



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

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS (CPPs)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee on progress in the implementation of the Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) approved in the first round, and progress in the revision of the two CPP bids which did not meet the quality threshold in the first round.

2. Background

- 2.1** By written procedure, the Committee was advised on the revised allocations to the CPP bids in the first round of the programmes, particularly with regard to ESF Priority 1 Progressing Into Employment. In view of the increased availability of funds and the quality of the plans submitted by the eleven CPPs, Ministers decided to fund all of the ESF activity set out in the original CPP bids considered to be of an acceptable standard. This involved a commitment of up to £37.5m for ESF Priority 1 against a commitment of £13.5m under ERDF Priority 3 Urban Regeneration. The Committee will recall that the CPP bids involve integrated employability, regeneration and enterprise programmes. More fundamentally, the thrust of these programmes have targeted employability measures supported by the ESF with the ERDF component assuming a complementary role in the context of job brokerage and enterprise support.
- 2.2** As a consequence of the decision of Ministers to fund all of the ESF activity set out in the eleven CPP bids, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, wrote to each CPP lead authority setting out his expectation that this additional investment will result in each CPP proposal delivering outcomes and spend profiles in line with the original applications. Following from this communication from the Cabinet Secretary, additional clauses have been inserted in the offer of grant letters to the individual CPPs. Offer of grant letters are being issued to all CPPs following resolution of outstanding technical issues. These clauses refer to the requirement to meet the European Commission's annual expenditure targets (N+2) and in view of the significant level of resources being allocated to the CPPs the consequential need for the CPPs to spend as proposed within the two year timeframe. In addition and as highlighted in the Cabinet Secretary's letter, it will be important for the CPPs to involve the Third Sector in the delivery of the CPP proposals and for their involvement in discussions on co-ordination with their individual projects. Moreover, where CPPs are using an open and transparent public procurement route to achieve the outcomes envisaged, the CPP should ensure accessibility of this process to the Third Sector.
- 2.3** The Scottish Government is engaged currently in a series of follow-up discussions with individual CPPs on a range of compliance and audit issues. Where generic issues arise these will be disseminated across the relevant CPP population in order that everyone has access to consistent and up to date advice.

- 2.4** In view of the substantial level of European Structural Funds being committed to the CPPs they in common with the other strategic delivery bodies will require to provide financial and physical performance information on a quarterly basis to the IAB in order that the overall performance of the Programme Priorities can be assessed and reported to the Monitoring Committee. This is in addition to the claiming and reporting requirements that follow the introduction of the €UROSYS system. A standard reporting requirement and format has been designed which will apply to the CPPs, the Scottish Enterprise SDB and the South of Scotland Global Grants Body. In addition, and in recognition of the fact that these new strategic bodies will be establishing new internal management arrangements, the Scottish Government will organise a pre-claim systems audit to each body in order to ensure their robustness and ensure that best practice is identified and shared.
- 2.5** In addition, Ministers agreed that all thirteen eligible targeted areas under Priority 1 ESF and Priority 3 ERDF should benefit from European Structural Funding support. Accordingly, the two CPP areas of Clackmannanshire and Inverclyde which did not meet the quality threshold in the first round should re-submit revised and strengthened applications following detailed feedback and advice from the IAB and Scottish Government policy officials.

3. Revised Proposals from Clackmannanshire and Inverclyde

- 3.1** Revised proposals have been received and undergone initial technical checks and scoring. The special Standing Advisory Group for CPPs has been re-convened and met on Tuesday 14 October 2008 to consider the two CPP bids.
- 3.2** The two bids in keeping with the eleven other bids are focussed on targeted Employability measures with ERDF providing complementary job brokerage, ICT infrastructure and incubator accommodation for enterprises and social enterprises. The respective bids are provided below at Table 1.

Table 1.

CPP Area	ESF P1 (£)	ERDF P3 (£)
Clackmannanshire	2,210,223	140,378
Inverclyde	950,683	464,000

- 3.3** Expected outcomes against the Priority Indicators and targets are provided at Table 2 for ESF and Table 3 for ERDF.

Table 2.

