire area which could host a globally competitive 'cleantech' cluster based on the innovation capacity of the University and Harwell as well as on a strong and committed 'home market' of active communities and local authorities. Dinner with Sir David King in Oxford.
23 rd	City & Guilds Council Annual meeting Meeting with Lord Davies and Chris McLaughlin Vice President of External Affairs, Inmarsat to discuss the European Space Agency (ESA) S-Band programme. Meeting with Paul Plummer of Network Rail, to support the close liaison between SEEDA and NR at regional and sub regional basis.
24 th	South East Forum for Sustainability meeting to review SEFS achievements from 08/09 and to shape its work programme for the current year. Strategic Review SEEDA Strategic Review meeting with The Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR), including Philippa Lloyd, BERR's Director for Regions, Angela Latta, BERR's Director REG RDA, Samuel Kabiswa, BERR's Assistant Director of RDA Policy & Performance, Daniel Thornton Communities and Local Government's (CLG) Director of Local Economic Development & Renewal, Colin Byrne, Government of South East (GOSE) Regional Director and Ian Cotes, GOSE's Deputy Regional Director. Meeting with William White, Regional Director and Rupert Ashby South East Acting Regional Director of National Farmers Union (NFU) to discuss the continuous support of land-based industries.
27 th	Meeting with Discovery Yacht's Managing Director, John Charnley.
28 th	Intellectual Property Seminar for business owners and managers organised by Adams & Remers (Solicitors), in association with Frank B. Dehn & Co. (Trade Mark and Patent Attorneys) covering aspects of copyright and trademark protection, in Uckfield.
30 th	RDA Chairs meeting. Southern Water dinner in Chatham hosted by Les Dawson, Chief Executive of Southern Water organised as part of a programme of ongoing dialogue with partners and the local community about future developments.

MAY	
1st	Meeting with Graham Gayler of RBS and Adenstar Chairman Derek Chapman.
5th	Wayne Green, Tale Heydarov, Shanin Namati, Leon Cook
6th	Meeting with Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary DCMS to discuss the Digital Britain Interim report and its impact on the South East's software and entertainment industries. Meeting with Celia Barlow MP
11th and 12th	Select Committee meeting. Visit to Brussels