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### **Overview of Activities since July 2002**

1. The South East Region Social Inclusion Statement and Action Plan were launched in June 2002.
2. At that conference, the regional bodies that had worked on the Statement and Action Plan pledged to continue to work together to tackle social exclusion at the Regional level.
3. The organisations involved started from the belief that there is a clear role for regional and sub-regional organisations to help reinforce the clear framework set by the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal and the good work taking place throughout the Region at local level. Two shared beliefs underlay the Social Inclusion Statement:
  - that social inclusion in the Region will not be improved unless there is better joint working;
  - that local communities must be involved.

4. The first meeting of the Social Inclusion Task Group charged with the responsibility for taking forward the Action Plan took place in October 2002.
5. The Action Plan called for the extension of the membership of the Task Group to other key regional partners, so a number of organisations were invited to join the Task Group at this stage. These were:
  - South East Racial Equality Network
  - The Community Fund
  - Community Development South East
  - The Regional Cultural Consortium
  - The Regional Funding Forum
  - The Small Business Service
  - A representative of the Learning and Skills Councils in the Region (Hampshire LSC)
6. They joined the regional bodies who worked on the Social Inclusion Statement and remained on the Task Group:
  - Government Office for the South East
  - South East England Regional Assembly
  - Regional Action and Involvement South East
  - The Health Development Agency
  - The Housing Corporation
  - South East England Development Agency
  - The Social Services Inspectorate
7. The October meeting of the Social Inclusion Task Group called for an Awayday so that a plan of action for the rest of the year could be mapped out.
8. This Action Planning Awayday took place in mid-November 2002. It provided an opportunity for new members to get to know the existing members of the Task Group, and its stated objectives were to:
  - confirm mutual understanding of the role and purpose of the Task Group;
  - review the Action Plan and identify who should lead on particular actions, what activities should be taken forward in order to achieve the action points, and how progress would be measured and reported;
  - to agree the next steps in taking the Action Plan forward and reporting progress.

### *Prioritising the Action Plan*

9. The Social Inclusion Action Plan contains between 60 and 70 individual commitments (or 'action points') under 14 headings. It was agreed that one of the priorities for the Action Planning Awayday was to decide which of these action points could and should be addressed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003.
10. The Task Group therefore reviewed the action points and decided whether they should be addressed during a first phase of activity, or deferred until after April 2003 in second and third phases of activity.
11. Some of the action points were unspecific in nature. These were designated with an asterisk for further attention during phases two or three.
12. An amended version of the Action Plan with the order of priority decided at the Awayday is provided between pages 28 and 35.
13. For each 'first phase' action point, a lead person volunteered to work up a mini plan of action containing a defined list of activities to achieve the action point, with dates and a list of the partners who would need to be involved and a note of the resource implications.
14. These action point templates were discussed at a series of meetings of the Task Group in early 2003.

### *Achievements against the Mini Action Plans*

15. Progress against these mini action plans is outlined between pages 11 and 27.
16. On the tables between pages 11 and 27, activities and achievements up to June 2003 are outlined in the centre column, and activities which remain to be achieved at June 2003 are listed in the right hand column. Individual partners and small working groups - for example, the Communications Sub-Group and the Best Practice Sub-Group - continue to work on these activities.
17. The actions and activities listed fall into two categories: those which are specific to the Social Inclusion Partnership as a group, and those which are specific to the individual partners, but which have implications for the Social Inclusion agenda and have, or will be, discussed and refined in the light of partners' insight and expertise.

### *A Change of Identity for the Task Group*

18. In early 2003, it was decided to change the name of the Social Inclusion Task Group and create a distinctive identity for it.
19. As a result, we are now known as the Social Inclusion Partnership South East (or SIPSE), and a new logo has been created to give the group an enhanced profile.

## Summary of Achievements during the year

20. A detailed account of the activities and achievements between late 2002 and June 2003 is given between pages 11 and 27, but this section of the report gives a summary of what has been done by the Social Inclusion Partnership South East (SIPSE) during this period.
21. Not mentioned in the next section, but crucial to the effectiveness of SIPSE is the decision to dedicate staff resources to the Partnership. It was demonstrated during the preparation of the Social Inclusion Statement and during the summer and early autumn of 2002 that progress would be hampered unless more formal arrangements were put in place to manage the work of SIPSE. Mark Bilsborough of GOSE took over the chairman's role in mid 2002, and since the spring of 2003, GOSE has been providing secretarial support. SEEDA has made funding available for a full-time member of staff to act as project manager from July 2003 for an initial period of one year.

### *Social Inclusion 'Proofing' Strategies and Policies*

22. Partners within SIPSE have been concerned for some time that at the Regional level, strategies and policies are adopted which have implications for social inclusion but are not necessarily prepared by people who have knowledge of the social inclusion agenda. We therefore

resolved to prepare a list of the new strategies and policies which were due to come on line in order to ensure that they are 'social inclusion proofed' - in other words, that they take into account the need to take action to address social exclusion and promote inclusion within the Region, particularly for those communities who are most at risk.

