

SOA Local Delivery Plans 2009-10 – Quarter 3 update

Wealthier & Fairer Key Action

Wealthier & Fairer Local Outcome: Maintain the rate of business start ups			
Key Action	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Business Gateway	31 Mar 2010	Provided information and advice to new and existing businesses exceeding 250 in number up to end of quarter 3. Provided assistance and support leading to the creation of 59 new businesses in Moray up to the end of quarter 3 (target 40). Ran 36 Business Workshops up to the end of quarter 3 with almost a 100% uptake for all sessions. Also given two presentations to students and lecturers at Moray College on 7 October 2009 along with Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT). From this 16 enquiries were received from students interested in finding out more about starting a small business.	75 %
Business parks and industrial units	31 Mar 2010	Enterprise Park Forres - Building completed and awaiting handover from contractor following commissioning of heating systems etc. Already engaged in discussion with company who are considering moving into this completed unit. Buckie Business Park - HIE are still in discussions with landowner and other interested parties. Currently undertaking detailed design. Seeking to make a submission for planning permission by the end of March 2010. Elgin West Business Park - Site investigation concluded. Currently at stage of working on detailed design of park layout. Looking to conclude missives by end of March 2010.	61 %

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Local Outcome: People in Moray will have access to better paid employment

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Rural Development Strategy	31 Mar 2010	Processes and procedures have been put in place and assessed by The Moray Council and Scottish Government Rural and Inspections Directorate staff. 20 LEADER presentations have been delivered to a variety of Community Groups across Moray to promote awareness and applications Over £450,000 of LEADER funding has been approved at the end of quarter 3. 18 local projects have benefited from the funding to date. The list of projects and funding amounts can be viewed on the Moray LEADER website (morayleader.org.uk). Over 75 initial enquiries have been received to date where the LEADER team have offered guidance and advice as appropriate.	76 %
Development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre	31 Mar 2010	The Business Case has been completed and has been approved by the Board of Management of Moray College and has attracted European Regional Development Funding. Final decisions on whether they are to provide the balance of the funding required are still to be made by HIE and NHS Grampian respectively. These decisions should be known by March 2010.	30 %
Expand the Apprentice Scheme to all Partners and to include graduates and manual workers	31 Mar 2010	All apprentices from Group 1 (Jan 09) making good progress. All ICS awards awaiting finished and awaiting assessment. 9 x ECDL passports completed, further 2 almost completed. Have started and completed 3 elements of the 8 required for SVQ. No leavers and all wishing to remain in post. All apprentices from Group 2 (Sept 09) making progress. 3 x ECDL passports completed 7x making progress and 3 not as yet started. No ICS (Institute of Customer Services) from January 2010 - new programme CSP to run from April 2010. One apprentice undertaking Sports Development HNC made good start. Slow starts to the SVQs. Council Officers involved in the Apprenticeship scheme have been in discussion with Moray College, NHS Grampian, Highland and Island Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland. Moray College is interested in the scheme, and will be able to take on one (perhaps two) apprentices in 2010. NHS Grampian and Careers Scotland/Skills Development Scotland are also keen but are unlikely to be able to employ apprentices in the near future.	68 %

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Local Outcome: Businesses in Moray will grow GVA

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Account Management Programme	31 Mar 2010	At the end of quarter three we have 18 businesses growth and 5 social enterprise growth plans agreed. We are currently processing several applications for grant assistance in support of previously agreed growth strategies. On the basis of that we currently expect to achieve our target of 26 business growth plans by the end of March 2010.	60 %
Moray Towns Partnership	31 Mar 2010	Progress in general has been very good. However, in some areas there have been delays due to weather or Town Centre Regeneration Fund bid applications. It is expected that all projects will be completed by the end of March 2010.	65 %

Wealthier & Fairer**Local Outcome: Moray will benefit from an improved and safer transportation infrastructure**

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Reduce the number of road accidents in Moray	31 Mar 2010	Ongoing activities as per the Road Safety Business Plan for 2009/10. At 31 December 2009, the following comparisons related to road collision casualties could be made for period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009 and the same period 2008. 2008/9 – Adult KSI Casualties – 42 (KSI – killed or seriously injured) 2009/10 – Adult KSI Casualties – 31 2008/9 – Child KSI Casualties – 2 2009/10 – Child KSI Casualties – 0 2008/9 – Slight Casualties – 147 2009/10 – Slight Casualties – 168 This shows a clear reduction in the main area of KSI casualties. The small rise in slight casualties is probably affected by this reduction in KSI casualties.	70 %
Elgin Traffic Management Plan	31 Mar 2010	Jacobs Consultancy have been awarded the contract for providing transportation and design services to assist in the delivery of the Elgin Traffic Management Projects. Work is ongoing on the Elgin Traffic Model through Jacobs Consultants. A report has not been provided due to other higher priority works, in particular where monies from external parties have required to be spent by the end of the financial year. Design works were completed, however works on the access to Elgin High School have been delayed and as such works have not been continued at this stage with the planning application being withdrawn. This will be re-visited in the summer as part of works for the South West area as there will be a requirement to provide access to future affordable housing.	61 %
Develop an evidence base to support the case for investment in the A96 and A95	31 Mar 2010	The emphasis of this project is on the A96. Additional funding to provide a better evidence base with more detailed analysis than previously anticipated for the A96 in Elgin has been obtained from HITRANS and framework consultants can now provide an enhanced submission for Transport Scotland. It is still anticipated that this work should be complete by end March 2010. Consequently milestones set for work on the A95 have not been met or will not be met and the dates for completion have been reviewed.	55 %