

Deadline for return – 18 August 2009 (Quarter 1 Performance Report)

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

LAA Priority: Develop an innovation strategy and delivery network across Devon to achieve an economic uplift and increased GVA (LAA19)

Lead Contact: Keri Denton

RAG Status: Green (delete as appropriate)

Delivery Board Recommendations *(Please list any decisions/actions required on the part of the Delivery Board)*

Delivery Board are asked to:

Summary Statement:

No more than 350 words summarising RAG status – performance overall against delivery plan, performance against National and Local indicators and detail of action taken to address underperformance (if relevant)

Green

Support for ICT, Renewable Energy and cross sector collaboration continues to underpin the work by DCC to encourage innovation within Devon’s SME businesses

Performance Indicators – National and Local

Code	Title	+/- (see 1 below)	Year	Annual Target	Status (see 2 below)	Improvement (see 3 below)	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
LAA 19	Local – DCC supporting and funding DCBC deliver EU Atlant-Kis project to establish knowledge information systems and exchange best practice							

Key to symbols (insert as appropriate):

1. + equals higher figures are better and – equals lower figures are better
2. **No Data/Well Below Target/Below Target/On Target/Above Target/Well Above Target**
3. Improved Performance ↑ Worse Performance ↓ Unchanged ↔

Key Milestones (Last Quarter – Quarter 1 09/10, ends 30 June 09)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected	Achieved/missed
1.	Alignment of innovation support to SMEs with Business Support Simplification Agenda	30/6/09	A joined up approach and effective service to SMEs coupled with clear communications.	Liaison with partners completed. Meeting to establish BSSP in Devon planned for Autumn.
2.	Set up and run one cross sector collaborative network, as part of an annual series of three such events and develop options for increasing business collaboration	30/6/09	Joint working opportunities identified.	RE and Marine Sector event completed
3.	Develop technology growth plans as part of the Renewable Energy for Devon project	30/6/09	Take forward some of the actions from existing TGPs developed under the project and identify new areas for exploration in association with RE businesses and partners.	Wood fuel co-op on going with success. Ward foresters project being developed in partnership with Forestry Commission. Wind feasibility work ongoing.
4.	Take forward supply chain development opportunities between the marine and renewable sector	30/6/09	Meet with interested businesses.	Completed

Key Milestones (This Quarter – Quarter 2 09/10, ends 30 September 09)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	Investigate the concepts of ICT hubs and the ability of these to stimulate peer advice and support and generate new knowledge-based businesses	30/9/09	Commission this project during this quarter
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3.	Draft Devon Innovation Strategy and Action Plan	31/10/09	Draft Strategy and Action Plan completed. Work this quarter to kick off and scope.
4.	Consider the options to develop the Exeter Innovation Business Support model into a rural context	30/11/09	Scope the benefits of the current service during this quarter and aim to roll out the concept if proven to work in a rural context by the close of the year.

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Key Risks (*Please refer to scoring guidelines below)

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
Securing funding to implement strategy / action plan	Significant	Medium	20	Thinking creatively on accessing sources of funding
Not able to gain support and consensus from partners to achieve a Devon-wide approach to innovation – or a slowing down of this in light of LGR	Significant	Medium	20	Make a good case as to why this strategy and joined up approach required and communicate to key decision makers

Spatial Implications

District	Impact (insert √ or x or unknown)	Disaggregated Data (√ or x)	Examples of Local Delivery Outcomes
Exeter	√	x	
East Devon	√	x	
Mid Devon	√	x	
North Devon	√	x	
Torridge	√	x	
West Devon	√	x	
South Hams	√	x	
Teignbridge	√	x	

***Risks – Scoring Guidelines:**

Likelihood of risk:

- 1 – Very low
- 2 – Low
- 3 – Medium
- 4 – High
- 5 – Very high

Impact of risk:

- 1 – Insignificant
- 2 – Minor
- 3 – Moderate
- 4 – Serious
- 5 – Very serious

Total risk score (likelihood x impact)

1 – 6 Low
8 – 12 Medium
14 – 20 High
Over 20 Very high