23. We are still in the early stages on this objective, but can report that:
- the Cultural Agenda for the Region took into account the Social Inclusion Statement;
  - the 2002 - 2012 Regional Economic Strategy was social inclusion 'proofed' on the basis of the 2002 Social Inclusion Statement;
  - the 2004 Regional Housing Strategy will be subjected to this social inclusion 'proofing';
  - the SIPSE work on social inclusion indicators will be taken into account when refining objectives in the Sustainable Development Framework;
  - support for social enterprise and social entrepreneurs in the Region will reflect SIPSE priorities;
  - social inclusion is already a feature of Local Transport Plans;

- in the health field, health inequalities and social inclusion are integral parts of the new agenda.

24. SIPSE provides a forum in which such strategies and policies can be reviewed and refined in this way.

### *Regional Mapping and Intelligence*

25. Stakeholders in the Region are concerned about the availability of information about local and Regional conditions and needs, resources, gaps in investment and sources of funding.

26. To support the development of accurate and accessible regional intelligence, SEEDA has been developing the See-Online website, which will be a one-stop shop for information on local conditions, best practice and funding regimes. SEEDA has been working with SIPSE, GOSE, SEERA and the South East Public Health Group on the creation of a See-iN website-based source of information about Regional intelligence and research.

27. SIPSE has been working closely with the Regional Funding Forum in order to establish whether it is possible to create a single channel through which groups in the Region can access information about all the available funders. SEEDA is to fund a project worker for the Funding Forum, and will create a funding portal on

See-Online in order to facilitate this improvement in Regional intelligence on funding.

28. Further activities on these items will be pursued in the months to come. We have made a good start on some, but recognise that there is the need to do more.

### *Identifying and disseminating best practice*

29. The Action Plan is studded with commitments to identify and disseminate best practice on almost all the themes it highlighted: social inclusion initiatives, models of community involvement and development, enterprising local economies, housing, transport, skills development, health and crime.

30. A Best Practice Sub-Group has been set up, and as yet has met only once. It has been debating what is meant by 'best practice' (how it is defined and by whom) and how to collect case studies in an effective and accurate way without making excessive demands on the time of practitioners in the field.

31. The South East England Regeneration Network is now established in the Region, as an independent network for everyone involved in regeneration, and it will offer opportunities to share good practice and common agenda with SIPSE.

32. Meanwhile, SEEDA has commissioned the British Urban Regeneration Association to identify and share examples of best practice drawn from its own award schemes and other sources, and to make these available through See-Online. To date, 370 case studies have been posted, with the aim of reaching 1000 by September 2003.
33. GOSE will be using Local Transport Plans to identify interesting practice at the local level, and the Health Development Agency is working with SIPSE partners on the collection of case studies in the health and community development field.
34. GOSE is also working with Local Strategic Partnerships and other local partnership initiatives to encourage the exchange of information about current practice, particularly between older and newer partnerships. A secondee will be working with LSPs on social inclusion issues from July 2003.
35. A task for the future is to decide on a more systematic approach to the collection and assembly of information about best practice, and to think about the resourcing required to fund an appropriate programme.
36. GOSE dedicated staff time to creating a list of relevant events in the Region, which will be kept updated and will be made available through SIPSE partners' websites and newsletters. We will determine in due course whether the

effort this requires is outweighed by the benefits to partners and stakeholders of doing so.

37. SIPSE itself committed to arranging its own events on specific issues of social inclusion, but this has been deferred until the Project Manager arrives because of the time commitment involved. However, the South East Health and Community Development Forum (an HDA initiative) is in the process of organising an event in February 2004 on Social Capital, in conjunction with SIPSE partners.

#### *Working with stakeholders in the Region*

38. Members of the Partnership have worked up proposals to keep SIPSE in touch with stakeholders in the Region: practitioners in the social inclusion field and perhaps also individuals who experience or are at risk of social exclusion. The Social Inclusion Statement identified five communities of interest who are at risk, and one proposal was to work more closely with young people and black and minority ethnic communities to gain their insights and enable them to influence the Action Plan. Another proposal was to form 'reference groups' made up of participants in previous social inclusion events between 2000 and 2002 to help SIPSE to relate better to everyday experiences and local networks. Neither of these ideas has been pursued as yet, but are on the agenda for action.

39. As a Partnership, we have committed ourselves to making relevant information available to our stakeholders through our newsletters and our websites. The exciting developments on See-Online have been described above. RAISE has been exemplary in making information about SIPSE available to its members through its website. GOSE has begun circulating a regular newsletter to LSPs, and the South East Public Health Group has issued a series of health briefing papers to LSPs and Directors of Public Health in PCTs.

#### *Voluntary and Community Sector Capacity*

40. The Action Plan contains a number of commitments to build the capacity of the voluntary and community sector to participate in the development and delivery of the social inclusion agenda. The action point which was prioritised was to develop the mechanisms and resources required to do so. The establishment of reference groups, the provision of 'vertical slice' training and the availability of materials on social inclusion were all identified actions. During the next phase, SIPSE will need to identify resources to enable these activities to be undertaken.

#### *The Development of Social Enterprise*

41. SEEDA has been very active in the realisation of these goals over the course of the last 6 - 12 months, having commissioned a major survey of social enterprise in the Region and held a conference with the DTI. The survey will lead in due course to a strategy for the Region, and a possible network for social enterprises.
42. SEEDA has also been working with Business Links and SIPSE partners, including the Small Business Service, on the development of an assessment tool and training materials which will ensure Business Links are equipped to deal with social enterprises.

