

# The Future of SEFS

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# **SEFS Achievements**

- **Key stakeholder**
- **Funnel of information to members and to Regional Bodies**
- **Respected and recognised**
- **Has influenced regional policy**

# SEFS Funding

- Originally from members only (no staff to pay for)
- Funding from Transport 2000 for Transport related work
- Then 4 years funding from Countryside Agency for both administration and transport work
- Followed by funding from SEEDA for 4 years

# **SEFS Ways of Working**

- **Steering Committee then Policy & Executive Committee (P&EC) and 2 annual meetings/year for all members**
- **Transport Worker – initially paid now voluntary**
- **Administrator – initially voluntary now paid 3 days/week**
- **Sub groups – mainly transport & planning, but also energy, waste, housing, behaviour change, management**
- **Activity to influence regional policy and disseminate information**

# **SEFS Adapts to Massive Change**

- **SERPLAN became Regional Planning Guidance then Regional Spatial Strategy (RSSs) and on to the Regional Strategy (RS)**
- **But**
- **Regional Assembly was abolished to be followed creation & abolition of the Partnership Board and now SEEDA is also being dismantled**
- **RSS, RS, Regional Economic Strategy (RES) and Regional Sustainable Development Frameworks (RSDF) all abolished**

# SEFS Future

- At GM members agreed need for a regional network to:
  - Continue information sharing
  - Track new developments
  - Lobby as appropriate

# SEFS 2011 How?

- Reserves running low
- Funding difficult to come by – avenues (GOSE, Statutory Bodies, SEEDA etc) have been explored but with no success
- Possibilities are limited as SEFS not a charity

# SEFS Plan

- Future paper drawn up
- P&EC discussed, considered and agreed Option 2 because:
  - Significantly reduced costs from lower activity
  - But
  - Still able to support a network with a baseline service

# SEFS Decision Time

- SEFS is your organisation so we need your approval to proceed