

MEASURE LEVEL REPORTS

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Progress in Implementation	<p>The objective of the Measure, to promote Enterprise through business support, continues to be successful. Progress in all the schemes (Business Start-Up, EMIS, Pre Start Incentive, Home Start, Accelerated Start, Third Party Start, Growth Start – Up and Promotions) has been satisfactory.</p> <p>The target for the number of high growth potential businesses created is expected to be exceeded by the end of the programme with over 300 already created from an initial target of 100. In addition the number of jobs created will exceed targets established at the Programme outset.</p> <p>Examples of some cases supported are as follows:</p> <p>OPT2VOTE Ltd</p> <p>The company is involved in multi-channel election software, systems and processes and delivered 3 electoral modernization pilots in local authority elections in 2003, two of which were the first in the world to allow voters to use an interactive digital television platform (Sky) in order to cast their official votes. In June 2004 the company completed one of the largest ever all-postal political elections undertaken in the UK. The company, situated in a NTSN ward of the Foyle area in Londonderry has increased its full time employment to 22.</p> <p>Fortress Diagnostics</p> <p>The Antrim Biotech company, initially funded under the Business Start-Up Programme, has won new business worth more than £100,000 by participating in the recent Media healthcare show in Düsseldorf. The company has a portfolio of more than 150 products including tests for pregnancy, serology, blood groups and clinical chemistry reagents used in hospitals, clinics and labs in almost 60 countries worldwide. It also specialises in products used to check the quality of other diagnostic tests and chemicals.</p>																																																														
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Progress in Implementation	<p>The objective of the Measure is to provide Competitiveness Excellence Support to further the development of the Northern Ireland economy. Progress to date has been satisfactory in all the schemes (Growth Major, Growth Minor, and Growth Incentive).</p> <p>The number of SME companies supported by Invest NI will exceed the target and as a result the number of gross jobs created will also be greater than anticipated.</p> <p>The following examples show the success the companies have had with the expertise and guidance provided by Invest NI's Company Development Programme which is funded by the EU Building Sustainable Prosperity Programme</p> <p>Core Systems has developed an innovative "Biometric Engine" that enables companies to upgrade security using the latest biometric technologies such as fingerprints and hand geometry. The company has attracted interest from organisations outside NI including America.</p> <p>Kestrel dried fruit and nut packaging company has secured a recent significant £2m export contract. This success has helped increase their workforce by creating 7 new jobs.</p>																																																						
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Progress in Implementation	<p>The objective of the Measure is to develop the Small Business Support Network within Northern Ireland and this continues to be successful. The support provided through Scheme Development, Business Counsellors, Third Party Support and Promotions continues to be satisfactory.</p> <p>This campaign sought to encourage individuals to consider establishing a business and in doing so sought to address Northern Ireland low business start up rate.</p> <p>Whilst there have been no major highlights during the past 12 months, the Measure continues to progress in line with the objective and targets established.</p>																																																														
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		<p>Compete Programme</p> <p>The programme has however recently been reviewed in order to identify improvements in the delivery processes. As a result a proactive approach is being developed to promote the programme to those companies would benefit from it.</p> <p>Compete Programme</p> <p>A number of press releases were made with highlighted successful Compete supported projects. These have already been reported in the BSP publicity review reported on earlier this month.</p> <p>Recent Press Releases issued – one in relation to New World Developments (notified as being planned in the last return), one for James Leckey Design Limited and one in relation to ICS Computing Limited.</p> <p>KTP</p> <p>Case study booklet published featuring 15 NI case studies</p>																																																														
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Output	Graduate placements	150					143 ¹
Result	Projects involving graduates	130					133 ¹
Result	Graduates successfully completing placement	80%					95%
Impact	Graduates retained by host firm	60%					55%

¹ The number of graduate placements reported is significantly lower than what was previously reported because a substantial number of projects were abandoned prior to graduate placement. These have now been discounted. The percentage of graduates retained by host firm is taken from the national average.