#### *Addressing Housing Issues*

43. Strong links have been forged between SIPSE, its partners and the Regional Housing Forum with a view to 'social inclusion proofing' the 2004 Regional Housing Strategy. SEEDA and RAISE have been actively working with the Forum to create these linkages, and two events for housing practitioners in the Region have included a focus on housing-related social inclusion issues.

### *Addressing Transport Issues*

44. GOSE has been working with local authorities on social inclusion issues during the preparation of annual Local Transport Plans, which this year have highlighted social inclusion as a priority. GOSE is now planning to extrapolate from these local Plans to disseminate a report on best practice in the transport field. GOSE has also highlighted the impact of social exclusion on accident rates and accessibility in one of its regular workshops with transport providers.

### *Addressing Health Issues*

45. A Health Summit was held in April 2003, initiated by SEERA and attended by senior representatives of SEEDA and GOSE and the Chairs of the 4 Strategic Health Authorities in the South East Region. From this will come a health 'Concordat' which pledges the participants to address health objectives and inequalities in their work.
46. The Local Public Sector Agreements expected by Central Government from Local Strategic Partnerships and Primary Care Trusts have provided the South East Public Health Group with the opportunity to assess best practice in the Region: Local Development Plans are providing useful information about what is happening on

health inequalities at the local level, and these findings are to be discussed with SIPSE.

47. GOSE and the SE Public Health Group are working with Local Strategic Partnerships and Directors of Public Health in Primary Care Trusts to ensure that effective strategies to address health inequalities are included in LSPs' plans. The Public Health Group have also been holding seminars and events with local health professionals to focus on health inequalities.
48. The South East Health and Community Development Forum, led by the Health Development Agency, held a very successful conference on the role of community development methods in addressing health issues in November 2002 in Chatham, and is now organising a conference on Social Capital in early 2004 with SIPSE.

## Reflection on Learning Points During the Year

49. The SIPSE partners continue to learn and to sharpen our thinking during our internal debates and discussions. The process of agreeing mini action plans for the aspects of the Action Plan we prioritised has thrown up a number of issues which we need to resolve. For example, we know that action on a Regional level on social inclusion is essential, but what exactly is the 'added value' that SIPSE brings to the work of the individual partners. Many of us appreciate the spur to action provided by RAISE and SEREN, two of our voluntary and community sector partners, so our discussions in themselves move us on. But is SIPSE primarily a consultation mechanism through which the partners can hone their strategies and plans? Is it a forum for us to exchange ideas and best practice, and collect case studies from the Region to share with others? Is it an 'executive group' which will take on the responsibility for the delivery of its own programmes? We are still clarifying our thinking on this.
50. It is clear that the demand for best practice examples is a cross-cutting theme within the Action Plan. We have started to collect case studies, but our Best Practice and Communications Sub-Groups will probably need to rationalise our activities across all the themes in our Plan.
51. We set ourselves ambitious targets, and we started to define what we needed to do, by when and how. Some of those proposed activities are outstanding, and at our next Action Planning Awayday we will need to establish how we push them forward in order to move on to consider our 'second phase' and 'third phase' priorities.
52. We have learned that we need professional and systematic secretarial and project management support in order to maintain our momentum. We are looking forward to having a full team in place from this month onwards to help us realise our goals.
53. In our six months of working on the Social Inclusion Action Plan for the South East Region, we have spent a lot of our time exploring how we can work together effectively as a group and thinking through how our organisations can effectively take on board this agenda. We have been learning through trial and error. When we hold our next Action Planning Awayday, we will review this experience and build on it to become more effective.
54. We welcome the opportunity to make a report to our stakeholders in the Region and we look forward to hearing your views and your recommendations on the way forward for our second year.

**The Action Plan Priorities Decided in November 2002  
with List of Actions Taken to June 2003  
and Planned Actions Outstanding at June 2003**

Action Plan Reference Number	Objective and agreed 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase Action Points	Activities to date (June 2003)	Planned activities at June 2003
1	<p><b><i>Task Group Development</i></b>            Establish a Social Inclusion Task Group to implement the Social Inclusion Statement and Action Plan and monitor progress</p>	<p>First meeting of the Social Inclusion Task Group took place in October 2002</p> <p>RAISE commissioned and published a report on the lessons learned through working together on the Social Inclusion Statement with recommendations for the Task Group in October 2002</p> <p>Action Planning Awayday held in November 2002</p> <p>5 Task Group meetings held between January and May 2003</p> <p>Task Group renamed 'Social Inclusion Partnership South East' (SIPSE) and new identity and logo developed in May 2003</p>	<p>Second Regional Conference to be held in June 2003 to report on progress and seek feedback from stakeholders</p> <p>Second Action Planning Awayday to be held in July 2003</p>
1a	<p>Extend membership of Task Group to other key regional partners</p>	<p>Membership of Task Group extended to include more key regional partners: Small Business Service, Community Fund, Regional Cultural Consortium, South East Racial Equality Network,</p>	

