

Federation of Economic Development Authorities

AGENDA ITEM No. 6

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Date

24th January 1996

Dear Mr Cowie

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

Motherwell District Council have been members of the Federation for many years. Our papers have been sent to Mr G Smith, Industrial Development and Estates Officer, and Officers and Councillors have attended our meetings.

The Council will become part of the North Lanarkshire Council on 1st April. I understand you are the Chief Executive of the new Unitary Authority and the Federation sends its sincere congratulations.

I am enclosing the FEDA Information Folder and a copy of the FEDA 50th Anniversary Booklet which is a very readable history of the Federation, together with the amendment to our Constitution to cover the emerging Unitary Authorities. You will see from this that the current Subscription paid by Motherwell DC will cover the new Unitary Authority until the 30th June 1996. Following that I will be sending the Federation Subscription Invoice to your Authority based on the Rates shown on the attached Amendment to the Constitution for the Federation's financial year of 1st July 1996 to 30th June 1997.

The Federation wants to retain and expand its Scotland membership and I do hope that the new Unitary Authority will consider the enclosed and decide to retain membership of the Federation for the financial year beginning 1st July 1996.

I am also enclosing the invitation to the next FEDA regional meeting hosted by Wrexham Maelor BC in North Wales, which is over the three days Wednesday/Friday, 6th/8th March 1996. If you could send representatives to all or part of this meeting as observers I am sure it would help your authority to confirm future membership.

If I can give you any further information I will be pleased to do so and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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FEDA Secretary

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Date 16th January 1996

Dear Member

Regional Meeting and Study Tours hosted by Wrexham Maelor BC
 Wednesday/Friday, 6th-8th March 1996.

Enclosed are the Programme and Booking Form for the next Regional Meeting and Study Tours. The Federation Meeting Papers will be sent to you nearer the date.

We had an excellent meeting at Wrexham in 1984 and I know members have been looking forward to this return visit.

The main hotels holding rooms for our visit are in the town centre and within easy walking distance of the Programme venues or coach pick up point. **IF ANY DELEGATE BOOKING AT THESE HOTELS IS UNABLE TO WALK A SHORT DISTANCE PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE PLACE ON THE BOOKING FORM AND TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED. IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING BY CAR BUT CANNOT ARRIVE ON THE WEDNESDAY IN TIME TO BOARD THE COACHES FOR REDWITHER TOWER AT 11.45AM, YOU CAN DRIVE THERE DIRECT JOIN US, THERE IS CAR PARKING. A LOCATION DRAWING IS ATTACHED. DELEGATES TRAVELLING BY TRAIN ON THE WEDNESDAY WILL BE MET.**

All bookings made by the closing date of 19th February, whether or not requiring accommodation, will be acknowledged by Thursday 22nd February to the Contact named the Booking Form. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THAT DATE PLEASE FIRST CHECK WITH YOUR CONTACT AND THEN WITH ME THAT YOUR BOOKING HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND WREXHAM MAELOR BC IS EXPECTING YOU.

Once you have booked an hotel or guest house, unless you cancel at least two full days before your date of arrival you may be asked to pay the room charge. If it is a last minute cancellation please telephone the hotel direct and confirm in writing. Please make other cancellations during the run up to the meeting, either of hotels or programme items through me and I will action them.

Wrexham Maelor BC will generously host you for the attached Programme and will provide all transport to and from programme venues. You are responsible for your own accommodation costs, any other expenses incurred and your travel to and from the Regional Meeting.

Yours sincerely

FEDA Secretary

TO: ALL FEDERATION LOCAL AUTHORITY
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FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

1996 FEDA PROGRAMME

1. FEDA SEMINAR Late June/Early July 1996
The Seminar for 1996 will be held within the Chairman's local authority, Stoke on Trent City. The theme will be Inward Investment. Stoke on Trent City will be hosting a pre-Seminar Dinner.

2. UNEMPLOYMENT
The balance of jobs being created still concerns members. FEDA will continue to press the government to create the climate for job creation and economic expansion.

3. TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE COUNCILS and LECs
 - a] LA Representation on TEC Boards
With the onset of Unitary authorities in Wales, Scotland and some parts of England, FEDA will continue to press for Elected Members with Economic Development backgrounds to be put on TEC Boards, replacing the former County Council nominees, who were mainly chief executives or Directors of education.
 - b] Training and Enterprise Council Mergers
Recent press publicity given to the financial position of many TECs has suggested that mergers are likely in the near future. In North Wales, the two TECs currently operating have agreed to merge from April 1997.
The Executive Committee will follow up the concerns of member authorities to check on any future mergers.
 - c] Modern Apprenticeship Scheme
Modern Apprenticeships were announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the 1993 Budget. In March 1994, 14 industrial sectors, represented by Industrial Training Organisations, [ITOs] were chosen to be prototypes and introduce these Modern Apprenticeships. The prototype ITOs were matched with at least one TEC to run modern apprenticeships in its area. The national launch was in September 1995 and at the end of 1995 there should be frameworks being developed and implemented in over 50 sectors by the ITOs in consultation with TECs.
Around 30,000 Modern Apprenticeship trainees are expected to commence training in 1995 with more than 45 TECs involved.
Following correspondence between FEDA and James Paice MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Education and Employment, FEDA has received copies of three programme evaluations completed by Ernst and Young in December 1994, and February and May 1995. A copy of the Summary Findings from the latest evaluation was circulated to members at the December 1995 AGM.

4. BUSINESS LINKS
Around 150 of the target of 200 are expected to be open by the end of 1995. Many local authorities are participating but there is still concern about how Business Links relate to the existing local authority activities.

5. EUROPE

A] OBJECTIVES 3 & 4

Through the European Commission/Employment Department/DTI late approval of bids, local authorities have suffered financially. The situation improved slightly in 1995 under Objective 3, when most authorities gained approval in August rather than in November as was the case in 1994. However, funding is based on calendar years and FEDA will continue to press for approvals to be made by 31 March in each year to enable projects to be adequately funded. Many Authorities with Objective 2 status have still to receive grants from bids made in 1994. This totally unacceptable situation will be closely monitored in 1996

B] THE COAL AND STEEL INDUSTRIES

The European Commission has announced an extension of both the RECHAR II and RESIDER II programmes for former coal and steel areas until 1999. However, both programmes were due to start in 1994, and as yet no funding has become available to the majority of authorities eligible for grant aid. The situation regarding rollover of funding into the next financial year is unclear at present, and is being followed up by the Executive Committee.

C] IMPLEMENTATION

Even where local authorities have overcome the difficulties described in A and B above, they are still experiencing problems with implementation.

There is concern about the role of government offices: the length of time it takes to gain approval and the increasing complexity of the process. FEDA will take up the concern of members.

6. REGIONAL AID POLICY

The issue of regional aid continues to be important to the Federation especially in terms of the reductions in spending levels by Government over the past decade.

Following the FEDA Paper submitted to the House of Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, FEDA will respond in 1996 to the Labour Party consultation document "Regional Policy Commission - Economic Renewal for Britain".

7. THE SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET

FEDA is supporting the campaign being undertaken by the other local authority organisations to seek from Government a commitment to holding a SRB Challenge competition in 1996/97 and the provision of additional resources for this in 1997/98 at the same level as the first year of the SRB competition: £125 million.

8. TOURISM

FEDA will continue to lobby its MEP Vice Presidents regarding the EU Draft Distance Selling Directive, which is again being considered by the European Union. The Federation will monitor the changes being considered amongst the Regional Tourist Boards, which are faced with forecast funding shortfalls, and will alert members to any possible impact on relationships with local authorities.

9. COMMON AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES OPEN ACCESS LEGISLATION
 FEDA has been lobbying through the Vice Presidents in respect of the changing Regulations governing fishing in UK waters, culminating in call for support for a re-negotiation of the Common Fisheries Policy. FEDA will continue to work closely with its MP and MEP Vice Presidents, fishing interests and local authority members. Other aspects of EU Agricultural Policy, including the impact on milk and dairy producers will be monitored, with issues of policy being raised with the UK Government and the EU as necessary.
10. TRANSPORT
 Transport issues will remain firmly on the EC Agenda as there is still no explicit long term transportation strategy. The privatisation of British Rail and the proposed reductions in the road building programme will be monitored during 1996.
11. ENGLISH PARTNERSHIPS
 The organisation is still developing and has an important role both urban regeneration and derelict land reclamation. FEDA will continue to monitor its activities.
12. UNITARY AUTHORITIES
 The Constitution had been revised to cover the period from April to December in each of the Review Years until 1998, the anticipated end of the Reviews. FEDA will contact all the new Unitary Authorities which will have existing FEDA members in them in Scotland and England. With the completion of the Welsh Review, FEDA is in contact with the new Unitary authorities to assure continued membership of the Federation.
13. FEDA JOURNAL
 With the retirement of Bob Dutton, former Chief Executive of Wrexham Maelor BC, the post of Honorary PRO is vacant and at the time of printing the FEDA Programme there has not been a nomination for this position.
- Cllr Neville Jones, OBE., of Sedgemoor DC, immediate past Chairman of the Federation, has stepped in to produce the Winter Journal to keep the continuity of circulation until a FEDA PRO is appointed. The Federation is very grateful to Neville but members must understand that without staff or office, Neville cannot continue to produce the Journal, and a serious effort must be made to find a PRO.
- The post gives a place at Executive Committee Meetings and there is small Honorarium. Travel and subsistence for meetings are covered by the Member Authority.

