

REPORT TO: WEALTHIER & FAIRER STRATEGIC GROUP – 3 DECEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009/10 – QUARTER 1 & 2 MONITORING STATEMENTS

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for the report is to:-

(a) Provide the Group with an update against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Milestones relating to the Wealthier & Fairer theme; and

(b) Advise the Group on the progress made against the 2008/09 unmet Actions relating to the Wealthier & Fairer theme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Group is requested to scrutinise and note the update of performance regarding the milestones, due to be completed by September 2009, relating to the Wealthier and Fairer theme that are laid down in the Single Outcome Agreement 2009/10

2.2 The Group is requested to scrutinise the progress being made against the 2008/09 unmet actions which were agreed to continue to be reported until action is completed.

2.3 The Group is asked to consider and comment on the statistical information reported in its support of the qualitative milestone updates and its overall value and use to the Group.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Progress has been updated against those actions that were due to be completed by the end of Quarter 2, September 2009.

- 3.2 The monitoring reports are an important aspect to demonstrate to Government that the community planning partnerships have contributed to the delivery against the local and national outcomes. It is challenging to ensure the right balance is achieved in furnishing the Group with the information needed for them to ensure that local outcomes are delivered against keeping the analysis relevant and the report to a reasonable volume.
- 3.3 Overall, throughout the five Theme Groups, there are 486 milestones in total. However milestone updates are currently requested against only those that are due for completion in the reporting quarter. It is appreciated that this report does not inform the Group of progress made or more importantly slippage against milestones due in future quarters. Following comments received as part of the consultation process, update requests in future quarters will provide lead officers with the opportunity to comment on good progress but more essentially identify slippage on milestones due in future quarters, allowing the Group to agree corrective actions.
- 3.4 Covalent is the performance management software used by the Moray Council. The software is used to produce a performance report for this Group. Progress made against SOA key actions are reported on a percentage progress basis, although progress will continue to be monitored in the remaining quarters.

4. SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE - PROGRESS AGAINST WEALTHIER & FAIRER SOA KEY ACTIONS (2009/10)

- 4.1 The Wealthier and Fairer Strategic Group are responsible for four Local Outcomes; three under National Outcome 1, 'We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe' and one under National Outcome 2, 'We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people'. The four Local Outcomes have 10 underlying Key Actions, which have 110 Milestones in total, 52 of which are due to be completed by quarter 2, September 2009.

4.2 The following table provides a summary of performance against the fifty-two milestones which were due to be completed by September 2009.

Key Action	Number of milestones DUE for completion by Qtr 4, Mar 2010	Number of milestones DUE for completion by Qtr 2, Sept 2009	Progress 0 - 25%	Progress 26 - 50%	Progress 51 – 75%	Progress 76 – 100%
Business Gateway	12	5				5
Business parks and industrial units	12	6	2	1		3
Account Management Programme	5	2				2
Moray Towns Partnership	17	8	1	1		6
Reduce the number of road accidents in Moray	10	4				4
Elgin Traffic Management Plan	9	4				4
Evidence base to support investment in the A96 and A95	7	4				4
Rural Development Strategy	17	8				8
Moray Life Sciences Centre	5	3	1	1		1
Apprentice Scheme	16	8		1		7
Total	110	52	4 (8%)	4 (8%)	0	44 (84%)

4.3 The table above provides the rate of progress being made in meeting the milestones due for completion by September 2009. 44 of 52 (84%) milestones are either complete or showing good progress. Comments on the 8 other milestones, falling somewhat short of completion, are provided below. Progress against these milestones will continue to be monitored in the remaining reporting quarters. Updates against all milestones are included in **Appendix 1**.

4.4 Exceptions -

4.4.1 Business parks and industrial units – Buckie Business Park; report on the continued discussions on purchasing land for development with conditional missives – Q1 (25%)
Discussions on purchasing land have been delayed pending the outcome of associated planning decisions.