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1a cont.		Regional Funding Forum, Learning and Skills Council representative and GOSE Crime Reduction Team Leader: done between October 2002 - March 2003	
1b	Clarify the roles and responsibilities of all regional organisations in respect of Social Inclusion	All partners requested to complete pro-forma outlining mission, description of work currently undertaken and how to access further information: 7 pro-forma completed by June 2003	Use data collected to map overlaps, gaps and potential for further collaboration on initiatives to address social exclusion
1d	Ensure that the implementation of new and existing policy, strategy and programme development in the region addresses social inclusion and its impacts	<p>Preparation of template showing dates and authors of key regional strategies with impacts on social exclusion with the aim of clarifying how and when SIPSE can influence their contents.</p> <p>The Cultural Agenda took the Social Inclusion Statement into account in November 2002.</p> <p>The 2002 - 2012 Regional Economic Strategy was 'social inclusion proofed' against the Social Inclusion Statement</p>	<p>Further work on the Sustainable Development Framework for the Region will take into account SIPSE work on social inclusion indicators.</p> <p>2004 Regional Housing Strategy will be 'social inclusion proofed' through the Regional Housing Forum and SIPSE</p>

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2.	<p><b><i>Regional Mapping and Intelligence</i></b> Support the development of accurate and accessible regional intelligence</p>	Action on a number of specific action points, as outlined below	Commitment to prepare twice yearly research digest for circulation to practitioners and stakeholders
2b	Encourage mapping of resources, local need and the identification of investment gaps	<p>SEEDA held discussions with Regional Funding Forum on how to amass and make available baseline data which can be accessed at the local level to prepare funding bids</p> <p>Commitment by SEEDA to the development of a regional intelligence and research project and the dissemination of research data which is already available. Linkages forged with See-iN by SIPSE, GOSE, SEERA and South East Public Health Group</p>	<p>Baseline data on conditions in the Region to be made available through See-Online website</p> <p>Work is underway at SEEDA on the development of the regional intelligence and research database, for inclusion on the See-Online and See-iN websites</p> <p>For 'mapping of resources', see 5d. Action on identifying investment gaps remains to be addressed. SIPSE partners to share contacts lists</p>
5d	Promote and enable accessible information about new and existing funding streams for communities	<p>GOSE has begun mapping available funding streams for community use</p> <p>Establishment of links between SIPSE and Regional Funding Forum in early 2003</p>	<p>SEEDA has committed funding for the employment of a Funding Forum worker in order to achieve more momentum</p> <p>SEEDA will add 'funding' portal and links to Funding Forum members' websites on the new See-Online</p>

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5d cont		<p>Funding Forum discussed how to respond to SIPSE action point</p> <p>Funding Forum members decided one common application form was not feasible (cf: action plan item No. 5a) but they would work to streamline the application process by devising a shared first stage 'enquiry form'</p>	<p>website</p> <p>Funding Forum to discuss how to channel completed 'enquiry forms' to relevant funders</p> <p>SIPSE to revisit issue of accessibility of information about funding when the mapping exercise and See-Online funding portal and links are complete</p>
2e	Identify a programme of research and events to increase our knowledge, understanding and performance in alleviating social exclusion	<p>Regional events schedule prepared by GOSE for entry on See-Online</p> <p>Social Inclusion added as agenda item to events on social enterprise and housing as result of information on events collected</p> <p>See 2b above for activities relating to research programme</p>	<p>Arrange to update and distribute events schedule via SIPSE partners' websites and newsletters</p> <p>Further SIPSE events to be organised after full-time SIPSE Project Manager is seconded by SEEDA (June 2003)</p> <p>Identification of gaps in research data to be undertaken in 2003, leading to consideration of whether to commission new research projects</p>

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3.	<p><b>Best Practice</b> Identify and disseminate best practice in addressing social inclusion</p>	<p>Best Practice Sub-Group set up and held one meeting to try to establish a shared understanding of what 'best practice' means and how examples can be collected effectively, accurately and without excessive demands on the time of practitioners</p>	<p>Best Practice Sub-Group to continue meeting to clarify issues adjacent and to create standard form to use to collect information from practitioners</p> <p>Log and process information on best practice already identified while the Social Inclusion statement was being prepared and at conferences</p>
3a	<p>Collate and disseminate widely the best practice already identified in the region by the regional agencies</p>	<p>SEEDA - working with a steering group including RAISE and SEREN - commissioned a research programme from BURA to place profiles of best practice case studies on See-Online website: to date, 370 case studies are included</p> <p>GOSE and SEEDA worked with local initiatives in spring 2003 to encourage them to put forward local examples</p>	<p>Increase number of best practice examples from BURA on See-Online to 1,000 by September 2003, with 150 detailed project profiles included</p> <p>Log and process information on best practice already held by SIPSE members</p> <p>Determine a more systematic approach to the collection and recording of information on best practice and acquire resources to fund an appropriate programme</p>

