The Thames Gateway

Policy and Progress

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• 3 regions involved (MKSM the same)
• What’s it for?
  • Europe’s largest regeneration programme
  • Major housing and economic development
  • UK’s largest port and logistics location
  • Olympics
  • Eco region
• RPG9A
• Sustainable Communities Plan 2003
• Interim Plan 2006
• Delivery Plan 2007
• Implementation Plan 2008
• What is distinctive
  - size
  - scale
  - organisational complexity
  - economic change

• Is it a single, cohesive entity?

• Or a collection of different projects/programmes responding to self contained labour markets?

• Economic drivers
Streamlining the regional tier

- SNR
- Single regional strategy
- Role of local government
- But handling policy initiatives will continue to be challenging
- Example of eco towns
• What makes sense for 1.5m people who already live in the Gateway?

• Role of local authorities and delivery partnerships – variability

• CLG funding  - priorities for investment
  - fewer, bigger
  - but community schemes
  - improving the functioning of town centres

• Other Government Departments