



NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM

TIME: 12.45 for 1.30PM, MONDAY 17 MARCH 2008

AT: ROOM 8.01, LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SMITH SQUARE, LONDON SW1P 3HZ

AGENDA

1. Welcome: Mark Southgate, Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-Chair (Government and Agencies); Head of Planning and Environmental Impact, Environment Agency

2. “Ecotowns”: Henry Cleary, Communities and Local Government – presentation followed by Q&A

3. Culture Change: (i) Summary Culture Change Report; (ii) Culture Change Manifesto [attached] Based on the mainly positive response of members, the Executive Board agreed that we should put principles of the Manifesto to this meeting for sign off. More work will be needed to sharpen up the **Action Plan** if it is to make a real difference to the way the planning system works and, crucially, to its outcomes. Hence we propose to invite all members to a facilitated meeting - 1 for each sector in late April/ early May - to home in on key actions for each sector, and test the robustness of commitments to action received to date. Dates will be canvassed when the draft note of meeting is circulated. The output of these meetings will inform the Action Plan to be considered at our June meeting.

4. NPF Business Plan 2008-11 [attached]

5. Draft Note of 10 December Meeting – attached with actions highlighted

6. Items for future Forum Meetings:

- ❖ Culture Change Action Plan
- ❖ Skills and Skill Gaps - including Development Economics and generic skills (eg visioning, negotiation, people management, project management)
- ❖ Infrastructure Planning/Community Infrastructure Levy/Water supply
- ❖ Climate Change

7. AOB – please notify the Secretary in advance of any items

FUTURE FORUM MEETINGS (same time, same venue):

Monday 16 June Tuesday 14 October Thursday 4 December