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3c	Engage with players including LSPs and the regional networks for the voluntary and community sector to build effective best practice dissemination	<p>See action point 4b (below) for planned activities with LSPs</p> <p>The Regeneration Network is now being established in the Region and will offer opportunities to share best practice among participants and, through RAISE, to SIPSE</p>	<p>RAISE to discuss with emerging Regional Regeneration Network if and how best practice examples can be hosted on its website</p> <p>Determine how to collect best practice examples through events and newsletters of SIPSE partners, and how to use appropriate media to disseminate it</p> <p>Determine how SIPSE engages with other partners in the Region to bring about effective dissemination of their best practice examples</p>
1e	Support GOSE in holding three events on specific issues of social inclusion	SIPSE Communications Sub-Group has taken on the task of mapping planned events by partner organisations and preparing additional events to meet identified needs	<p>SIPSE, SEEDA and the South East Health and Community Development Forum are collaborating on an event on 'Social Capital' in February 2004</p> <p>Plan further events</p>
4b	Implement an events programme to engage regional and local organisations, in particular LSPs, and partners	GOSE influenced agenda of February 2003 conference for LSPs to include reference to social inclusion issues	<p>GOSE to continue to shape events for LSPs to include social inclusion agenda</p> <p>Secondment to GOSE from Community Legal Services to work with LSPs on Social Inclusion issues: from July 2003</p>

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4e	Develop a programme of activity to engage with communities of interest in the Region	Discussions held in a number of small working parties on who to include in SIPSE 'focus groups' and how to include them, with debates on whether this should include individuals who experience social inclusion as well as practitioners at the local level	<p>Focus on two of the five particular communities of interest in the Region who were identified as being at risk of exclusion (young people in need and black and ethnic minorities, and create an opportunity to share their experience of social exclusion, their knowledge of what works and their feedback on the Action Plan</p> <p>Gather examples of best practice in involving communities of interest in shaping decision-making processes</p> <p>Contribute to SIPSE communication strategy to ensure mechanisms are created to involve communities of interest in the Social Inclusion process</p>
8a	Raise within partner organisations awareness of the problems of exclusion and the value of diversity	Research undertaken by RAISE into best practice around equalities and diversity policies and strategies	<p>Provide training session to SIPSE partners in July 2003 to explore what social inclusion means, and increase understanding</p> <p>Collect good practice on equalities and diversity from Learning &amp; Skills Councils in the Region, and disseminate</p>

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	<b><i>Linkages and Work with Local Partners</i></b>		
4f	Develop a programme of secondments between the regional organisations and voluntary / community organisations		Monitor patterns of activity to the end of the 2002 - 2003 financial year, and decide on strategy on the basis of the patterns noted
6d	Encourage and identify the linkages between new and existing partnership structures and the importance of coherence to address inclusion	<p>GOSE has initiated regular newsletter to all LSPs in the Region: 2 editions to date</p> <p>SEEDA has been encouraging new partnerships to meet each other, with a view to exchanging learning, and is encouraging sub-regional meetings</p> <p>Some SIPSE partners include relevant information about Social Inclusion issues on their websites</p>	<p>New secondee to GOSE to work with LSPs on Social Inclusion issues from July 2003, in particular identifying where they believe they need further help with the social inclusion agenda</p> <p>Ensure all partners' websites are up to date, relevant and interesting to local partnerships, and that relevant newsletters include information about action at the Regional level</p> <p>Link with Best Practice Sub-Group to ensure newer partnerships have access to best practice of longer-established partnerships</p> <p>Create local links to SIPSE partners</p>

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7b	Develop mechanisms and resources, where necessary, to engage the voluntary and community sector in the development and delivery of regional policy and action		<p>Develop reference groups in order to gain better understanding of the issues, relate SIPSE to everyday experience, cascade information through local networks and develop proposals and action points for future development</p> <p>Provide 'vertical slice' training which brings together regional partners, practitioners and socially excluded individuals to develop shared starting points and principles and learn from one another</p> <p>Ensure materials on defining and tackling social inclusion are publicised or commissioned (where necessary) and circulated electronically and on paper</p> <p>Consider financial implications and make budget allowance to enable reference groups and materials development to take place</p>

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	<i>Work on Themed Social Inclusion Issues</i>		
9b	Work closely with SEEDA and other partners on the development of <b>social enterprise</b> in the Region and support for social entrepreneurs	<p>Contract let for a major survey of social enterprise in the Region: consultancy Ecotec is about to report to SEEDA on findings</p> <p>Conference on social enterprise held by SEEDA and DTI in May 2003 to contribute to the implementation of the National Framework for Social Enterprise</p> <p>SEEDA has been collaborating for six months with the South East Social Enterprise Partnership on the extension of linkages into regeneration areas and with voluntary and community groups.</p> <p>SEEDA has been collaborating with Business Link, SE-SEP, GOSE and SBS on the development of a tool to assess Business Links' ability to work with social enterprises, including events at a sub-regional level and development of training materials for Business Links</p>	<p>SEEDA to consult SIPSE partners on findings of Ecotec research project and next steps leading to a strategy for the Region and a possible network for social enterprises</p> <p>SEEDA to feed results of work with SE-SEP, Business Link, RAISE and others to other SIPSE partners to heighten awareness of social enterprise, for example in the cultural field</p> <p>Target of holding 8 Business Links/ Social Enterprise Networks during 2003</p> <p>SEEDA to pursue other actions specified in the Regional Economic Strategy: development of community investment finance and social investment strategy; possible creation of centres of excellence, depending on the results of the review of current barriers and provision</p>

