



Lowlands and Uplands Scotland ERDF and ESF Programmes 2007-2013 Programme Monitoring Committee

DRAFT TIMETABLE FOR 2009 APPROVAL ROUND ESF and ERDF REPORT BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To seek the Committee's approval for the proposed timetable for the third approval round under the Lowlands and Uplands Scotland Programmes ESF and ERDF Programmes.

2. Introduction

- 2.1** With the second approval round coming to a conclusion, planning and preparation needs to commence for the next and third approval round. This planning needs to go ahead even though there is an additional Programme Monitoring Committee meeting in May 2009 to consider some strategic, time critical projects which require to come forward outwith the next main round timetable.
- 2.2** Based on experience of managing the first and second rounds, a draft timetable has been produced and is attached as Annex 1.
- 2.3** Feedback from project sponsors and Advisory Group members has also informed the timetable, for example, with regard to the time period between the first and second stage applications and the time allocation given to scoring project applications. Also a further week has been allocated to the time between the Standing Advisory Groups concluding their appraisal and recommendations, and the preparation of the detailed Advisory Group reports and supporting documentation which is presented to the Committee for their consideration.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1** The Committee is invited to consider the draft timetable for the third approval round and agree its implementation.

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3rd APPLICATION ROUND TIMETABLE

Process	Target Date
Closing date for submission of First Stage Application forms	14 August 2009
Call for Second Stage Application Forms for successful First Stage Application projects	11 September 2009
Closing date for submission of Second Stage Applications	9 October 2009
Programme Monitoring Committee Meeting to consider progress and where appropriate provide supplementary guidance to Advisory Groups	28 October 2009
Technical and eligibility checks completed by IAB and applicants notified	6 November 2009
Submission of revised Second Stage Application Forms by applicants	20 November 2009
Applications to Advisory Groups for scoring	4 December 2009
Standing Advisory Group Meetings	1-12 February 2010
Programme Monitoring Committee Meeting to agree recommendations of Advisory Groups	24 March 2010
Ministerial announcement of approved projects	To be agreed