

Item 1: Regional Deals

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

It is recommended that this subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>
7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	The establishment of a regional deal will require negotiations with a range of central government and private sector parties. These could be disadvantaged by public disclosure of the discussions surrounding what we might bring to the negotiation or desire from these parties prior to negotiations commencing.