14 FUTURE REGIONAL MEETINGS

6th/8th March 1996	hosted by Wrexham Maelor BC	North-Wales
Autumn 1996	hosted by Hartlepool BC	North East

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the Local Government Review, the forward dates for Regional Meetings, for the first time, only cover one year ahead. The Executive Committee hope that during the next few months Member Authorities will consider hosting future Regional Meetings and Study Tours. The Secretary will be pleased to discuss with any member local authority, in confidence, costings etc. prior to any announcement being made.

15 1996/97 SUBSCRIPTION RATES

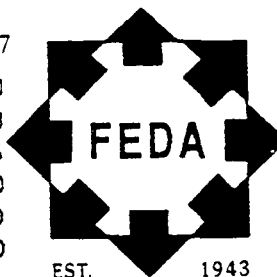
Population Over 300,000	£840.00	+	VAT	£147.00	=	£987.00
100,000 - 300,000	£435.00	+	VAT	£76.13	=	£511.13
66,001 - 100,000	£365.00	+	VAT	£63.88	=	£428.88
33,000 - 66,000	£290.00	+	VAT	£50.75	=	£340.75
Below 33,000	£270.00	+	VAT	£47.25	=	£317.25
Area members	£840.00	+	VAT	£147.00	=	£987.00

The financial year of the Federation is 1st July to 30th June. Members are asked to ensure that the FEDA Subscription is included in their Council's 1996/97 Budget

Federation of Economic Development Authorities

1995/96 FEDA SUBSCRIPTIONS - SEE ANNUAL PROGRAMME FOR (96/97

Population	Subscription	+ VAT	Total	=	Total
Over 300,000	£800.00		£140.00	=	£940.00
100,001 - 300,000	£415.00		£ 72.63	=	£487.63
66,001 - 100,000	£350.00		£ 61.25	=	£411.25
33,001 - 66,000	£280.00		£ 49.00	=	£329.00
Below 33,000	£260.00		£ 45.50	=	£305.50
Area Members	£800.00		£140.00	=	£940.00



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ON BEHALF OF: _____

NAME OF AUTHORITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Post Code _____

TELEPHONE NO: [] _____ POPULATION: _____

I APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDERATION

My Council agrees to pay £ _____ being the appropriate Subscription for one year's Membership in accordance with the Constitution.

The Federation's financial year is 1st July to 30th June. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND A CHEQUE WITH THIS APPLICATION.** A VAT Invoice will be sent to you on receipt of your membership application.

SIGNED: _____

POSITION: _____

APPLICATION DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Mrs B Bradbury MBE
FEDA Secretary
15 Thorne Road
Doncaster DN1 2HG

Vice Presidents

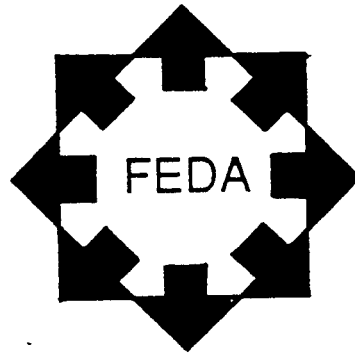
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FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC
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ESTABLISHED 1943

FEDA

CONSTITUTION

REVISED DECEMBER 1991

NAME

1. The Federation shall be named the Federation of Economic Development Authorities and is hereinafter referred to as "the Federation".

OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Federation shall be:-
 - (a) To consider all aspects of economic, industrial and commercial development in relation to local authorities and all matters incidental thereto.
 - (b) To take any appropriate action calculated to further relations between local authorities, industry and appropriate Government departments.
 - (c) To co-ordinate the activities of area organisations with similar objects and to encourage the formation of such organisations where they do not now exist.
 - (d) To publish or arrange for the publication of journals and other occasional publications relating to the objects of the Federation in whatever manner the Federation shall determine.
 - (e) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

MEMBERSHIP

3. (a) All regional or area organisations, the objects of which are substantially similar to those of the Federation and which are composed of local authorities or upon which local authorities have a majority representation, shall be eligible to become members of the Federation and such members shall be known as "Area Members".
- (b) All local authorities shall be eligible to become members of the Federation and such members shall be known as "Local Authority Members".
4. Every member shall be entitled to representatives upon the Federation as follows:

Area Members	2
Local Authority Members	
Population over:	
300,000	4
100,000 - 300,000	3
66,000 - 100,000	2
Below 66,000	2
5. In addition to the appointed representatives referred to in Clause 4, the retiring Chairman of the Federation shall be an ex-officio honorary representative on the Federation for the year immediately following his term of office, provided that he is still a serving member of a local authority within membership of the Federation.
6. A member may retire from the Federation by giving notice in writing to the Secretary, not less than one month before the 30th day of June in any year, of its wish to retire.

OFFICERS

7. At a properly constituted Annual General Meeting of the Federation there shall be elected a President, Vice Presidents, a Solicitor, a Treasurer, a Public Relations Officer and an Auditor who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Federation and at the end of any of their respective terms of office shall be eligible for re-election.

No person shall hold more than one office.

The number of Vice Presidents shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

If for any reason the office of any appointed officer becomes vacant then a new appointment can be made at the next or a subsequent meeting of the Federation. Such officer so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Federation shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, from within the members of the Executive Committee.

A Chairman appointed by the Executive Committee shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years.

If for any reason the office of Chairman becomes vacant the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman until the next Annual General Meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

8. Each member shall pay an annual subscription direct to the Federation in accordance with a scale based on population and agreed by the Federation.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to increase the subscription annually in line with inflation. Any increase beyond annual inflation shall require the agreement of the Federation.

9. The Financial Year of the Federation shall end on the 30th day of June each year.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

10. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected from the twelve (12) agreed regions:

Scotland	East Anglia
North East	Greater London
North West	South East
Yorkshire and	South West
Humberside	North Wales
East Midlands	South Wales
West Midlands	

There shall be from each region one (1) elected member representative serving on the Executive Committee for every ten (10) or part of ten (10) local authority members. Such elected member representatives shall be both nominated and elected by only the member authorities from their respective regions.

There shall be four (4) local authority officer representatives elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

The officer members of the Executive Committee shall be in addition to the ex-officio Secretary, Solicitor, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Auditor.

Should any member of the Executive Committee resign during his term of office his place on the Executive Committee shall be taken by the Federation member who received the next highest number of votes at the Annual General Meeting for the region covered by the resigning member. In the case of an officer member of the Executive Committee, the next highest number of votes recorded at the Annual General Meeting.

Should an Executive Committee member resignation occur in a region where at the Annual General Meeting the nominations for places only equalled the Executive Committee places available and a vote was not taken, the Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member from the region concerned.

All the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at a properly constituted Annual General Meeting of the Federation and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. At the end of their respective term of office they shall be eligible for re-election.

The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt onto the Committee, on an annual basis, Federation members to be responsible for specific aspects of the Federation's business.

FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11. The Executive Committee shall have power to conduct the business of the Federation in accordance with decisions made from time to time at meetings of the Federation.
12. The Executive shall have power to consider and act on any 'ad hoc' matters as authorised from time to time by meetings of the Federation.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

13. Members wishing to submit names for the members of the Executive Committee (based on Regional entitlement as at 30th September in any year) and/or the appointed officers, shall do so in writing on the form provided not less than one month prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. In the event of more than the agreed number of representatives for each region being nominated or the agreed number of officers the Executive Committee representatives shall be decided by vote at the Annual General Meeting.

If for any reason the agreed number of representatives for each region cannot be elected at the Annual General Meeting, nominations will be taken at the next Federation meeting following the Annual General Meeting and the representative(s) to fill the vacant place(s) shall be decided by vote at that Federation meeting.

