



***Comhairle nan Eilean Siar***

***Quick Progress Report***

*Period: 09/10*



## Annual Quick Progress Report

**Directorate:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

**Business Unit:** External Strategy

**Strategic Objective:** 1 Growing Prosperity in a Growing Economy

**Objective:**

**National Outcome:** 1.2 (SOA 2) We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.

**Local Outcome:** 1.2.1 Inward investment that maximises the local economic benefit from the areas vast renewable energy potential both onshore and offshore.

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Progress Comments</i>	<i>Responsible Person</i>	<i>Comp Date</i>
1.2.1.1 Submit bid to European Union to run the Islands Fund	In Progress	90%	Bid submitted Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim	Head of External Strategy	31/12/2009

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1.2.1.2 Ensure the Outer Hebrides gains the maximum benefit from European funding streams	In Progress	50%	<p>5 ESF bids were submitted to Stage 1 all of which are progressing through stage 2 Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim</p> <p>The LEADER Innse Gall Local Action Group (LAG) were asked to submit their views on the existing Business Plan and if they would like to re-visit some areas and what they would like to see in the Action Plan. Each LAG members reply was noted in preparation for the next stage of developing the plan. Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Kathlene MacDonald</p> <p>At stage 1, 12 ERDF application's were submitted by August deadline, of which 7 were recommended to move to Stage 2 and 2 of which to be considered as part of the OHCPP bid. Bid leads are currently working on progressing the bids Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim</p> <p>There have not been any SRDP application submitted Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim</p> <p>1 Intereg application submitted Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim</p>	Head of External Strategy	31/03/2010

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			OHCPP Bid submitted encompassing projects that had been submitted to the ERDF/ESF process at Stage 1 Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim  5 EFF applications submitted Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim		
1.2.1.3 Ensure the Outer Hebrides gains the maximum benefit from its renewable energy potential	In Progress	50%		Head of External Strategy	31/03/2010

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**Strategic Objective:** 2 Strong Communities, Strong Roots, Strong Culture

**Objective:**

**National Outcome:** 2.1 (SOA 15) Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

**Local Outcome:** 2.1.2 Continuous improvement in the efficiency of our delivery and the quality of public services and customer satisfaction.

Actions	Status	% Complete	Progress Comments	Responsible Person	Comp Date
2.1.2.1 Develop and deliver a Communications Strategy	In Progress	50%	<p>With the appointment of the Gaelic communications officer press releases can be released in both English and Gaelic Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Evelyn Coull</p> <p>Communications steering group currently considering an electronic newsletter Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Nigel Scott</p> <p>In conjunction with IT the pages are updated as appropriate Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Nigel Scott</p> <p>Currently assessing appropriate systems and seeking budget to purchase system Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Nigel Scott</p>	Communications Officer	31/03/2010

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2.1.2.2 Facilitate opportunities for community engagement with the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)	In Progress	30%	Two OHCPP board meetings have taken place this year June 09 and Aug 09 which were open to the public, further opening meetings are planned for Oct 09, Dec 09, Feb 10 and Mar 10 Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim  Planning has begun for the four community engagement events. these will take place across the four islands of Barra, Uist, Harris and Lewis. Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim	Head of External Strategy	30/04/2010
2.1.2.3 Develop and deliver the Outer Hebrides Data Sharing Programme	In Progress	50%	Data Sharing Partnership steering group and Board meet regularly with 3 meetings since the beginning of the year Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim	Head of External Strategy	31/03/2011
2.1.2.4 Implementation of the action plan for delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement 2009 -2011	In Progress	50%		Head of External Strategy	30/06/2011

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2.1.2.5 Develop the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnerships' website	In Progress	25%	Decision made on how to run the Gaelic version of website alongside the English version. Both websites will be built at the same time but with Sgioba na Gaidhlig providing translation of content. Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Gayle Findlay  Work on the design and layout of the site has started. Content for the website has been written. Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Gayle Findlay  Web designer appointed in July 2009 to work alongside OHCPP brand designer. Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Gayle Findlay	Head of External Strategy	31/03/2010
2.1.2.6 Monitor and evaluate European Policy issues	In Progress	50%		Head of External Strategy	31/03/2010
2.1.2.7 Manage and monitor external complaints	In Progress	50%	Complaints that are received have been processed within the CnES guidelines Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Derek McKim	Head of External Strategy	31/03/2010
2.1.2.8 Ongoing review of training needs for relevant staff and members in media communications	Completed	100%	Committee Chairs and Directors were offered the training. 8 Chairs were offered training and 6 attended the sessions. 6 directors were offered the training, 6 attended Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Nigel Scott	Communications Officer	31/03/2010

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2.1.2.9 Provide media relations for the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	In Progress	50%	77 Press releases issued since April 09 Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Nigel Scott	Communications Officer	31/03/2010

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**National**                      **2.4 (SOA 7) We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.**

**Outcome:**

**Local**                              **2.4.9 Specific funding to tackle significant inequalities in the Outer Hebrides**

**Outcome:**

<i>Actions</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>% Complete</i>	<i>Progress Comments</i>	<i>Responsible Person</i>	<i>Comp Date</i>
2.4.9.1 Deliver Fairer Scotland Funding programme	In Progress	30%	Receiving final year end claims for projects. 14 out of 23 claims have been received and processed for 08/09 fund by the end of Sept 09 Last Updated - 30/09/2009 Laura F C Maciver	Head of External Strategy	30/09/2011