

## SOA 2008/09 unmet Actions carried forward for monitoring

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Buckie – acquisition of harbour-side land and the development of an iconic office	Lead: TMC, HIEM Contact: Sandy Ritchie, Ian Fraser, Martin Johnson	<p>HIEM have advised that this site is no longer preferred, and have refocused their attention towards another Buckie location. TMC are in the process of obtaining Council approval to dispose of the site – initially be canvassing public sector partners, but if no interest shown, then to private sector through advertisement.</p> <p>Details of a marina facility in No 3 basin have been prepared and costed. The Business plan identifies berthing charges higher than those for enhanced facilities at other NE ports, and puts viability into doubt. This is being investigated further prior to recommending further actions to Council.</p>	<p>Land to be acquired by HIEM from TMC.</p> <p>Detailed planning and costing to be undertaken.</p> <p>Planning permission sought and granted. Need for TMC and HIE to collaborate in finding appropriate solution but TMC to take initial actions.</p>

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Make available land at Chanonry Industrial Estate for business units in anticipation of necessary relocations to make way for the Elgin Flood Scheme.	Lead: TMC Contact: Donald Lunan	Work is complete on the upfill (subject to some minor repair work caused by recent flood damage). Foundations for the relocated units are being laid.	Upfilling of Chanonry Industrial Estate.

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Elgin - Development of University Campus	Lead: UHI Contact: Mike Devenney	Business case completed and sent to the Scottish Funding Council. SFC rejected the case as College not deemed to be a priority in a context of limited capital funding.  Phase 1 still `live` as this does not rely on SFC funding/support. Update on this is provided below.	Master plan to be developed, business case made. The proposed Moray Lifesciences Centre (see below) now forms phase 1 part of the campus master plan.
Elgin – Development of Lifescience Centre	Lead: UHI Contact: Mike Devenney	Business case completed and approved by Moray College Board of Management in June 2009. Board of NHS Grampian met to consider this in September 2009 and, although members happy with plans, a final decision is still to be taken. Board of HIE will also consider this in due course and have co-commissioned a piece of consultancy which will elaborate the research and commercialisation potential that has been claimed for the Centre. A final decision on all of this is expected by the end of December 2009.	Vision and Master Plan to be developed, leading to an action plan. Business case nearing completion and will be considered by various agencies by end of May 2009.