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Measure 3A	Tourism – Strategic Marketing																																														
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Progress in Implementation	<p>7 key marketing initiatives were successfully undertaken this year to promote Northern Ireland as a credible tourist destination and in line with NITB's Strategic Framework for Action Programme.</p> <p>A new ROI Gateway Campaign initiative was introduced and was a destination marketing campaign designed to encourage visits to Northern Ireland. Another initiative was the launch of the spring and autumn short breaks campaign aimed at encouraging Northern Ireland residents to take short holidays at home.</p> <p>Other initiatives undertaken during the year included the "Meet the Buyer Tourism Workshop". This major event brought international buyers such as tour operators etc to Northern Ireland to meet local tourism suppliers such as accommodation and activity providers to develop packages to encourage additional group visits to Northern Ireland and to promote the NI product.</p> <p>Advantage was taken of the Irish premiere of "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" based on the famous novel by C S Lewis. A special C S Lewis publication was launched highlighting a newly formed C S Lewis trail for visitors in Belfast.</p> <p>The marketing initiatives that the measure has funded have significantly increased visitor numbers to Northern Ireland. During 2005 visitor numbers exceeded 2 million for the first time since statistics have been kept. In addition on several occasions during the year accommodation providers have reported record occupancy levels.</p>																																														
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Measure 3B	Tourism – Enhancing the Business of Tourism
Department	Enterprise Trade and Investment
Progress in Implementation	<p>The objective of the Measure continues to be the enhancement of tourism through the growth and development of the Northern Ireland tourism product and infrastructure as well as increasing international competitiveness.</p> <p>In April 2002 the Capital Investment Programme for accommodation development moved from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) to the Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI). Invest NI has responsibility for allocation of resources accommodation infrastructure projects through the Tourism Development Scheme. The NITB retains responsibility for investment in visitor attractions, visitor amenities and visitor servicing. This is a structural change in the delivery mechanism for the programme, but it does not affect the Measure priorities. Tourism support policy is aligned to the NITB “Tourism in Northern Ireland – a strategic framework for action 2004 – 2007”.</p> <p>Applications for assistance for tourism accommodation are assessed against Invest NI’s priorities and criteria as outlined in its “Support for Tourism Businesses 2000-2007” document.</p> <p>52 tourism accommodation projects have been financially supported by the programme from 1 January 2000 to date.</p> <p>The following supported projects opened for trading in 2005: Dunsilly Hotel (Comfort Hotel Antrim) had it’s official opening on 11 May with the creation of 40 bedrooms; Killyhelvin Hotel opened the completed 26 bedroom extension in June; and</p> <p>Lusty Beg has just completed the construction of a bedroom block consisting of 20 ensuite bedrooms</p> <p>Targets for job creation and projects assisted are expected to be exceeded by the end of the programme. The target for tourist accommodation projects assisted has exceeded the initial target and as a result 434 jobs have been created from an initial target of 350.</p> <p>The Armada in Ireland exhibition in the Tower Museum, Derry was granted financial assistance of up to £800,000 in 2005 and is now complete. The exhibition is of world class quality and is an important element of the wider Walled City of Derry Signature Project. Visitor numbers for 2005 are still being finalized but estimates indicate that the number of visitors to the Derry Walls, including the Tower Museum have increased by approximately 17,000 from 172,800 in 2004 to around 190,000 in 2005.</p> <p>Down Cathedral has completed its upgrade of visitor facilities to cater specifically for the increasing number of coach tours. Grant assistance of just over £77,500 was approved towards this project which was completed in November 2005. Visitor numbers for 2005 are awaited</p>

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	Output	Accommodation projects assisted	No target	7	28	44	51	52
	Result	New bedrooms	750	265	489	584	642	697
	Impact	Net jobs created	350					434
	Impact	Increase in room occupancy above regional average 2 years after opening	2%					Information not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Visitor attractions enhanced/re-themed	10	1	8	12	14	16
	Result	Increased visitor number to attractions by end of Programme (from 2000 baseline)	10%	Not reported	Out of 8 attractions visitor numbers increases have ranged from 2% to 59%	Visitor numbers to those attractions assisted have seen a significant increase	Visitor numbers for those attractions assisted for which figures are available show increases ranging from 7% to 39%	Information not available until the end of the Programme although qualitative information suggests that numbers have increased
	Impact	Visitor attractions still in existence by end of Programme	75%					Information not available until the end of the Programme

