

SOA Local Delivery Plans 2009-10 – Quarter 1 & 2 updates

Wealthier & Fairer Strategic Group - Key Actions

National Outcome 1: We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe			
Local Outcome 1: Maintain the rate of Business Start Ups			
Key Action	Due Date	Latest Note	Overall Progress
There are 2 underlying Key Actions associated with this Local Outcome, which in turn have 24 underlying milestones in total, 11 of which were due to be completed by the end of quarter 2, September 2009. 8 have been either completed or are well advanced with the remaining 3 underlying milestones are progressing out with expected timescales; Planning application in relation to Tesco was approved on 29 th September therefore discussions on the development of Buckie Business Park which had been delayed pending the outcome of planning decisions will be progressed by HIE. Elgin West Business Park site investigations are due for completion by October 2009.			
Business Gateway	31 Mar 2010	Business Gateway in Moray began operation on 1st April 2009 based at 17 High Street, Elgin. A programme of business training workshops has been developed through training provider Consentia. 18 business training workshops have been delivered at the end of September with an average 90% uptake. Business Gateway has provided information and advice to well over 80 businesses as well as providing assistance and support leading to the creation of 32 businesses by the end of September 2009.	40 %
Business parks and industrial units	31 Mar 2010	Science building construction on Enterprise Park Forres still going according to plan and on budget. Completion due in November 09. Some interest exhibited but no agreement to lease to date. Revised promotional plan for Enterprise Park Forres due by end of November 09. Hope to lease Nova House by the end of November 09 Elgin West site investigation and report due to conclude mid October 09. Outcome will advise HIE of potential site valuation and indicative yield on investment. Unable to conclude missives on Buckie land purchase pending outcome of associated planning applications. Planning application to TESCO approved 29/09/09. HIE can now progress discussions with landowner and other interested parties	33 %

National Outcome 1: We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe			
Local Outcome 2: Business in Moray will grow GVA			
Key Action	Due Date	Latest Note	Overall Progress
There are 2 underlying Key Actions associated with this Local Outcome, which in turn have 22 underlying milestones in total, 10 of which were due to be completed by the end of quarter 2, September 2009. 8 have been either completed or are well advanced with the remaining 2 underlying milestones are progressing out with expected timescales; Keith is currently assessing the situation relating to the publication and distribution of Business Directory/Handbook and may divert resources to the Visitor Information Point Scheme. Investigation for future funding sources as part of Phase 2 of the Moray Towns Partnership is continuing.			
Account Management Programme	31 Mar 2010	Moray AO to agree 26 growth plans with businesses of growth potential and 10 growth plans for Social Enterprises by the end of March 2010. At the end of Quarter 1 five business growth plans agreed and three Social Enterprise plans agreed. Projects being assessed on research and development activity, building grant for expanded premises, Capex for plant and machinery and Management and Development training for senior and supervisory staff. At the end of period 2 five business growth plans agreed and five Social Enterprise plans agreed. Eleven business support projects approved at a combined value of £466k. Types of approval range from R&D grant. Building grant, Assistance to tourism group and graduate placement Projected to rise to 16 plans	40 %

		agreed by mid November 09 and to 26 by end of March 09 with GVA of £21m	
Moray Towns Partnership	31 Mar 2010	<p>Projects that have received LEADER funding have either been completed or are well under way. 'Tear off Town Maps' and leaflets promoting Lossiemouth and Forres have been completed and distributed. Also a Business Directory/Handbook has also been produced and distributed for both towns to improve marketing of local businesses.</p> <p>Keith is assessing the situation regards the production of a Business Directory/Handbook, resources may be diverted to the Visitor Information Point Scheme. Keith Information Wallets have been produced and distributed to Visitor Information points.</p> <p>The first bid to the Scottish Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund for match funding for a number of Partnership projects was submitted on time, however the bid was unsuccessful. A bid for the second round of funding has been submitted and currently awaiting outcome.</p> <p>Continuing to investigate future funding sources for Phase 2 of Moray Towns Partnership.</p> <p>Buckie Business Association was formed during quarter 2.</p>	39 %

National Outcome 1: We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe

Local Outcome 3: Moray will benefit from an improved and safer transportation infrastructure

There are 3 underlying Key Actions associated with this Local Outcome, which in turn have 26 underlying milestones in total, 12 of which were due to be completed by the end of quarter 2, September 2009. 12 have been either completed or are well advanced.

