

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Convergence Programme Shadow Partnership Delivery Board

**Summary of Minutes of the Convergence Shadow Partnership Delivery Board
meeting 2pm – 5.45pm on Wednesday 1 August 2007
Lanhydrock Golf Club, Cornwall**

Present:	Richard Bayly Richard Fish Sheila Healy Jane Henderson Colin Molton	Government Office for the South West Cornwall County Council Cornwall County Council South West Regional Development Agency South West Regional Development Agency
In Attendance:	Carleen Kelemen Mark Yeoman Diana Mompoloki Sue Brownlow Michelle James	The Partnership Office The Partnership Office South West Regional Development Agency South West Regional Development Agency Government Office for the South West

Operating Programme Negotiations

- The European Commission had requested more definition around major projects; priority sectors; and the exact role of strand 3 in Priority 4.
- The Group agreed to move some activity from Priority 4 to Priority 2. It also agreed to name possible major projects in the Operational Programme, but not in detail as content was still being developed.
- The Regulation on revenue generating projects had changed, affecting the Programme's ability to include private sector contributions in the financial tables, leading to a higher overall intervention rate for the Programme. The RDA was seeking clarity on this point.

Draft Business Plan Guidance

- Business Plan Guidance was being developed and would be available for investment commissioning for the opening of the Programme.
- The expected sequence of events for an investment would be: i) completion of proforma to obtain PDB endorsement to commission activity; ii) develop business plan; iii) proposal appraised by separate RDA appraisal team.

Draft Strategic Investment Framework Guidance

- A very early draft of Strategic Investment Framework Guidance was presented. It was noted SIFs were not the same as Integrated Area Plans nor were they a means of including large amounts of non-Lisbon activity. This will be finalised for the opening of the Programme.

Commissioning

- It was agreed that the role of the PDB was not to make investment decisions, but to endorse projects to be taken forward for commissioning or pre-commissioning and the development of a full business plan.

- The Group endorsed the following projects to proceed to commissioning:
 - Pool Innovation Centre
 - Tremough Innovation Centre and Tremough Masterplanning
 - Wave Hub
 - Regional Business Resource Efficiency
 - Newquay Cornwall Airport
 - Regional Social Enterprise Gateway
 - Truro – Falmouth Rail Link
 - Isles of Scilly Link
 - Primare

Prioritisation of non-Lisbon activity

- The maximum amount of Convergence investment available to projects deemed to be non-Lisbon compliant was around £62m (20% of the Programme). Therefore, there would be some hard decisions regarding which projects should be supported.

Pre-commissioning Activity

- Digital Infrastructure: the project was cleared for pre-commissioning.
- CUC Pre-Commissioning Activity: an early indication of CUC ambitions was provided. Five strands were identified: Environment and Sustainability Institute; Creative Arts/Design Innovation Lab; Environment and Human Health Institute; Enterprise Support inc. Enterprise Institute; Improved access to higher education. The projects were endorsed for pre-commissioning.

Dates of Future Meetings

13 Sept 07 - 3pm PDB (Shadow PMC on 28 Sept 07)

5 Nov 07 - 3pm PDB (Shadow PMC on 11 Nov 07)