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Progress in Implementation	<p>There are 156 programmes across the 26 Councils which have been tailored to meet the needs of Each Council.</p> <p>Projects are currently proceeding at a satisfactory rate.</p> <p>Some projects have been shelved or have been abandoned due to delays in planning permission. In some cases funding from other bodies has been utilised.</p> <p>Meetings are held with Councils on a regular basis to discuss proposed projects to ensure they meet with BSP funding requirements.</p> <p>Phase III of Ballymena Business Centre launched in December 2005. BSP funding will provide an additional 5,756 sq ft of workspace consisting of 8 single units which will contribute to promoting Local Economic Development for Business to Business organisations.</p> <p>The New Motocross Grand Prix taken forward by Magherafelt District Council in September 2005 attracted over 8,000 visitors to the area.</p> <p>Dungannon District Council took forward an International Business Conference in September attracting a wide audience and resulting in business opportunities for local SMEs and potential for a cross border initiative.</p> <p>Carrickfergus Borough Council launched Phase III of 19,000 sq ft of lettable units publicising BSPs contribution towards the ICT infrastructure aspect of the project.</p>																																																																						
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Department	Regional Development							
Progress in Implementation	Transport has a committed spend of £30.961m with total spend as at 31 December 2005 of £23.768 and £23.362 drawn down. The committed spend has increased from our last update to include the transfer of funds from Measure 1.8a. Three projects are complete, Refurbishment of Falls Road Running Repair Depot (£1.736m), Short Strand Bus Depot (£0.855) and Falls Road Mechanical and Electrical System (£0.947m). The Translink Accounting System (£1.990m) went live in November and is almost complete. Two new projects have been added Lisburn Bus Station (£2.977m) and the new rolling stock (£22.456m) purchases to expend remaining funding.							
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	Output	Urban/Rural Public Transport Infrastructure Projects Introduction of passenger information/long line public address system and global positioning satellite system	* No target	No projects will be approved until mid-2002	3 applications were approved for grant during 2003; among them the passenger information system/long line public address system. It is anticipated that Letters of Offer will be issued during Q1 2003	Letters of Offer were issued in March 2003 on the following projects; 1. Passenger Information System/Long line Public Address System, 2. Refurbishment of Falls Road Running Repair Shop. 3. Replace of the Mechanical and Electrical System and the Roof at Short Strand Bus Depot. Two further applications have been received and it is anticipated that a Selection Panel will be held during the first half of 2004.	1. Passenger Information System/Long line Public Address System - Final tendering stage. Work expected to commence in 2005. 2. Refurbishment of Falls Road Running Repair Shop – Complete 3. Replacement of the Mechanical and Electrical System and the Roof at Short Strand Bus Depot – Stage 1 complete, stage 2 in progress	
	Result	Increased patronage on bus system in key transport corridors, reduced journey times and improved reliability	No target	Not reported	* As none of the projects approved have, as yet, been completed we have not been able to measure results	We are currently working with NISRA and Translink to set up systems to measure the impact of these projects	With the completion of 2 projects results should now be easier to measure	
	Result	Innovative schemes to complement high level strategies to interface with RTS and the introduction of the integrated ticketing system	15**	Not reported	8 applications received – not all will be approved for grant	Of the original 8 applications, three have been approved. Of the remaining 5 it is possible that 2 may be considered in 2004. Two further applications were received during 2003 and it is anticipated that they will be considered for grant during 2004	Of the original 8 applications, 5 have been approved.	
	Output	New rural bus station	1					Letter of Offer issued for 1 rural bus station.
Result	New passenger	1					Letter of	

