

GO-East Peer Review w/c 28th Feb 05

The Peer Review process is a new one for GOs and GO-East was just the third office after GO-NE and GO-SW to participate.

The Review team consisted of:

- Roger Poole (Deputy Director GO-East Mids), Review Team Leader;
- Terrie Alafat (Director Homelessness and Housing support ODPM);
- Julie Anderson (Head of Business Development Division RCU);
- Peter Gould (Chief Executive Northants County Council); and
- Bill Wicksteed (Senior Consultant SQW).



The team were asked to focus on the Growth and Regeneration agendas in the region and spent a week at GO-East meeting and seeking views from GO staff and visiting partners and projects in: Peterborough; Luton; Harlow; Great Yarmouth and Norwich.

At the end of the week the Review Team presented initial findings to the Board including some areas of strength:

- The quality of support and advice staff at all grades provide to partners
- Our approach to the growth agenda
- Our supportive and inclusive approach to partnership working

And.....some areas for development:

- More proactive and strategic leadership in the region
- Greater visibility with central Government
- More Risk-taking approach/culture

The Review Team subsequently wrote up a full report, which is now available on the GO-East website. GO-East has responded by developing an action plan that brings together our response to other feedback (such as the recent partner survey) to produce a coherent plan to improve the way the GO works in the region.