

SEEDA ANNUAL OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 2008
Thursday, 30 October 2008, 10.00am – 1.00pm
City Cruise Terminal, Berth 101, Solent Road, Western Docks,
Southampton, Hampshire SO15 1AJ

Speaker Biographies

James Brathwaite CBE was appointed SEEDA Chairman in 2002. He is an entrepreneur involved with a number of businesses, including as Chairman of SEAL Ltd, an environmental company based in Burgess Hill, whose equipment is used to test nearly all the drinking water in the UK. He is a member of several Government advisory bodies, task forces and working groups and a Director of the University of Greenwich, Farnham Castle Trustees Ltd, and the Environment Agency. Awarded an Honorary Degree from University College Chichester, he was awarded the CBE for services to the Sussex economy in the 2001 New Year's Honours.

Paul Lovejoy is SEEDA's Executive Director for Strategy and Communications. He began his career in manufacturing management and gained early experience with local authorities and the West Midlands Enterprise Board.

He then joined international consultancy business GHK, leading advice to central government and local and regional bodies, followed by a position at Hampshire Training and Enterprise Council as Partnerships Director before moving to SEEDA in 2000 as the Head of Strategy. He led the 2002 review of the Regional Economic Strategy before being appointed as Area Director for Surrey & Sussex in 2003, taking up the Executive Director position in 2005.

Jonathan Shaw MP is Regional Minister for the South East and MP for Chatham and Aylesford. In the latest reshuffle, he was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary with responsibility for Disabled People at the Department for Work and Pensions. Prior to this, he was Parliamentary Under Secretary in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. He has identified housing and skills/employability as priorities for his Regional Minister role.

Pam Alexander is SEEDA Chief Executive. She has been involved in regeneration for nearly 30 years. Before joining SEEDA, Pam was Chief Executive of English Heritage and Deputy Chief Executive of the Housing Corporation, where she was responsible for an annual £2 billion programme of investment in social housing. As a civil servant in the Department of the Environment, she worked on local government finance, transport, inner city regeneration and housing policies.

Pam is Chair of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Policy and Practice Programme on Mixed Income Communities and co- Chair of the Women's Enterprise Task Force. As

Chief Executive of SEEDA she chairs the Margate Renewal Panel, the Hastings & Bexhill Taskforce and is Deputy Chair of Ashford's Future. She also chairs the South East Partnership 2012.

Ian Chisnall leads on scrutiny for the South East of England Regional Assembly. Ian represents the South East England Faith Forum. After 10 years in the electronics industry, he ran a financial services business for 10 years. Since 2001 he has been Mission and Unity Coordinator for Churches Together in Sussex, a network of 1,000 Christian churches and organisations. This includes involvement in a number of Local Strategic Partnerships in Sussex. Ian has been actively involved in the voluntary sector since 1997. He is currently a Trustee of several organisations and is a member of a variety of advisory bodies.

Brad Roynon is Chief Executive of Southampton City Council since 2001. Previously he was Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council, a unitary authority in West Wales, and Chief Executive of East Hampshire District Council. He moved there from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames in 1988, where he was in charge of Corporate Policy and Performance.

He was brought up in Wimbledon and went to Westminster College in London, going into the NHS as an internal management adviser prior to joining local government.