	and staff facilities at 1 rural bus station						Offer issued for 1 rural bus station (Lisburn). It is hoped that the station will be completed during 2006
Output	Urban bus depot projects	3					Complete
Result	Compliance with H&S standards and upgrade of 3 urban bus depots	Compliance					Complete
Output	Introduction of customer information, replacement of management systems and 2 other transport related schemes						Project withdrawn
Result	Innovative schemes to compliment high level management strategies	4					The Accounting Scheme project is progressing well and is due to be completed in 2006.
Impact	Improvement in accessibility, social inclusion and more sustainable movement of people.	No Target					Compliance with DDA. The purchase of the new trains provides a more sustainable movement of people by facilitating the improved timetabling of services.
Impact	More efficient movement of people and improved urban transport systems	No Target					The purchase of the new trains provides a more sustainable movement of people by facilitating the improved timetabling of services.
Impact	Enhance and modernise the operation of integrated transport across NI	No Target					Complete
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Measure 7	Telecommunications
Department	Enterprise Trade and Investment
Progress in Implementation	<p>Progress has been satisfactory in achieving the key objectives under the measure.</p> <p>An Article 10 report highlighted a number of weaknesses. A full review of procedures and records was undertaken and corrected following on from the Article 10 check. DETI were also asked to include an additional audit for project work undertaken by DE in upgrading telecommunications infrastructure for primary and post primary education establishments. This was completed by 31 Dec 2005.</p> <p>Northern Ireland is the leading broadband region in Europe with 100% broadband access.</p> <p>From December 2005, every household, business, school and library in Northern Ireland is able to access broadband regardless of their location.</p> <p>Government invested almost £10 million in delivering broadband across Northern Ireland and this provision is key to ensuring that the infrastructure, necessary to compete successfully in the global market, is in place. All households and businesses can avail of a broadband service, should they choose so, at an equitable cost across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The population is able to access broadband via ADSL, cable, radio or satellite technology.</p> <p>Recent surveys undertaken by NISRA in October 2005 indicated that 52% of people in NI had access to the Internet from home, which is broadly similar to the UK average of 55%. The survey revealed that 56% of people who access the Internet at home do so by broadband which compares with a UK average of 52%. This translates to 29% of NI households with a broadband connection. A recent business survey conducted by Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce reported that 36% of businesses have a broadband connection.</p> <p>DETI is currently working with Invest Northern Ireland and BT on targeted local actions to stimulate demand in areas of relatively low take-up. These are currently being piloted in the Fermanagh area. In addition, Invest NI continue to target their broadband advisors with advice/support to client companies in areas where there was clear evidence that take-up is poor.</p> <p>The volume of anecdotal evidence of the economic impact of broadband is growing. Broadband is a critical enabler – it does not act on the economy in isolation but rather complements other information technologies which are key to increasing the productivity of firms and their competitiveness.</p>

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Output	Percentage of exchanges capable of providing enhanced telecommunications services	Increase from 10% baseline in 2000 to 100% by end December 2005	No spend to date	10%	22%	91%	100%
Result	The percentage of NI geographical area with access to advanced telecommunications	Increase from 11% baseline in 2000 to 100% by end December 2005	Not available	Not available	10%	68%	100%
Impact	New telecoms-intensive firms to be established	10					13
Impact	An increase in the use of enhances telecommunications, in particular basic broadband services,	Increase from 1% in 2000 rising to 12% of household, and 20% of business, take up by end 2005					29% NI households 36% businesses