ESF			
Type	Indicator	Project Target	
		Clacks.	Inverclyde
Output	No. of participants receiving support.	1300	1700
Output	No. of participants with multiple deprivations.	1100	1200
Output	No. of participants in the NEET group.	260	157
Output	No. of participants with disabilities or health difficulties.	520	387
Result	No. of participants entering employment.	390	490
Result	No. of participants entering education or training.	260	501
Result	No. of participants gaining a partial or full qualification.	52	54
Result	No. of participants in employment six months after leaving.	312	380

Table 3.

ERDF			
Type	Indicator	Project Target	
		Clacks.	Inverclyde
Output	No. of job brokerage initiatives supported.	1	1
Output	No. of ICT and e-learning facilities supported.	0	11
Output	No. of childcare and other community facilities supported.	3	2
Output	No. of transport hub projects supported.	0	0
Output	Area of business space created or modified (m2).	0	0
Output	No. of renewable energy projects supported.	0	0
Result	Increase in the number of individuals gaining employment through supported job brokerage schemes.	300	386
Result	Increase in the number of individuals gaining employment through supported ICT/e-learning facilities.	0	100
Result	Increase in the number of individuals gaining employment through supported childcare/community facilities.	0	96
Result	No. of enterprises supported.	155	1
Result	No. of social enterprises supported.	15	0
Result	No. of gross jobs created.	5	0

3.4 For comparison the expected outcomes against the Priority Indicators and targets are provided for the eleven approved CPPs as Annex 1 ESF and Annex 2 ERDF.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Committee is invited to:

4.1.1 Note progress in implementing the eleven approved CPPs and the state of play with regard to the two resubmitted CPP proposals.

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ESF PRIORITY 1

	No. of participants receiving support	No. of participants with multiple deprivations	No. of participants in the NEET group	No. of participants with disabilities or health difficulties	No. of participants entering employment	No. of participants entering education or training	No. of participants gaining a partial or full qualification	No. of participants in employment six months after leaving
Dundee	7600	7600	1280	2850	4180	1140	1900	3219
North Lanarkshire	5302	4223	2196	1130	1798	1750	3588	1221
West Lothian	670	570	270	200	225	200	400	200
Edinburgh	9609	9079	1388	3475	2047	4540	6244	1484
West Dunbartonshire	1900	1500	300	450	737	258	445	443
Renfrewshire	4562	2302	613	253	1658	1334	1121	1048
Fife	9794	5118	5988	1533	2232	2812	2470	1748
Glasgow	15000	12312	1000	3000	3000	1500	6900	1800
East Ayrshire	2950	2162	902	63	1106	805	1703	1033
North Ayrshire	3424	2635	858	1027	1316	1103	1138	926
South Lanarkshire	5339	5339	1016	4114	2070	1173	1647	1735
Total	66150	52840	15811	18095	20369	16615	27556	14857

ERDF PRIORITY 3

	Number of job brokerage initiatives supported	Number of ICT and e-learning facilities supported	Number of childcare and other community facilities supported	Number of transport hub projects supported	Area of business space created or modified (m2).	Number of renewable energy and resource/energy efficiency projects supported	Increase in the no. of individuals gaining employment through supported job brokerage schemes	Increase in the no. of individuals gaining employment through supported ICT/e-learning facilities	Increase in the no. of individuals gaining employment through supported childcare/ community facilities	No. of enterprises supported.	No. of social enterprises supported	No. of gross jobs created
Dundee	6	2	32		2310		995	1200	35		2	84
North Lanarkshire	1		6				900			6		
West Lothian	6	3	3				600	150	30	30	3	30
Edinburgh	14	34			22500	2	1200	391			9	76
West Dunbartonshire	1	3	3				630		400			
Renfrewshire	1	2	1				510	150	150			
Fife	2062	24	21		4600		400	414			106	525
Glasgow	1		10		2000		600		10	30	12	50
East Ayrshire	2	6	15		1700	1	252	200	75		138	21
North Ayrshire	3				4980		2754			35	20	10
South Lanarkshire	1	4	2	1	540	1	800	395	49			12
Total	2098	78	93	1	38630	4	9641	2900	749	101	290	808