

SOA Local Delivery Plans 2009-10 – Quarter 4 updates

Wealthier & Fairer Key Actions

Wealthier & Fairer Business Start Ups			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Business Gateway	31 Mar 2010	Business Gateway established. Programme of business training workshops developed and 53 workshops delivered with near full uptake at each workshop. Information and advice provided to over 800 people, of which 420 were start up enquiries. Assistance and support in the creation of 83 new businesses in Moray. Participated in the Open Doors event at Moray College. Gateway also lead or assisted in running 5 collaborative networking/promotional events held in Moray during 2009/10. The events were jointly run with a number of partners including Moray College, Moray Chambers of Commerce, Highland and Island Enterprise and the Federation of Small Businesses.	100 %
Business parks and industrial units	31 Mar 2010	Enterprise Park Forres building complete. Delay in an associated planning decision has resulted in reconfiguration of the proposed site. Purchase of land dependant on conclusion of updated due diligence. Initial site investigations complete for Elgin West Business Park, and detailed design work under way. Conditional missives still require conclusion of road access issues currently raised with Transport Scotland. Following completion of the new 10,000sq ft facility at Enterprise Park Forres we have received two potential inward investment enquires in respect of the new facility.	85 %

Wealthier & Fairer Employment Opportunities			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Rural Development Strategy	31 Mar 2010	23 LEADER presentations to Community Groups to promote awareness and applications carried out. £608,831 of LEADER funding approved to local projects. 104 initial enquiries from interested applicants dealt with.	100 %
Development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre	31 Mar 2010	Moray Life Science Centre Business Case complete. Funding in place from ERDF and Moray College. In principle commitments from NHS Grampian and HIE. Tendering has been undertaken for appointment of Project Manager and Design Team. Because of the delay in securing final funding commitments from some of the partners to this venture, there will be slippage in getting construction underway.	30 %
Expand the Apprentice Scheme to all Partners and to include graduates and manual workers	31 Mar 2010	A total of 23 apprentices recruited by the Moray Council by September 2009, and 'buddy system' in place. 2 trainee positions filled in the Moray Council. Funding applications complete to fund the development of employment opportunities for young people. All registered for vocational awards. Coaches and mentors provided. 'Buddies' nominated from other group.	85 %

Wealthier & Fairer Grow GVA			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Account Management Programme	31 Mar 2010	There were 27 growth plans agreed for the year 2009-10. The business were of varying size from existing international businesses of scale to recent business start ups. There were an additional 5 plans produced with Social Enterprises in the Moray area. The target was exceeded with GVA of £26.8 million being generated from 27 growth plans. This is the anticipated difference our intervention will make to these businesses over the next three years.	100 %
Moray Towns Partnership	31 Mar 2010	The Four towns are currently considering proposals to undertake Whole Town Strategies and are also considering future projects. It is still too early to measure the impact of the implemented projects as many aspects have very recently been completed or are close to completion. However, the Town Centre Health checks (recently approved at ED&I Committee) will provide us with a clearer picture of how well the towns are performing and give guidance and direction to the proposed Whole Town strategies.	89 %

Wealthier & Fairer Roads & Transport			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Reduce the number of road accidents in Moray	31 Mar 2010	Performance information agreed. Road Safety education and training established and carried out. 6 Operation Taurus carried out. The end of year figures are still to be confirmed but initial analysis suggest - the number of people fatally injured during 2009/10 was 4 (the same as previous financial year). The number of serious injury collisions has decreased from 47 to 43. The number of slight injury collisions has risen from 185 to 203.	100 %
Elgin Traffic Management Plan	31 Mar 2010	Reiket Lane Bridge replacement completed. Consultant contract awarded. Carry out Initial ground investigation for Roads, High School and Housing projects. Design work for Edgar Road extension / Access to High School substantially completed. However the planned building work at the High School has been deferred. This resulted in design work being halted. The parameters of the plan have changed and with the delay to the High School works, the immediate need for extending Edgar Road disappeared. The decision was taken to continue with the option appraisal of a Western Distributor Road and investigate the priorities and needs for the development of the affordable housing site at Bilbohall since this and other housing needs may also be a driver for extending Edgar Road. The consultants are working on the option appraisal and officers are in discussion with Grampian Housing Association. It is hoped to report to service committee in August 2010 seeking approval to continue.	71 %
Develop an evidence base to support the case for investment in the A96 and A95	31 Mar 2010	The project was split between the two trunk routes, and the two halves were treated very differently. · A meeting with the Minister for Transport to promote improvements on the A96 within Elgin led to a successful series of working meetings with senior officers in Transport Scotland. This led to a report of jointly agreed future improvement measures – from some small short-term measures to longer term high cost major road schemes. A £20k grant from HITRANS was used to get Jacobs consultants to carry this work further and investigate detailed solutions for improving A96 East Road in Elgin. This was almost complete at end March 2010. · Summary traffic flows and accident data were collected from a number of sources for the A95 between Craigellachie and the A9 junction near Aviemore. Information was also collected for HGV loads of goods using the A95 from a number of major hauliers.	98 %

		<p>As the scope of the project was extended during the year, the final report will not be available for submitting to Transport Scotland until June 2010. It is hoped that submission of a report to Transport Scotland will help to justify additional expenditure on minor improvement or maintenance schemes on the A95, and will also be considered in allocating funding for schemes on the A96 after the current trunk road programme of road infrastructure schemes is complete in 2013.</p>	
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