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Progress in Implementation	<p>Progress to date is satisfactory.</p> <p>The North/West pipeline was completed in October 2004 by Bord Gais Eireann (BGE) and gas is now flowing and is supplying the power station at Coolkeeragh outside Londonderry.</p> <p>The first commercial customer, Michelin, Ballymena was connected to the pipeline in December 2005.</p> <p>The distribution networks to the towns along the route of the pipeline, ie Ballymena; Ballymoney; Coleraine; Limavady and Londonderry are currently being laid by Firmus Energy, a subsidiary of BGE.</p> <p>Due to difficulties in completing the planning process and obtaining Natura 2000 certificates, the Managing Authority withdrew the South/North element of the project.</p>																																						
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	Output	Number of schemes funded	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	
	Output	Number of organisations supported	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	
	Output	Number of projects assisted	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	7 ¹	7
	Result	Square metres of commercial/industrial community space enhanced	No target	Nil	Nil	Nil	This Indicator has been removed following the Mid-Term Review	
	Result	Private sector financial leverage	No target	Nil	Nil	Nil	This Indicator has been removed following the Mid-Term Review	
	Result	Increase in gross employment opportunities	No target	Nil	Nil	Nil	This Indicator has been removed following the Mid-Term Review	27.7% increase from 2000 to 2004
	Impact	Increase in Net employment	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Impact	Reduction in unemployment	No target					24.3% reduction from 2000 to 2004
	Output	Number of jobs/training enquiries/referrals	No target					Increase of 76% from 2000 to 2004
	Result	Reduction in number of long term unemployed, 16-17 year olds, disabled persons and single parents registering as unemployed	No target					27.6% reduction from 2000 to 2004
	Result	Increase numbers of people, particularly women, single parents, disabled, referred for employment/training	No target					8% increase from 2000 to 2004
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Progress in Implementation	<p>42 groups continue to be funded under this measure and satisfactory progress can be reported. Support Organisations have been established in each district council area with the exception of Cookstown where alternative funding is in place to support a community network support service.</p> <p>VCU is considering options for mainstreaming funding to a number of voluntary sector network support organisations post 2007, as identified in Positive Steps, Government's response to the report of the Task Force on Resourcing the Voluntary and Community Sector. A Community Investment Fund is due to be established in 2006/07 and it is likely that this will be aimed at supporting community development activity with an emphasis on building more cohesive and sustainable communities. It will include support for core costs of local community development programmes, particularly where this leads to improved services to local communities.</p> <p>A number of BSP 3.3 groups have already secured other sustainable funding, mainly from the DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Programme.</p> <p>Progress & Publicity Reports Progress and publicity reports are submitted quarterly and any delays and monitoring queries are followed up to ensure compliance with requirements. Group spend is closely monitored to reduce the possibility of any under spend at the end of the programme.</p> <p>Extending Projects A letter was issued to all BSP 3.3 funded groups on 9 February 2006 seeking proposals for an extension of funding up to the end of March 2007. Any bids for extended funding funding will be subject to evaluation and economic appraisal.</p> <p>Success Stories Newtownabbey Community Voice moved into a renovated community support facility, situated in the centre of the borough, at the end of 2005.</p> <p>Lisburn Community Network has published a comprehensive Lisburn Community and Voluntary Group Directory for 2006.</p> <p>Community Network Portadown has changed its name to Community Network Craigavon and has increased its membership to include the entire Craigavon Borough Council area.</p>																															
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Result	Consultations with statutory agencies	100						N/K
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Progress in Implementation	This Measure has been closed.							
Indicators	Output/Result	Indicator	Target	Position at end 2001	Position at end 2002	Position at end 2003	Position at end 2004	Position at end 2005
	Output	Projects assisted	140	49	57	70	95	*
	Result	Hectares of Afforestation	70 ha (90% broadleaf, 10% conifer)	47	54	60	62	*
	Result	Hectares of investment in forests	470 ha (65% broadleaf, 35% conifer)	238 (99% broadleaf)	278 Ha – 99% broadleaf	363 (74% broadleaf)	530 78% broadleaf	*
	Impact	Evidence of improvement in the economic, social and ecological value of assisted land	No target					*

PRIORITY 4	Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries							
Measure 4	Setting up Farm Relief and Farm Management Services							
Department	DARD							
Progress in Implementation	There has been poor uptake in this Measure with only 2 projects currently receiving grant aid. It is unlikely that the full Measure allocation will be utilised and reallocation of uncommitted funding to another Measure will be proposed in 2006.							
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	Output	New businesses created	13	Nil	Nil	0	0	1
	Output	% environmental programmes and projects supported	25%	Nil	Nil	0	0	
	Result	Jobs created Men; Women; and Young People under 25	30	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.5 ¹
	Result	Jobs safeguarded Men; Women; and Young People under 25	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0
	Result	Farm families engaging with the service: Men; Women; and Young People under 25	400	Nil	Nil	Nil	40	15 ²
	Impact	Farm families benefiting from farm relief services	200					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Impact	New business still in existence after 2 years	10					Not available until the end of the Programme
	¹ Farm families – Carnlough (Previous figure of 40 related to Sixtowns but as this project has not commenced this was an error in previous returns). ² 0.5 Carnlough P/T							