Key Action	Due Date	Latest Note	Overall Progress
Reduce the number of road accidents in Moray	31 Mar 2010	<p>The Road Safety Business Plan for 2009/10 has been developed and includes performance information and a programme of Road Safety education and training for the year.</p> <p>At 30 September 2009, the following comparisons related to road collision casualties could be made for period 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009 and the same period 2008.</p> <p>2008/9 – Adult KSI Casualties – 30, Child KSI Casualties – 1, Slight Casualties – 94 2009/10 –Adult KSI Casualties – 21, Child KSI Casualties – 0, Slight Casualties – 111 (KSI – killed or seriously injured)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>During the first 2 quarters of 2009/10, 44 Secondary 6 pupils have received "Driving Ambition" training and 16 young people have attended "Young Drivers" training days. 22 schools have been visited and over 1,000 persons educated on the "Belt up in Moray" initiative and 80 people attended "Hot Strike" events. A total of 30 drivers have been warned regarding antisocial driving with 3 vehicles having been seized.</p>	40 %
Elgin Traffic Management Plan	31 Mar 2010	Tenders for the Term Consultant commission issued and contract awarded. Reiket Lane bridge opened to traffic on the 24 July 2009. Work on the design and ground investigations for the Edgar Road extension in progress and on programme. Information of the current traffic model supplied to the Consultant for validation prior to being updated.	44 %
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. No additional work will be carried out on the A95.	55 %

National Outcome 2: We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people

Local Outcome 5: People in Moray will have access to better paid employment

There are 3 underlying Key Actions associated with this Local Outcome, which in turn have 38 underlying milestones in total, 19 of which were due to be completed by the end of quarter 2, September 2009. 16 have been either completed or are well advanced and the remaining 3 underlying milestones are progressing out with expected timescales; In the development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre, uncertainties in relation to the project scope has delayed the appointment of a Project Manager and Design Team. Meetings have been arranged with one of three partners to discuss the expansion of the apprenticeship scheme within agencies.

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Rural Development Strategy	31 Mar 2010	The LEADER Local Action Group has been established with representation from a number of local and national agencies. A total of £440,000 LEADER funding has been distributed to 16 local projects in the first two quarters, exceeding original targets. There have been 50 initial enquiries from interested applicants, and 17 presentations on LEADER funding to various interested groups around Moray.	47 %
Development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre	31 Mar 2010	Business case has been developed and approved by the College Board of Management. HIE and NHS Grampian still to give full and final approval to their involvement in funding terms. It is expected that these decisions will take place before the end of 2009.	30 %
Expand the Apprentice Scheme to all Partners and to include graduates and manual workers	31 Mar 2010	12 new apprentices have been recruited to the Moray Council as part of the second apprentice recruitment intake. All apprentices started on the 7th September 2009, they have been placed throughout the Council within different services. Each of the apprentices now has a 'buddy', partnering up with an apprentice from the first intake of the scheme. The first batch of apprentices commenced the ECDL and are working towards their SVQ's. An SVQ external assessor has reported back with a very satisfactory assessment of the training procedures. Managers and apprentices have provided positive feedback on the scheme. Trainee opportunities have been developed with 2 appointments - Trainee Building Standards Officer and Trainee Monitoring Officer (Env. Protection). 3 new apprentices have been recruited through Mike Rollo. Work has begun with Jacqui Taylor (Fairer Scotland Manager) to promote new scheme aimed at more vulnerable young people, long term unemployed and Looked After Children. Funding applications completed. Work has begun with community partners to explore the expansion of the scheme, initial positive dialogue with Moray College (Mike Devenney) who will be in a position to join scheme. Meetings still to take place with other partners - NHS and HIE.	45 %