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10a	Work together to address the problems of <b>housing</b> in the Region, and promote and publicise best practice	<p>Creation of working link between SIPSE and SEERA's Regional Housing Forum</p> <p>SIPSE presentation on the Social Inclusion Action Plan to Chartered Institute of Housing Conference in March 2003, in the light of the Sustainable Communities agenda</p> <p>SIPSE partner RAISE has joined The Regional Housing Forum in order to forge links with housing providers, and will be joining one of its sub-groups</p> <p>Workshop held in the Region to identify social inclusion housing priorities which can feed into the 2004 Regional Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Social Inclusion to be part of the remit of the new Head of Policy at SEERA from August 2003</p> <p>Define more clearly what SIPSE's role in housing issues could and should be</p> <p>SIPSE to request that the Regional Housing Forum and its sub-groups consider and report back to it on social inclusion housing priorities</p> <p>RAISE to publicise the work of the Forum and the development of the Regional Housing Strategy</p> <p>The Regional Housing Forum to ensure that social inclusion housing priorities are included in the 2004 Regional Housing Strategy</p> <p>SIPSE to assist in 'social inclusion proofing' the 2004 Regional Housing Strategy and in the development of suitable indicators</p>

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11a	Work together to address the problems of <b>transport</b> in the Region and promote and publicise best practice	<p>GOSE circulated Social Exclusion Unit report on links between social exclusion and transport to all local authorities in the Region</p> <p>Social Inclusion highlighted as major issue for consideration in 2003 Local Transport Plans by GOSE</p> <p>Use of Rural and Urban Bus Challenge schemes to link transport provision to social priorities at local authority level</p> <p>GOSE holds regular events to support local authorities with Local Transport Plans, including recent seminar to highlight travel poverty, accident rates in deprived areas and accessibility issues</p>	<p>Potential use of initiatives highlighted in Local Transport Plans as the basis of a report to promote and publicise best practice in the Region</p> <p>GOSE to support SEERA in the delivery of the Regional Transport Strategy, ensuring social inclusion is properly addressed</p> <p>GOSE to work more closely with SIPSE to ensure the links between transport and social exclusion are better appreciated in the Region and to ensure that ideas from the voluntary and community sector are included in mainstream public provision of transport services</p>

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12e(v)	Support SEEDA in its work of developing the Framework for Regional <b>Employment and Skills</b> Action (FRESA)	Establishment of a project between RAISE and the Learning and Skills Councils in the South East, with support from SEEDA, with the objective of developing a Learning and Skills Compact	Explore links between SIPSE and the FRESA Forum in order to influence targets in the Framework, and set up a Regional Employment Forum

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13a	Work together to address the problems of <b>health</b> in the Region and promote and publicise best practice	<p>SEERA initiated Regional Health Summit in April 2003 to ensure health was on the agenda of the key agencies, involving SEEDA, GOSE and the Chairs of the 4 Strategic Health Authorities in the South East Region</p> <p>South East Public Health Group is reviewing the Local Development Plans drawn up by Primary Care Trusts to assess whether they meet the health inequalities targets for the Region set in the DoH's Public Service Agreements on health issues</p> <p>SE Public Health Group is assessing Local Development Plans in order to draw out and encourage learning in the Region</p>	<p>Health 'Concordat' to be drawn up by participants in the April 2003 Health Summit by autumn 2003 to capture participants' commitments to health objectives and to 'health inequalities proof' their policies and programmes</p> <p>SE Public Health Group to work with SIPSE to encourage more partnership working on health issues at the local level and to build on the results of a critique of Local Development Plans</p> <p>Work with SIPSE to examine the implications for health in the Region of the latest Census results, and to co-ordinate approaches to the reduction of health inequalities</p>
13b(v)	Support the development of <b>public health capacity</b> by ensuring LSPs and Local Public Service Agreements incorporate health improvement and inequality targets	<p>Establishment of GOSE task group to share intelligence and good practice, and allocation of GOSE representative to each LSP to support development</p> <p>South East Public Health Group have</p>	SE Public Health Group to continue to work with Directors of Public Health to encourage inclusion of health inequalities strategies in LSP plans, in collaboration with GOSE

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13b(v) cont		<p>worked with some PCT Directors of Public Health through workshops and small working groups and with Healthy Living Centres to develop health inequalities strands of LSP strategies</p> <p>Work by the SE Public Health Group and GOSE to ensure health influence over Local Public Service Agreements</p> <p>Series of briefing papers prepared and circulated to Directors of Public Health and LSP leads on issues such as housing, teenage pregnancy, children and young people and ex-prisoners with assistance from SIPSE partners</p> <p>Monthly updates circulated to DPHs and LSP leads</p> <p>Series of workshops and conferences run in the Region by the SE Public Health Group and the South East Health and Community Development Forum (on housing-related health issues and community development approaches)</p>	<p>SE Public Health Group 'patch leads' to work with SEEDA sub-regional leads to provide public health input and ensure maximum contribution from the local NHS</p> <p>Implementation of the national public health development programme in the South East Region, including the delivery of the Workforce Development Confederation objective of increasing the public health capacity of LSPs</p> <p>Continue to explore and then to publicise examples of best practice in the use of community development methods to tackle health inequalities through the South East Health and Community Development Forum</p> <p>Continue to support network of Healthy Living Centres in the Region</p>