- 4.4.2 Business parks and industrial units – Elgin West Business Park; report on the continued discussions on purchasing land for development with conditional missives – Q1 (25%)
Elgin West site investigations are due for completion by end of October 2009 although access to the site has been delayed.
- 4.4.3 Business parks and industrial units – conclude conditional missives in purchasing of land for development – Q2 (50%)
Unable to conclude missives pending the outcome of associated planning applications. The planning application relating to Tesco was approved on 29 September therefore HIE can now progress discussions with landowner and other interested parties.
- 4.4.4 Moray Towns Partnership – Publication and distribution of Business Directory/ Handbook aimed at improving marketing of local businesses in Keith – Q2 (0%).
Keith is currently assessing the situation and may divert resources to the Visitor Information Point Scheme.
- 4.4.5 Moray Towns Partnership – Investigate future funding sources for Phase 2 of Moray Towns Partnership – Q2 (50%)
Investigations for future funding sources as part of Phase 2 of Moray Towns Partnership have begun and will continue.
- 4.4.6 Development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre – Appointment of Project Manager and Design Team – Q2 (50%)
Moray College has assumed this role until now. However this should be undertaken by a project specialist. The positions of Project Manager and Design Team members have been advertised and tenders have been received although delays have occurred in the appointment occasioned by uncertainties in relation to the project scope (i.e. a full campus redevelopment or against the Moray Life Sciences Centre only).
- 4.4.7 Development of a Moray Life Sciences Centre – Design Development RIBA Stage D – Q2 (0%)
Slippage has occurred as a result in the delay in appointing a Project Manager and Design Team.
- 4.4.8 Expand the Apprentice Scheme to all Partners and to include graduates and manual workers – Organise meeting with community partners to discuss opportunities for partners to introduce apprenticeship scheme within their agency – Q2 (33%)
Meeting was held with Moray College to explore the possibilities of working together prior to the next intake. The college are extremely positive that they will be in a position to join the scheme. Meetings with NHS, HIE, representatives are still to be arranged.

- 4.5 Percentage progress provided at the lowest level milestones due for completion by September 2009 contributes to the percentage progress against associated Key Actions as at September 2009 and thereafter percentage progress against Local Outcomes as at September 2009 and this is presented in the table below as a basic indicator. It should be noted that this is a simplistic calculation, it does not include progress against milestones due in future quarters and applies an equal weighting to every milestone in terms of importance.

Local Outcome	Associated Key Actions	Key Action % Complete	Local Outcome % Complete
Maintain the rate of business start ups	Business Gateway	40%	36%
	Business Parks and Industrial Units	36%	
Businesses in Moray will grow GVA	Account Management Programme	40%	39%
	Moray Towns Partnership	39%	
Moray will benefit from an improved and safer transportation infrastructure	Reduce Road Accidents	40%	46%
	Elgin Traffic Management Plan	44%	
	Evidence base to support investment in the A96 and A95	55%	
People in Moray will have access to better paid employment	Rural Development Strategy	47%	40%
	Moray Life Sciences Centre	30%	
	Apprentice Scheme	45%	

5. PROGRESS AGAINST WEALTHIER & FAIRER UNMET SOA KEY ACTIONS (2008/09) (Appendix 2)

- 5.1 Progress updates against the four unmet Wealthier & Fairer SOA Key Actions from 2008/09 are included within appendix 2.

6. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The report sets out a detailed analysis of performance delivered during the year against the actions identified under the Wealthier & Fairer Outcomes in the SOA (2009/10).

(b) Policy and Legal

There is a requirement on all Community Planning Partnerships to monitor performance and report annually to the Scottish Government on delivering against the national outcomes in the SOA.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

Resources for reporting against the SOA 2009-10 will be met by the Council. Resources for delivering against the actions identified within the key actions will be considered by the Community Planning Board.

(d) Consultations

The officers assigned to update key actions have provided the information for the monitoring report.

7. CONCLUSION

This report demonstrates that 84% of specific milestones due to be completed by September 2009, for which the Wealthier and Fairer Group are responsible for, are either complete or show good progress being made. In assessing risks, in terms of the exceptions reported, and their impact in the overall completion of Local Outcomes, the following inferences can be drawn; furtherance of investigations into future funding sources for Phase 2 of the Moray Towns Partnership will influence the achievement of the Local Outcome that 'businesses in Moray grow GVA'. Resolution of uncertainties in relation to the scope of the project to develop a Moray Life Science's Centre is essential in achieving the Local Outcome that 'people in Moray will have access to better paid employment'. The remaining exceptions pose no significant risk in the overall completion of Local Outcomes.

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