MEETINGS

14. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held in the month of December each year and at least three other General Meetings shall be held during each year. Further meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman and he shall call a Special Meeting on a requisition signed on behalf of six members, such requisition to state the object of the meeting. If upon being so requested the Chairman shall fail to call such Special Meeting within fourteen days, the six members may themselves do so.
15. At the Annual General Meeting of the Federation there shall be presented the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Federation and of the Executive Committee, together with the Treasurer's Account of receipts and disbursements during the preceding year.
16. The Executive Committee may be called at any time by the Chairman as he considers necessary.
17. The quorum at any meeting of the Federation shall be representatives of 25% of member authorities and at the Executive Committee shall be 25% of its members and no business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum. If within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Chairman.
18. An Agenda for each meeting of the Executive Committee shall be prepared by the Secretary who shall include thereon any items forwarded to him for that purpose by members. Any item not on the Agenda may be discussed at the end of the Agenda and a decision thereon made, provided that the majority of members then present at the meeting consent thereto.
19. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and the Federation other than the Annual General Meeting of the Federation. In his absence the Vice Chairman shall preside, and in the absence of both Chairman and the Vice Chairman one of the representatives elected by those present at the meeting shall preside.
20. The Executive Committee shall have full power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in its number.
21. The Federation shall decide all questions by a majority of those present and voting. Each member shall have one voting representative. The Chairman or whoever shall occupy the Chair in his absence shall have a casting vote at meetings of the Federation and of its Executive Committee.

In the event of a representative of the Federation or the Executive Committee being unable to attend a meeting he may appoint a substitute.

The substitution should be notified to the Secretary before the commencement of a meeting at which the substitute is attending.

VARIATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

22. This Constitution may be varied at any time by the Federation provided that at least twenty- eight days previous notice of the meeting at which the proposed variation is considered shall have been sent to each member.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

23. Not less than fourteen clear days' notice shall be given of meetings of the Federation and the Executive Committee.

INTRODUCTION

The Federation of Economic Development Authorities had its origin in 1943 when it was founded by Bristol Corporation and the County Borough of Newport and known as "The English National Council of Development Committees". After a regrouping period following Local Government Reorganisation in 1974 and, over the years, changes in the name to identify more closely to the local authority membership, there has been a steady increase in membership recorded on the Membership List in the Information Folder attached.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The wording of the Constitution was revised at the December 1991 meeting, changing the voting regions for Executive Committee places. A copy of the Constitution is in the Information Folder attached

The two main objectives are and will remain in the revised Constitution

- (a) to consider all aspects of industrial and commercial development in relation to local authorities and all matters thereto.
- (b) to take any appropriate action calculated to further relations between local authorities, industry and appropriate Government departments.

The Federation is a forum for discussion of all aspects of industrial and commercial and tourism development. But it is also an action group. Where pressure is required to be exerted or questions asked within the objectives of the Constitution, FEDA has geared itself to respond on behalf of local authorities.

NON-POLITICAL

FEDA is non-political and will pressure for improvements in economic development and commercial matters in Assisted and Non-Assisted Areas.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

The Federation's President who has headed FEDA since December 1990, is the Lord Williams of Elvel, CBE. Opposition spokesman on Environmental and Defence matters in the House of Lords. He works very actively for the Federation.

Lord Northfield of Telford, a past President, has remained as a Vice President and FEDA has a formidable team of 21 MP and MEP Vice Presidents for advice and assistance with lobbying.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The honorary officers of the Federation and the Executive Committee of Members and Officers, are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, with representation on the EC from each region. The Executive Committee administers the Federation in accordance with Federation policy. The 1995 List is in the Folder attached

MEMBERSHIP

Until 1982 the Federation membership was open to industrial or commercial companies. It was decided that the benefit of such membership was outweighed by its self interest and membership since then has been exclusively local authority.

Each local authority on becoming a member is asked to nominate representatives to serve on the Federation. Local authority representatives are circulated direct with all FEDA papers. Each member local authority nominates a contact to whom a file set of papers is sent. The Federation welcomes nominations of elected members and officers concerned with economic development matters. The mixture of elected members and officers has increased the effectiveness of the meeting discussions.

MEETINGS

The Executive Committee meets as and when required by the Chairman. Four Federation meetings are held each year, two in London, the Annual General Meeting with a Speaker [Richard Caborn MP, Chairman of the House of Commons Select Committee on Trade & Industry, spoke at the December 1994 AGM] and the mid year meeting usually coupled with a half-day Seminar. The remaining two Federation meetings are held in the regions and hosted by Federation member local authorities.