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14b	Work closely with the GOSE <b>Crime Reduction</b> Team Leader and researchers who co-ordinate regional data analysis	GOSE Crime Reduction Team Leader invited to join SIPSE	Develop crime reduction related agenda with SIPSE

**The South East Region Social Inclusion Statement  
Action Plan of June 2002**

**with Priorities Established in November 2002**

## Social Inclusion Action Plan as Amended and Annotated at Awayday on 21<sup>st</sup> November

What	How	Priority
<p><b>1. The Task Group</b> Establish a Social Inclusion Task Group to implement the Social Inclusion Statement and Action Plan and monitor progress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Extend membership to other key regional partners (Learning And Skills Councils, Small Business Service, Regional Funding Forum, Community Fund, Regional Cultural Consortium, SEREN)</li> <li>b) Clarify roles and responsibilities of all the regional organisations in respect of Social Inclusion</li> <li>c) Seek to influence and monitor our partners and those organisations with whom we contract, to adopt inclusive principles</li> <li>d) Ensure that the implementation of new and existing policy, strategy and programme development in the region addresses social inclusion and its impacts</li> <li>e) Support GOSE in holding 3 events on specific issues of social inclusion</li> </ul>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>
<p><b>2. Regional Intelligence</b> Support the development of accurate and accessible regional intelligence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Link local and regional mapping information</li> <li>b) Encourage mapping of resources, local need and the identification of investment gaps</li> <li>c) Assess and develop the communication channels to local communities</li> <li>d) Develop common social indicators and impact measures to measure performance</li> <li>e) Identify a programme of research and events to increase our knowledge, understanding and performance in alleviating social exclusion</li> </ul>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase**</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>
<p><b>3. Best Practice</b> Identify and disseminate best practice in addressing social inclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Collate and disseminate widely best practice already identified in the region by the regional agencies</li> <li>b) Build collective and individual mechanisms for identifying best practice across the social inclusion agenda</li> <li>c) Engage with players including Local Strategic Partnerships and the regional networks for the voluntary / community sector to build effective best practice dissemination</li> </ul>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>

<p><b>4. Links</b> Strengthen the links between the regional organisations and local communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Develop effective channels of communication between the region and local areas</li> <li>b) Implement an events programme to engage regional and local organisations, and our partners</li> <li>c) Support and publicise learning networks</li> <li>d) Produce information and literature in accessible formats to meet community purposes</li> <li>e) Develop a programme of activity to engage with communities of interest in the region</li> <li>f) Develop a programme of secondments between the regional organisations and voluntary / community organisations</li> </ul>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase 1<sup>st</sup> Phase 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase* 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase 1<sup>st</sup> Phase 1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>
<p><b>5. Funding</b> Maximise the availability and accessibility of funding for local communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work with the new Regional Funding Forum to streamline the process of accessing funding</li> <li>b) Support the transition from significant funding streams (e.g. Single Regeneration Budget) to new mechanisms of government funding to address social inclusion</li> <li>c) Explore and support the donation of appropriate assets to communities and the development for communities of sustainable funding</li> <li>d) Promote and enable accessible information about new and existing funding streams</li> <li>e) Encourage Local Strategic Partnerships to map existing voluntary / community capacity building activity and funding sources</li> <li>f) Encourage Local Strategic Partnerships to make funding available for the induction, training and support for community and voluntary sector representatives</li> </ul>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase** 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*  2<sup>nd</sup> Phase  1<sup>st</sup> Phase 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase  3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p>
<p><b>6. Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs)</b> Support the development of Local Strategic Partnerships, and the vertical and horizontal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) All the regional agencies are committed to supporting the development of inclusive LSPs and the development of effective community plans</li> <li>b) Establish within LSPs support for community engagement through induction and training for community representatives</li> <li>c) Support LSP development in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas and disseminate widely the lessons learnt</li> <li>d) Encourage and identify the linkages between existing and new partnership structures, and the importance of coherence to address inclusion</li> </ul>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase*  2<sup>nd</sup> Phase  2<sup>nd</sup> Phase  1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>

integration of partnership structures	e) Support the development of key groups in addressing social inclusion, such as the Public Health Task Force, the Regional Housing Forum and a regional social enterprise network	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase
<b>7. Voluntary / Community Sector Capacity</b> Build the capacity of the voluntary / community sector to participate in the development and delivery of social inclusion	a) Support the flow of accessible information to local communities b) Develop mechanisms and resources, where necessary, to engage the sector in the development and delivery of regional policy and action (NB: Word change of ‘Provide’ to ‘Develop’) c) Support the sustainability of effective regional conduits to the sector	3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase* 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase*
<b>8. Task Group Members’ Capacity</b> Build the capacity of the member organisations of the Social Inclusion Task Group to understand the experience of social inclusion and the impact of their policies and actions in the region	a) Raise within member organisations awareness of the problems of exclusion and the value of diversity b) Implement a programme of training and development to improve delivery and performance in addressing social inclusion c) Seek to raise the skill levels of professionals engaged in this agenda	1 <sup>st</sup> Phase 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase

