

The West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) Review has five phases. Phase 1, 'Developing the evidence base', has formally ended and the completed reports for all commissioned projects are now available on the West Midlands Economic Strategy Review website: [www.advantagewm.co.uk/phase-1.html](http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/phase-1.html)

Phase 2, 'Developing the policy options', is now under way. Posted on the website is a paper: 'WMES Policy Options – A Framework', endorsed by the Strategy Review Regional Reference Group at the meeting on the 1st of September 2006, and thereby formally launching this second phase. Regeneris Consulting are now working up the policy options, under the various policy areas listed in the paper.

This statement of options will be putting forward the options for consultation. Phase 3 of the WMES Review, 'Consultation on the policy options', will be formally launched on the 10th of November at Advantage West Midlands' Annual Conference and will run until the end of February 2007. Further information on consultation will be forthcoming.

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