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**SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

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WORK PROGRAMME 2008 – 2009
Agenda Item 13

Our Priorities in 2008-09 are proposed to be:

1. The Social Partnership

To further explore opportunities for working together to improve understanding and to find mutually acceptable solutions to differences.

2. National developments

To look together at the implications for local authorities and their staff of all new developments, particularly:

- proposed legislation and new Codes of Practice, etc. affecting employers;
- any proposals around local government structures, powers duties and functions;
- the Local Government Pension Scheme;
- equality developments, and
- the influence of EU direction upon local government as an employer.

3. Local Government's strategic direction as an employer

To keep up to date with developments and their potential impact on local authorities to enable us to contribute to the current national debate on the strategic direction, including the future of negotiating mechanisms, and their objectives. This will include examining issues identified by any Pay and Workforce Strategies, particularly moves to

- Develop the skills and capacity of our workforces;
- Achieve adequate resourcing through recruitment, training and retention;
- Modernise our pay and rewards systems

4. Joint mechanisms

We also need to keep under review our Regional Joint consultation and the interface between South East Employers and the Trade Unions and look for desirable development.

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