

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

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

LAA Priority: Increase the productivity of the land based sector in Devon and improve conditions for farming and food sector businesses (LAA25)

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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:

Activity 1 – Briefing workshop was held for farm advisors in December 2008, to inform and raise awareness of the funds available through RDPE. A project development worker was employed in December 2008 and started in post February 2009. The project worker has produced a first year delivery plan and is currently working on a number of applications. 10 Applications have now been submitted to the RDA.

Activity 2 – The Environment Agency has produced the base map of soils vulnerability to runoff in Devon and are now working towards the development of map layers providing further information on soil management. Officers are currently identifying organisations to help feed in to this work and to establish suitable ways to get this information out to landowners. In kind support has continued through staff time.

Activity 3 – The Agri-Food Board has met 3 times and has finalised the Terms of Reference for its structure and development. A Chair was elected in July. As yet no finances have been required and other organisations have hosted meetings. The Devon Rural Network will be contributing finance to refresh the Farming Lobby Pack and a consultant has been commissioned to complete this work. The group have also responded to 2 Defra consultations in June 2009.

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 25	Agriculture and forestry – gross value added							

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.	Structure of Agri-food Board finalised	29.07.09	Terms of Reference agreed and signed of and Chair and Vice Chair officially in post	Achieved
2.	Identification of issues for lobbying role	29.09.09	Farming Lobbying Pack refreshed and 1 consultation response submitted to the appropriate agency	Consultation response achieved June 2009 Farming Lobby Pack Refresh ongoing to be completed October 2009

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

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	No of projects in Devon using PDS to secure RPDE funding	30.09.09	10 projects achieve funding
2.	Organise workshops for launch of soils map to stakeholders and farmers	30.09.09	4 workshops arranged to communicate map and mitigation advice to farmers in vulnerable areas
3.	Development of information 'layers' for target audiences	30.09.09	4 'layers' developed to highlight issues that may increase soil loss risk or impacts of soil loss
4.	Identification of issues for lobbying role	29.09.09	Farming Lobbying Pack refreshed and 1 consultation response submitted to the appropriate agency

Key Risks (*Please refer to scoring guidelines below)

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
1. RDPE development worker unsuccessful in securing funding for projects	High - Reduced funding income for Devon and loss of development capital for farmers	Low	8	Continue to work closely with farmers and brokerage services to ensure maximum viability of applications for funding
2. Soils map highlights several high risk areas for Devon and could be used to target landowners	High	Medium	12	Use of map for mitigation and advise to be reiterated and purpose of map to be clearly stated to partners and users

Spatial Implications

District	Impact (insert ✓ or x or unknown)	Disaggregated Data (✓ or x)	Examples of Local Delivery Outcomes
Exeter			

East Devon			
Mid Devon			
North Devon			
Torridge			
West Devon			
South Hams			
Teignbridge			

***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**