

## Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

**08 October 2010**

<b>Priority</b>	A Growing Economy
<b>Outcome</b>	Increase the productivity of, and improve conditions for farming and food sector (LAA25).
<b>Lead Contact:</b>	Heather Hillman
<b>RAG Status:</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>Review:</b>	Quarter 2 Programme Review 2010-11

### Recommendations

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### Summary Statement

#### The RDPE Project Support Officer

We are waiting to find out will happen with funding for RDPE post the CSR in October 2010. In the meantime the Project Development officer will continue to support projects as previously.

#### The Devon Farming & Food Board

This group are awaiting the outcome of the CSR and have produced an interim paper outlining their thoughts on the future:

“We feel that the most productive purpose for the group would be to act as a forum for informal networking and information exchange for farming & food related organisations in Devon . The aim of this is to foster practical collaboration on projects and initiatives between our various organisations.”... “There might be opportunities for the group to expand their role in the future following further clarification by national and local government on policy and delivery.”...” Given the lack of resources in the group it is not felt appropriate currently to develop a farmer discussion group or to waste time discussing matters over which we have no influence, even where they may be seen as critical for the sector.”

#### Key to Performance Status:

Project/Programme Status

**No Data**

**Milestone Missed**

**Red**

**Amber**

**Green**

**Completed**

### Projects

**Land Based Industries - LAGS in Devon / Joined up delivery across all axes, DR & SDF (DES73)** **Green**

Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
14/06/2010	Further 4 projects approved bringing the total to 24.	Exceeded. v 20 Applications approved - approx 1.6 million v 13 applications in appraisal v 5 applications discontinued v 1 application not approved
18/10/2010	Further 4 projects approved bringing the total to 24.	25 projects approved totalling approximately £2 million
31/03/2011	Project End	
31/03/2011		

**Soil mapping to identify vulnerability to runoff (LAA-GE25)**

**Completed**

Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
14/04/2010	4 workshops arranged to communicate map and mitigation advice to farmers in vulnerable areas	Missed. One presentation given as part of a South West Observatory seminar on land and food during December 2009 to agencies.
15/04/2010	Increased awareness of soil risk in Devon for agencies and policy makers, planners etc	Achieved. Soils vulnerability map promoted at SW Observatory seminar in December and is available on SW Observatory website
20/07/2010	4 workshops arranged to communicate map and mitigation advice to farmers in vulnerable areas	Workshops held between Natural England and Environment Agency on next steps - these were not in the end the actual workshops for farmers and landowners. See arising notes.
20/07/2010	Next steps agreed and documented with LAA25 team	The next steps are:  - to focus effort to help landowners tackle sources of pollution that cause waterbodies to fail to reach Good Ecological Status (including using soils vulnerability map). This forms part of work over next 5 years as part of implementing actions within the Water Framework Directive priority waterbodies across Devon. More information from the Environment Agency.

Soil mapping to identify vulnerability to runoff (LAA-GE25)		Completed
Date	Milestone/Outputs Expected	Achieved/Review
31/03/2011	Project End	- to link WFD work with Catchment Sensitive Farming activity (e.g. advice workshops for landowners) which is focused in Devon currently on the Rivers Axe & Otter in Devon. The Environment Agency is working with Natural England and Defra nationally to develop the next phase of CSF, with a strong focus on WFD priority areas and other "downstream" priority areas, such as bathing waters.

**Key to Performance Status:**

Performance Indicators: No Data Well Below Target Below Target On Target Above Target Well Above Target

**Key to change on same period in previous year:**

↑ Improved Performance ↓ Worse Performance ↔ Unchanged

**Key to +/- Column:**

+ Higher figures are better - Lower figures are better OFF Direction cannot be determined.

**Performance Indicators**

Code	Title	+/-	Instance	Annual Target	Status	Improvement	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
LAA25	Increase productivity of land based sector & improve conditions for farming & food sector	+	FY 2008-09	£16.50	Data not due	n/a	n/a	(2008 - 2009) Data for 2008 will not be available the end of 2010 (LG)
		+	FY 2009-10	£16.92	Data not due	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Data not due until mid 2011 (LG)
		+	FY 2010-11	£17.14	Data not due	n/a	n/a	(2010 - 2011) Data not due until mid 2012 (LG)

**Key to Performance Status:**

Risks: Review overdue (0+) Very high (20+) High (12+) Medium (8+) Low (1+)

**Risks**

Code	Title	Review Date	Risk Impact	Risk Likelihood	Status	Notes
LAA 25 Risk3	High soil erosion could have serious impacts on flooding and agricultural productivity	15/04/2010	3 - Moderate	4 - Probable	High (12)	Establish direct involvement in LAA25 by the Environment Agency soils scientist/agricultural lead in SW. (Paul Sadler to action).
LAA25 Risk1	RDPE worker unsuccessful in securing project funding	14/06/2010	4 - Major	2 - Possible	Medium (8)	Retain the skilled development worker we have with a private sector background. Ensure that DCC supports the worker to secure continuation funding from RDA until 2013.
LAA25 Risk2	Emergency budget may lead to DEFRA match funding shortage	14/06/2010	5 - Catastrophic	4 - Probable	Very high (20)	