

'Raising the game'

Evidence and the implementation of the Sub National review

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Outline

- ***The changing context :***
Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (SNR)
- ***The challenge:***
Evidence in the post SNR world
- ***The opportunity:***
Building a stronger Observatory

The SNR : Background

- Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration (SNR) announced by the Chancellor in March 2006.
- Designed to inform the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 published in October
- Clear statement of government's intentions for improving efficiency and effectiveness of structures and mechanisms



The SNR : Headlines

- *A Single Regional Strategy*
- *Strengthened local authority and sub regional role in economic development and regeneration*
- *Strengthened 'democratic oversight' of RDA*
- *Streamlined regional structures*



SNR : The Challenge

- *‘a strong evidence base underpinning policy development is a key part of the Government’s approach.’*
- *‘Improvements in data need to be matched by an increase in the quantity and quality of local and regional policy analysis.’*
- A robust common evidence base, and a shared understanding between local and regional partners of what it means, is key to the successful implementation of SNR



SNR : The opportunity

- Commitment to build on what works
- Opportunity to build on existing SWO network to provide :
 - *Local ↔ Regional Evidence base*
 - *Wide thematic coverage*
 - *Independent analysis*

Realising the opportunity

- Building capacity of local intelligence networks
- Cementing Local – Regional engagement
- Ensuring consistency
- ‘A Broad Church’ – SWO; ONS; Other regional experts
- Commitment and buy in from all partners



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