

**Deadline for return – 21 January 2010 (Quarter 3 Performance Report)  
(30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009)**

**Local Area Agreement 2008-2011**

**LAA Priority:** Develop and harness skills to achieve a competitive economy (LAA17)

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**RAG Status:** Green

**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**

**Delivery Board are asked to:** note that the LPSA2 ‘reward grant’ monies have now been released enabling the works below to progress.

**Summary Statement:**

Work has focussed on allocating the £1.41m reward grant which we expect to receive and which was the basis for planning activities to support this LAA outcome. Subject to confirmation of the funding, projects are ready to roll under the six themes of:

1. Research;
2. Organisational support;
3. Backing young Devon;
4. Transforming Devon’s skills;
5. Growing productive skills;
6. New Skills4Devon.

In addition, a number of capital schemes have been identified for support. Details of the Partnership’s activities are available on [www.devoneconomy.co.uk](http://www.devoneconomy.co.uk)

**What is the actual to date please?**

**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
NI 164	Proportion of population qualified to at least level 3 or higher	+	2009	51.9%	Data not due	n/a	n/a	2009 and 2010 data will not be due until October 2010.

**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 3 09/10, ends 31 December 09)**

	Description	Date	Outputs expected	Achieved/missed
1.	PS4D meetings	July & Sept	Spending programme agreed	Agreed but subject to funding
2.	Skills centres programme	Sept	Work programme agreed	Drafted but subject to funding
3.	Future Jobs Fund application	August	157 jobs for young people with training support	Under way
4.	Research proposal	September	Research proposals geared to localities and priority sectors	Agreed in principle but subject to funding
5.	Business engagement	September	Programme for co-ordinated support package for employers	Under way through the 4 Local Employment and Skills Boards in Devon
1.	Funding proposals to be submitted by partners	13 Nov	£833k reward grant funding allocated	Agreed tentatively subject to the funds being made available
2.	Future Jobs Fund	31 Dec	Scheme operating and 15 young people in jobs	10 people in post

**Key Milestones (This Quarter – Quarter 4 09/10, ends 31 March 2010)**

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	Productive Skills for Devon meeting	12 Feb	Approval of capital schemes and research programme
2.	ESOL meeting	9 Feb	Agreement of current activities and priorities for future provision
3.	Employment and Skills Boards meeting, Devon and Cornwall	24 Feb	Agreement to collaborate on strategic issues and Section 4 powers to influence the Skills Funding Agency

**Key Risks (\*\*Please update the following with reference to scoring guidelines below\*\*)**

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
1. Shortage of staff to co-ordinate the programme	3	4	12	Requires discussion with partners
2. Fragmentation of services during transition from LSC to SFA/RDA	3	4	12	Seeking greater input from RDA
3. Impact of recession on uptake of training	4	4	16	Priorities under constant review in light of immediate needs for reskilling
4. Further delay in receipt of reward grant	5	?	?	Programme and partnership work would fall apart

**Spatial Implications**

District	Impact (insert ✓ or x or unknown)	Disaggregated Data (✓ or x)	Examples of Local Delivery Outcomes
Exeter	+		ESB & WFD groups, projects
East Devon			
Mid Devon			
North Devon	+		ESB & WFD groups, projects
Torridge	+		ditto
West Devon			
South Hams	+		ditto
Teignbridge	+		ditto

<b>*Risks – Scoring Guidelines:</b>		
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	<b>1 – 6 Low</b> <b>8 – 12 Medium</b> <b>14 – 20 High</b> <b>Over 20 Very high</b>