<p><b>9-14: Local Economies and Services</b> Support the development of enterprising local economies and of the sound infrastructure on which they depend</p>		
	<p><b>9. Support the development of enterprising local economies</b></p> <p>a) Work together to address the problems of local economies, promoting opportunities and publicising best practice</p> <p>b) Work closely with SEEDA and other partners on the development of Social Enterprise in the region and support for social entrepreneurs</p> <p>c) Support the development of Community Development Finance initiatives, and Enterprise Gateways to support enterprise development</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p>
	<p><b>10. Decent, Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>a) Work together to address the problems of housing in the region, and promote and publicise best practice</p> <p>b) Support the Regional Housing Forum in:</p> <p>i) considering making sub-regional allocations where some local authorities have land but no resources and others have no land but some resources</p> <p>ii) implementing key action points set out in the Regional Housing Statement ('RHS')</p> <p>iii) encouraging local authorities to play their part in implementing the RHS</p> <p>iv) developing closer links with other relevant organisations and professions to help take the RHS forward</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v) undertaking an open and transparent annual performance delivery assessment for each Housing Association</li> <li>c) Support SEEDA in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) creating a Brown Field Land Assembly Trust to assemble brown field land to meet local housing need</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) Support GOSE in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) setting up an internal working group to develop a detailed action plan on affordable housing</li> <li>ii) participating in the Best Value process to ensure continual improvement in housing services</li> <li>iii) monitoring the progress of Local Authorities against their Decent Homes Business Plan Objectives</li> <li>iv) working with Local Authorities, particularly those identified as having serious problems, to meet their Decent Homes targets and work towards the interim target set for end of March 2004</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p>
	<p><b>11. Adequate And Affordable Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Work together to address the problems of transport in the region, and promote and publicise best practice</li> <li>b) Support the Assembly and GOSE in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) implementing the Regional Transport Strategy</li> <li>ii) ensuring that local authorities and LSPs map existing public transport provision</li> <li>iii) ensuring that all local transport authorities undertake a review of their local transport plans to improve quality and level of service</li> <li>iv) reviewing some aspects (waste, renewable energy, tourism) of the Regional Planning Guidance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p>

	<p><b>12. Building Skills Including Basic Skills</b></p> <p>a) Work together to build skills in the region, and promote and publicise best practice</p> <p>b) Support and contribute to the work of the regional skills basic skills co-ordination network</p> <p>c) Work with LSPs to raise awareness of basic skills and how they can be best be addressed in their areas</p> <p>d) Build the capacity of the voluntary / community sector to promote lifelong learning and access mainstream funding</p> <p>e) Support SEEDA in its work of:</p> <p>i) continuing to action the Basic Skill Strategy</p> <p>ii) introducing a basic skills programme in each of the region's 71 NHS Trusts</p> <p>iii) developing a rural ICT strategy</p> <p>iv) developing activities to change the negative perception of ICT careers and skills in girls 13+, women returners and older people</p> <p>v) developing a framework for Regional Employment and Skills Action through the setting up of a Regional Employment Forum</p> <p>vi) raising the skill level of regeneration professionals and promoting best design standards</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p>
	<p><b>13. Improved Health and Reduced Health Inequalities</b></p> <p>a) Work together to address the problems of health in the region, and promote and publicise best practice</p> <p>b) Support the development of Public Health Capacity by:</p> <p>i) setting up a Regional Public Health Group and agreeing and disseminating a suitable work programme</p> <p>ii) setting up an Inequalities and Public Health Task Group</p> <p>iii) developing the Public Health workforce at Primary Care level in order to ensure it is equipped to undertake its key role of improving the health of the local community</p> <p>iv) ensuring policy formulation and implementation (at both regional and local level) is appropriately underpinned by the Health Impact Analysis</p> <p>v) ensuring LSPs and PSAs incorporate health improvement and inequality targets</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase*</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p>

	c) Support the Assembly in developing the Healthy Region Forum to debate health and social inclusion issues and to connect health service policy and public health policy to the wider regional agenda	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase
	<p><b>14. Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime</b></p> <p>a) Work together to address the problems of crime in the region, and promote and publicise best practice</p> <p>b) Work closely with the GOSE Crime Reduction Team Leader (who will take personal responsibility to engage all members of priority partnerships in joined up work to reduce crime) and with GOSE's newly appointed researchers who will co-ordinate regional data analysis</p> <p>c) Support GOSE in its work:</p> <p>i) agreeing Safer Communities Initiative plans with all partnerships by October 2002</p> <p>ii) integrating its Street Crime Action Plan according to the published plan, completing the review of CCTV provision in all priority areas by 31 March 2003</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Phase</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase</p> <p>**</p> <p>**</p>

### Notes on the Table

**1<sup>st</sup> Phase:** Items which were agreed to be the most immediate priorities for action by the Partnership between December 2002 - March 2003.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Phase:** Items which would be brought forward for further attention after March 2003.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Phase:** Items which would be brought forward for further attention after April 2003.

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Items for which further clarification is required, for example what was the intention / meaning of the wording, or who should have prime responsibility for delivering them.

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Items on which some action was taken in advance of their agreed schedule.