

**CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY ERDF CONVERGENCE PROGRAMME
SHADOW PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY BOARD**

Summary of Notes

7 January 2008

Present:	Colin Molton, Chair Richard Fish	South West RDA Cornwall County Council
Apologies:	Richard Bayly Shelia Healy Jane Henderson Philip Johnson	Government Office South West Cornwall County Council South West RDA Government Office South West
In attendance:	Sue Brownlow Jane Caro Carleen Kelemen Theo Leijser Phil McVey Diana Mompoloki David Pattison Mark Yeoman	South West RDA South West RDA Partnership Office South West RDA South West RDA South West RDA Cornwall County Council Partnership Office

Update on ERDF Convergence Operational Programme Adoption

- The ERDF Convergence Operational Programme was adopted in December and this triggered the tabling of the Statutory Instrument in Parliament. This process was expected to conclude during January.
- Next meeting of the Programme Monitoring Committee was to be 30th January at which the Programme would be officially launched.

Update on Commissioned Activity

- Discussions covered
 - how information about commissioned activity would be recorded
 - monitoring ERDF Convergence Programme spend

The following points were noted about individual investments:

- Falmouth/Truro Rail Link – likely to be put to the Endorsement Sub Group in February 08
- The risk with the Local Government Review highlighted against the Bodmin Strategic Investment Framework refers to the need to retain the capacity necessary to deliver this activity.
- The Clay Country had submitted an expression of interest to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development programme which, if successful, would lead to a Local Action Group being formed.
- It was agreed that the commissioning team would provide quarterly reports to the Partnership Delivery Board on pre-commissioning activity.

- Cornwall University of the Arts – It was intended to present the business plan to the South West Regional Development Agency Board on the 21st January and to the Programme Monitoring Committee on the 30th January.

Commissioning Instruction Forms

- Newquay Strategic Investment Framework (SIF) – Further development required. Brief was to be prepared for submission to the Project Endorsement Sub Group.
- Penwith College – Two models were proposed for delivering the Wider Participation agenda: expanding existing infrastructure in Penwith and using a series of learning centres in North Cornwall. Business plans for Penwith and North Cornwall were commissioned. Funding was not approved for the requested development activity for North Cornwall on the grounds that the CUC central team and other partners should be asked to prioritise the use of staff time to this activity
- Combined Universities in Cornwall Executive Team – further investment to support the CUC Executive Team was discussed.
- Dental School – it was explained that the dental school proposal was for a four floor building attached to the Knowledge Spa. This investment was commissioned and further work was to be done to develop the proposal.

Business Support Simplification

- Dialogue with the Dept for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) was ongoing regarding how ERDF Convergence investment in business support could complement the national Business Support Simplification Programme.
- Pre-commissioning work was underway and would help inform discussions with BERR.

Communications

- The Partnership Office would shortly be going out to tender for work on the website which would cover both ESF and ERDF to help ensure the two funds are joined up.

‘Shadow’ Programme Monitoring Committee – feedback and future agenda

- The South West RDA had been invited to Brussels by the European Commission to discuss the processes that will be adopted for the Programme.