The Regional Meetings and Study Tours were started in 1981 and have proved to be valuable forums for the dissemination of information between local authorities. Held over two or three days these visits include tours of the area and industrial and commercial developments together with visual presentations. At the time of printing the areas already visited were: South Wales, Derwentside and Wear Valley, Telford New Town, Ashford and Thanet, South and West Yorkshire, Wrexham, Clacton on Sea, Stafford Hartlepool, Scunthorpe, Aberdeen, Trafford, Hull City, South Derbyshire and East Staffordshire, Doncaster, a repeat visit to South Wales. Sedgemoor in Somerset, Newport, Middlesbrough and Langbaugh on Tees, Ashford Borough Council, Kent, Kerrier DC in Cornwall, Stirling DC., Woodspring DC., Wear Valley DC., Hull City Council, South Hams DC, Devon, Sedgfield DC., Co. Durham and Carmarthen DC., S.Wales. Future host authorities are: Autumn 1995 Bolton MBC, Spring 1996 Wrexham Maelor BC and Autumn 1996 Hartlepool BC.

SEMINARS

The Federation has, in the past, organised very successful industrial development Exhibitions in London and Abroad but this activity was phased out when Regional Associations sponsored by the Government began to have strong representation abroad. FEDA then channelled its efforts into the holding of Seminars on matters which could affect the facility for local authorities to influence economic development in their areas. These Seminars were originally over two days but over the past few years because of the financial strictures placed on local authorities the Seminars have been held in conjunction with the mid year Federation Meeting enabling delegates to travel and attend the Seminar and Meeting in one day or at the most require one night's accommodation.

LOBBYING

FEDA is included on the various Government Department lists for consultation and currently is having meetings and correspondence on:

Transport Policy - An integrated transportation policy
 The White Paper on "Growth and Competitiveness within the EC."
 [A Paper was prepared for the House of Lords' Inquiry]
 The White Paper on "Competitiveness: Helping business to Win."
 [specifically "Modern Apprenticeships"]
 Training and Enterprise Councils - District Council elected representation
 on TEC Boards and the role of TEC's in local economic development
 Steel Action
 Unemployment: the decline of the manufacturing industry and full-time jobs
 Tourism - EC regulations affecting job creation
 Additionality
 Business Advisory Services in rural areas outside the RDA's
 Common Agriculture/Fisheries Open Access Legislation
 Defence Cuts and the Effect on local economies - Select Committee Inquiry
 The Recommendations of the Select Committee Report on "Regional Policy" for
 for which FEDA gave evidence
 FEDA is also responding to the Econ. Dev. Consultation Papers now being
 issued by the Labour Party, i.e. "Small Businesses & Labour: the European
 Dimension".

FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PROVISIONS

The following clause shall operate with effect from December 1995 until the completion of the Local Government Review in England, Wales and Scotland in 1998 or earlier. On the completion of the Review the clause shall cease automatically to have effect and the Constitution of the Federation shall revert to its "Revised December 1991" form.

24 Election of Executive Committee members during the Local Government Review.

Save as provided in the sub-clauses hereof the constitution of and election to the Executive Committee shall throughout the Local Government Review period be as set out in Clauses 10 and 13 of the Constitution:-

- a) where new Unitary Authorities are created in an area the representatives appointed by the outgoing authorities shall hold office only until 31 March in the year following their election;
- b) in these circumstances the Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt members onto the Committee for the period from 1 April in the years 1996 - 1998 (inclusive) until the Summer Federation Meeting to replace those members (referred to in Clause 24(a) above) ceasing to hold office on the immediately previous 31 March in any year provided that such co-ontions shall be made only from the region concerned:

c) at the Summer Federation Meeting representatives from the regions mentioned in Clause 24(b) above shall be elected to the Executive Committee in place of the co-optees appointed under the provisions of Clause 24(b) who shall then cease to hold office unless they are so elected at the Summer Federation Meeting. Such elected members shall then hold office until the next Annual General Meeting;

d) nominations to the seats on the Executive Committee described in Clause 24(c) above shall be made in writing to the Secretary on the form provided not less than one month prior to the date fixed for the Summer Federation Meeting.

1996/97 SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Population Over 300,000	£840.00	+	VAT	£147.00	=	£987.00
100,000 - 300,000	£435.00	+	VAT	£76.13	=	£511.13
66,001 - 100,000	£365.00	+	VAT	£63.88	=	£428.88
33,000 - 66,000	£290.00	+	VAT	£50.75	=	£340.75
Below 33,000	£270.00	+	VAT	£47.25	=	£317.25
Area members	£840.00	+	VAT	£147.00	=	£987.00

The financial year of the Federation is 1st July to 30th June. Members are asked to ensure that the FEDA Subscription is included in their Council's 1996/97 Budget