

BUDGET 2010 – UPDATE

National Infrastructure Plan

1.83 This Budget confirms the establishment of Infrastructure UK (IUK) to lead work within HM Treasury to enable greater private sector investment in infrastructure, and improve the Government's long-term planning and delivery. In the autumn, the Government will publish a national infrastructure plan that will set out goals for UK infrastructure.

Local Development Orders

1.89 The Government will enable locally-elected leaders, working with business, to lead local economic development. As part of this change, Regional Development Agencies will be abolished through the Public Bodies Bill.

A White Paper later in the summer will set out details of these proposals. As part of this, the Government will:

- **support the creation of strong local enterprise partnerships**, particularly those based around England's major cities and other natural economic areas, to enable improved coordination of public and private investment in transport, housing, skills, regeneration and other areas of economic development;
- **consider the most appropriate framework of incentives for local authorities to support growth**, including exploring options for business rate and council tax incentives, which would allow local authorities to reinvest the benefits of growth into local communities; and
- as part of the shift to a more locally driven planning regime, **promote the role for a simplified planning consents process in specific areas where there is potential or need for business growth, through use of Local Development Orders.**