

# **NPF 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005 Agenda item 4**

## **National Planning Forum: *inspiring planning***

### **Business Plan 2005/08**

#### **Draft**

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** This Business Plan defines the mission of the Forum and sets some priorities and actions for the 2005/6 session and the period to Spring 2008. The Plan will be rolled forward annually.
- 1.2** The Plan is that of the NPF and is for approval and adoption by the Forum. To be effective it should be owned by all members, who should actively support its implementation.

#### **2. Mission**

- M1.** To critically inform and positively influence the planning agenda for England through a broad spectrum of interests.
- M2.** To act as a bridge and extend the common ground across the Forum membership, the better to deliver sustainable development.
- M3.** To promote the acquisition and exchange of knowledge and best practice amongst Forum membership and disseminate this so it may be widely applied.
- M4.** To be recognised as the principal *cross-sectoral* voice on planning issues and a key agent for change in delivering a better planning service.

#### **3. Administration and Process**

The Forum will meet four times per year, with an additional conference/event in the spring. The NPF Executive will drive the work of the Forum. Task Groups and ad hoc networks will be established when necessary to progress work between meetings, mainly by electronic messaging. The Secretary will liaise with the Chair, Vice Chairs and others to secure the smooth running of the Forum.

#### **4. Resources/finances**

The Forum will be at its most effective when it has secure forward funding from a mix of sources to both support the Secretary and provide an operational budget. Time and commitment from Forum members and their respective organisations is equally vital to success. This will be an issue for discussion early in the life of this plan.

#### **6. Key Priorities and Actions 2005/08**

See attached table.

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