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Progress in Implementation	<p>Uptake of support under this Measure continues to be slow. To date 15 projects have received awards with 9 projects currently claiming grant. Four feasibility studies have been completed.</p> <p>Despite the Measure being publicised by DARD officials and through the distribution of leaflets at agricultural shows and an apparent increase in interest from relevant sectors, this has not translated into applications for funding. There are 2 project applications being processed at the moment.</p> <p>DARD officials will continue to publicise the Measure but current projections suggest that achieving the Measure's targets will be challenging.</p>																																														
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Result	Number of community-based groups active (in rural areas)	500	No spend or progress made during this period	500	500	500	500	
Result	Jobs (full-time equivalents) created in assisted projects:- Men; Young Women; and Young People under 25	50	Nil	10	3	28	58.5	
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Result	Number of groups receiving project planning and management support, bringing a project to a successful conclusion	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Result	2	
Impact	Evidence of improved skill among rural community groups to contribute to local rural development	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	
Impact	Evidence of sustained improvement in community infrastructure	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	
Impact	New businesses still in existence after 2 years	20					0	
Impact	Evidence of increased satisfaction with business related services available locally	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	

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Measure 8	Diversification of Agricultural Activities and Activities Close to Agriculture to provide Multiple Activities or Alternative Incomes																																																														
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13E Marketing Quality on Board Fishing Vessels	Output	Number of vessels participating in the scheme	128	Not available	0	5	8	41
	Result	Number of vessels awarded 'quality' mark	128	Not available	0	0	0	5
	Impact	Improved quality standards	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Evidence of Public and Industry awareness of the Scheme	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
13F Improvement of Facilities at NI Fishing Ports	Output	Number of infrastructure projects assisted	8	Not available	6	7	13	15
	Output	Number of market upgrades assisted	1	Not available	0	0	1	1
	Output	Number of projects assisted to improve ice quality	1	Not available	1	1	1	1
	Result	Number of facilities upgraded	10	Not available	7	8	11	11
	Impact	Continued economic use of harbour	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
13G Aquaculture	Output	Number of existing aquaculture businesses assisted	10	Not available	6	6	11	12
	Output	Number of new aquaculture businesses assisted	10					1
		Increase output to shellfish to:						
	Result	Bottom grown mussels	5,000	Not available	1,260	Not available		400
	Result	Rope grown mussels	400	Not available	84	Not available		84
	Result	Gigas Oyster	700			Not available		95
	Result	Native Oysters	100			Not available		0
	Result	Scallops	50			Not available		0
	Result	Other Shellfish	50		750	Not available		20000
	Result	Salmon	1,500			Not available		0
	Result	Other Fin Fish	100			Not available		460
		Gross increase in sales of Shellfish				Not available		Not available until end of Scheme
	Result	Gross increase in full-time and part-time employment	No target	Not available	26	Not available		29
13H Processing and Marketing of Freshwater and Marine Products	Output	Number of value added projects	10	Not available	10	1	16	16
	Result	Number of businesses achieving product enhancement	10	Not available	10	9	Not available	15
	Impact	Improved standards in quality, hygiene or production	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
13I Joint Marketing Initiative	Output	Number of joint marketing initiatives/promotional programmes funded	No target	Not available	2	0	2	5
	Result	Gross increase in sales	No target	Not available	0	0	0	46
	Impact	Gross increase in sales in new markets	No target	Not available	0	0	0	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Increase public awareness	No target	Not available	2	2	2	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Increased consumption of fish	No target					Not available

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13J Collective Operations by Members of the NI Fishing Industry	Output	Number of collective operations assisted	4	Not available	0	8	16	21
	Result	Increased use of IT	No target	Not available	0	1	1	0
	Result	Training initiatives funded	No target					2
	Result	Development of quality control and traceability systems	No target					3
	Result	Environmental/Health & Safety improvements	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Improved traceability for selected species	No target					Not available at present
	Impact	Increased production and sales	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Improved industry standards	No target					Not available until end of Scheme
4.13K	Output	Number of vessels participating in Scheme	28					44
	Result	Reduction in fishing will allow cod spawning stocks time to recover during their most vulnerable time	No target					Data not currently available
	Impact	Reduced cod landings during tie-up	No target					Data not currently available

