

Deadline for return – 15 October 2009 (Quarter 2 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: Amber

RED = fundamental blockage to progress with milestones and/or achievement of target
AMBER = positive movement but with risks to achievement of milestones and/or target (so cannot say with confidence that priority would be achieved)
GREEN = on track to achieve target and Milestones

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

Delivery Board are asked to: Note Progress

Summary Statement:

Whilst progress on the development of an innovation strategy and action plan has not taken place activity on developing the knowledge based economy has been happening in the following ways: Progress has been made on taking forward the Science Park and developing the Innovation Centre at Exeter University.

Business Support for innovation has been slowed whilst the RDA roll out the commissioning of the Solutions for Business programme, and the DEP and DCC have been influencing this process. Activity has been undertaken around supply chains and developing the county's growing reputation as a centre of excellence for renewable energy.

The Atlant-KIS project has now been kicked off and this project may provide the resource and catalyst to develop an Innovation Strategy, learning from experiences across Europe.

A new project linking Science Parks and Business Parks across Europe and exploring developing collaborative networks with colleagues in France is about to be launched under the leadership of the Devon and Cornwall Business Council

****Please update the data for quarter 2****

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 |
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| LAA 19 | Local – DCC supporting and funding DCBC deliver EU Atlant-Kis project to establish knowledge information systems and exchange best practice | | | | | | | |

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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 2 09/10, ends 30 September 09)

| | Description | Date | Outputs expected | Achieved/missed |
|----|--|----------|--|-----------------|
| 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 | Missed |
| 2. | Draft Devon Innovation Strategy and Action Plan | 31/10/09 | Draft Strategy and Action Plan completed. Work this quarter to kick off and scope. | Missed |
| 3. | 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. | On hold |
| 4. | | | | |
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Key Milestones (This Quarter – Quarter 3 09/10, ends 31 December 09)

| | Description | Date | Outputs expected |
|----|--|----------|---|
| 1. | ICT Hubs | 31/12 | See LAA 18 |
| 2. | Innovation Strategy and Action Plan | 31/3/10 | Strategy and action plan – need to revisit and identify if this is still needed |
| 3. | Supply Chain development – research into current supply chains and economic value | 31.12.09 | Start a joint research project with the University of Exeter |
| 4. | Wood Fuel Supply Chain development | 31/12/09 | Develop options to roll our Dartmoor pilot into South Devon |
| 5. | Develop collaborations between the marine and renewable sectors to exploit opportunities from the Atlantic Array | 31/12/09 | Develop a follow on event |
| 6. | Develop the Atlant-KIS Project | 31/12/09 | Appoint staff; define knowledge intensive services and develop case studies |
| 7. | Investigate the establishment of a scheme to support research and development support for micro businesses | 31/12/09 | Scope and scale of potential project defined |

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| | and SMEs in partnership with Exeter University | | |
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Key Risks (Please update the following with reference 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: | Impact of risk: | Total risk score (likelihood x impact) |
|--|---|---|
| 1 – Very low 2 – Low 3 – Medium 4 – High 5 – Very high | 1 – Insignificant 2 – Minor 3 – Moderate 4 – Serious 5 – Very serious | 1 – 6 Low 8 – 12 Medium 14 – 20 High Over 20 Very high |