

SOA Local Delivery Plans 2009-10 – Quarter 4 updates

Greener Key Actions

Greener Carbon Management and Climate Change			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Awareness raising of alternative fuels, sources and building requirements	31 Mar 2010	Green Business Seminar hosted by the Greener Strategic Group in September, feedback suggested a future seminar on domestic needs would be beneficial in Moray. The Construction Techniques Seminar due for the third quarter was postponed and its arrangements will be reviewed after the 'Renewable Energy for Householders' seminar in March 2010. The Group have also scheduled for the Biomass event to take place on 24th March 2010 in Elgin Town Hall. There are awareness raising arrangements within each Partner Organisation. Further research is required to assess the activity in each Partner Organisation, to identify opportunities and benefits for further awareness raising within and between partners. The target is to achieve benchmarking and establishment of best practice in awareness raising.	50 %
Adoption of energy efficient targets and objectives for existing buildings	31 Mar 2010	All baseline figures on energy consumption use have been collected and established for relevant council buildings. An overall target has been set for council buildings and work continues on establishing individual targets for buildings. Further discussion to take place with Asset Management Working Group to determine feasibility of individual targets. Roll out of SMART meters has begun and will continue through to 2014.	100 %
Green Procurement	31 Mar 2010	Review of contract notices for inclusion of sustainable products, environmentally friendly waste disposal and recycling measures carried out with finalised exception report presented at the Greener Theme group meeting on 21 January 2010.	100 %

Greener Flood Alleviation			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Design and implementation of flood alleviation schemes throughout Moray	31 Mar 2010	Elgin Flood Alleviation Scheme – complete preparations for start of construction. Forres (River Findhorn and Pilmuir) FAS – complete preparations for start of construction. Rothes FAS - Complete The most notable outcome is completion and commissioning the Forres (Burn of Mosset) Flood Alleviation Scheme. This means that the 860 homes and 51 businesses at risk from this source of flooding are no longer considered at risk for an event of return period of 1 in 200 years. The Rothes Scheme is progressing towards completion in 2010/11, and Schemes to protect Forres from the River Findhorn, and Elgin, are scheduled to start in 2011/12 subject to statutory consents and funding.	87 %

Greener Sustainable Travel			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Widening travel choice	31 Mar 2010	<p>Baseline figures for 2009 established. Route upgrade priorities identified to increase cycling numbers on core primary network.</p> <p>The Active Travel infrastructure interventions, proposed by the design consultancy team, target areas where access to amenities such as schools, shops and public transport hubs would have the greatest impact.</p>	93 %
Improvement, promotion and management of Moray's Core Paths network	31 Mar 2010	<p>Work begun on Management Plan for Moray's Core Paths. Signage of 30% of Moray's Core Paths Network complete. Minor Core Paths improvement works complete. The preparation of a development programme for Moray's Core Paths has been deferred due to the limited available staff resources being fully committed to achieving the priority of securing an adopted Core Paths Plan. This includes the protracted process of preparing comprehensive statements in response to sixteen outstanding objections, to be submitted along with the Finalised Version of the Core Paths Plan to the Scottish Government. The Development Programme is also a lesser priority at present due to the lack of available budgetary resources from within the Council.</p> <p>The 2009/10 achievements constitute the initial phase of implementing the policies contained in the emerging Moray Core Paths Plan. These modest achievements are matched to limited resources for Core Paths Planning in Moray. Improvements to the Core paths have made the routes more accessible and better functioning as sustainable transport infrastructure. Signage of the routes has raised their profile and encouraged greater public usage for sustainable transport.</p>	50 %
Travel planning for organisations and schools	31 Mar 2010	<p>The school travel programme has maintained high levels of participation with primary schools and engaged with secondary schools, through projects such as the Active Travel Transition project.</p> <p>The annual travel survey achieved a return rate of 100% of Moray Schools and included many nurseries and private schools for the first time.</p> <p>Steering group to lead travel planning issues for Elgin established. Pool bike facilities and booking system at key Elgin offices installed. Updated travel survey of all schools in Moray completed. Workplace travel planning workshops/seminars to increase travel planning initiatives beyond the Council held. Through the continuing promotion of school and workplace travel plans initiatives have reached a wider audience and seen greater uptake during 2009/10.</p> <p>Marketing campaigns have focused on the health benefits of sustainable travel, particularly drawing links with the Healthy Working Lives initiative.</p> <p>Travel Planning with partner organisations has improved levels of accessibility and promoted healthier transport options.</p> <p>The measures initiated through the Urban Freedom project have directly targeted reducing the number of low occupancy, short trips by private motor vehicle within Elgin.</p>	87 %

Greener Waste Management			
Title	Due Date	Latest Note	Progress
Development of waste recycling and diversion (resources required)	31 Mar 2010	Levels have been maintained in the volume of waste going to landfill as well as the recycling and diversion rates. During 2009/10 the recycling rate was 41.1% (target 40%), while 22,730 tonnes of municipal solid waste was landfilled (target 25,437) - both targets exceeded. Approval on proposals to meet future waste recycling and diversion targets have not been agreed and require further consideration.	87 %