PRIORITY 5	The Environment								
Measure 1	Sustainable Management of the Environment and Promotion of the Natural and Built Heritage								
Department	Environment and Regional Development								
Progress in Implementation	<p>DOE</p> <p>Progress within the Sustainable Environment element of the Priority 5 Measure has developed steadily throughout 2005. By the end of the year, a total of 15 project offers had been issued and accepted totalling some £5.87m or 96% of the Measures allocation. Full Commitment will be achieved by April 2006. Project expenditure had been a concern in previous years but this has increased to £1.08 million in 2005 which represents 18% of the Measure allocation. The coming year will see a further and significant acceleration of expenditure with some 85% of the allocation having been incurred by the end of the 2006.</p> <p>Of the projects supported, two are complete thirteen are ongoing covering a range of activities including environmental research, waste management / recycling, biodiversity conservation, contaminated land recovery, air quality, countryside access, built heritage conservation and environmental education.</p> <p>The most significant project to be approved during the 2005 year was a Waste Management Grant Scheme to District Councils. It is accepted that Waste Management has a key role to play in moving towards sustainable development. On an international scale, waste management in Northern Ireland ranks poorly due to its predominant reliance on landfill. The purpose of the approved project is to disburse waste management funding for the 2005/06 financial year to assist all 26 District Councils to meet the requirements of the NI Waste Management Strategy and to implement the Implementation Action Plans prepared in line with the Waste Management Plans adopted by Councils under the Strategy. The total cost of the project will be £10m and it is anticipated that some £3.5m will be contributed under BSP.</p> <p>DRD</p> <p>Sustainable Management of the Environment and Promotion of the Natural and Built Heritage. All five original Water Service projects are complete. Water Service has declared eligible spend of €48.577m up to 31 December 2005, out of a total allocation of €53.272m. This figure includes €6.989m Performance Reserve left to be drawn down and Water Service has identified another project to expend their funding, Carran Hill Water Treatment Works. To date there have been no difficulties experienced with regard to the implementation of the Measure.</p>								
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	Result	Average increase in Water Treatment capacity	30%	*30%	*30%	*30%	*30%	30%
	Impact	Water quality improvement	(Variable up to 100%)					Water quality complies with EC Directive standards
	Output	Sewage Treatment Schemes substantially completed	2	2 schemes @ 100% complete	2 schemes @ 100% complete	2 schemes @ 100% complete	2 schemes @ 100% complete	2
	Result	Average increase in sewage treatment capacity	275%	*275%	*275%	*275%	*275%	275%
	Impact	Effluent quality improvement	(Variable up to 100%)					Effluent quality complies with EC Directive standards
Sustainable Environment	Output	Environmental Quality Research Projects	1				1 scheme ongoing.	1
	Output	Waste Management project	5		2 ongoing.	2 ongoing.	2 complete. 2 ongoing.	4
	Result	Production of recycling, research and waste information	No target					Information not currently available
	Impact	Evidence of enhanced environmental awareness	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Biodiversity Conservation Projects	10				4 ongoing	5
	Result	Publication and appropriate dissemination of research conclusions	No target					Information not currently available
	Impact	The availability of at least 6 pieces of research information to environmentalists and scientists by the end of the Programme	6					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Built Heritage Conservation Projects	2				1 ongoing	1
	Result	Development of 2 databases – industrial heritage sites and stone masonry buildings	2					Information not currently available
	Impact	Enhanced information leading to improved management of the built heritage	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Access/Tourism projects	4				2 ongoing	3
	Impact	Improved and enhanced access to the natural heritage	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Air Quality Project for the 26 District Councils	1				1 ongoing	1
	Result	To facilitate the assessment of air quality	No target					Information not currently available
	Impact	Contribute towards the objectives of the Air Quality Strategy	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme

ANNEX II

BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DECLARED BY YEAR (EU + MATCH)

All figures in €m

Priority / Measure	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
1.1 Business Support	18.487	17.311	18.280	15.949	13.423	10.913	94.363
1.2 Research and Technology Development	10.245	8.690	6.902	26.676	12.892	9.838	75.243
1.3 Tourism	12.334	12.886	7.450	4.996	6.259	6.978	50.903
1.4 Local Economic Development	0.000	0.038	10.280	7.352	6.697	13.984	38.351
1.5 Information Society	0.933	2.383	2.523	2.875	1.381	0.000	10.095
1.6 Roads and Transport	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	26.406	38.088	91.524
1.7 Telecommunications	0.000	0.000	0.965	0.000	5.657	0.000	6.622
1.8 Energy	0.000	0.000	0.055	8.192	32.343	-18.336	22.254
Total P 1	41.999	41.308	46.455	93.070	105.058	61.465	389.355
2.1 Education and Skills Development	17.720	39.640	15.539	15.343	8.994	23.547	120.783
2.2 Tackling the flows into Long-term Unemployment	0.148	0.410	0.327	0.666	1.143	0.404	3.098
2.3 Promoting a Labour Market open to all	3.772	10.871	6.448	11.185	9.616	2.655	44.547
2.4 Improving Opportunities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.682	0.000	2.682
2.5 Education and Training ICT and Infrastructure	0.000	0.000	0.000	22.131	31.849	14.284	68.264
2.6 Developing Entrepreneurship	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.756	0.163	1.033
2.7 HRD Development in Companies	3.023	8.312	9.668	11.051	7.311	8.585	47.950
2.8 The Advancement of Women	0.000	0.000	1.533	2.718	1.932	0.986	7.169
Total P 2	24.663	59.233	33.515	63.208	64.283	50.624	295.526
3.1 Urban Revitalisation	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.700	0.000	44.700
3.2 Advice & Information	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.179	0.044	0.000	0.223
3.3 Community Sustainability	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.680	1.442	0.000	2.217
3.4 Investing in Early Learning	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.089	7.438	0.000	10.527
Total P 3	0.000	0.000	0.095	3.948	53.624	0.000	57.667
4.1 Agricultural Training	1.016	0.722	0.761	0.652	4.265	2.280	9.696
4.2 Improving Processing & Marketing	0.000	0.000	0.000	17.859	16.868	20.082	54.809
4.3 Forestry	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.155
4.4 Farm Relief and Farm Management Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.5 Marketing of Quality Agricultural Products	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.135	0.358	0.527	1.020
4.6 Basic Services for the Rural Economy	0.000	0.000	0.218	1.249	1.091	1.973	4.531
4.7 Renovation and development of villages	0.000	0.000	2.559	2.914	2.152	2.832	10.457
4.8 Diversification of agricultural activities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.319	0.674	0.993
4.9 Development and improvement of infrastructure	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.711	0.030	0.741
4.10 Encouragement for Tourism and Craft Activities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.128	0.613	0.784
4.11 Protection of the environment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.095	2.428	3.882	6.405
4.12 Financial Engineering	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.364	0.051	0.304	4.719
4.13 Fisheries	0.000	0.000	5.904	1.849	11.725	3.174	22.652
Total P 4	1.016	0.722	9.442	29.315	40.096	36.371	116.962
5.1 Management Protection and enhancement	4.117	14.138	14.708	10.223	5.254	1.744	50.184
6.1 Technical Assistance Measure	0.097	0.297	0.952	0.637	0.729	0.597	3.309
Overall Total	71.892	115.698	105.167	200.401	269.044	150.801	913.003

BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DECLARED BY YEAR (EU + MATCH)

BSP ERDF SPLIT MEASURE LEVEL DETAILS (in Meuro)

		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		Total	
	Business Support	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant
1.1a		7.550	5.662	8.582	6.436	7.608	5.706	6.421	4.816	3.110	2.333	0.875	0.656	34.146	25.609
1.1b		9.397	7.047	6.749	5.062	8.444	6.333	9.494	7.120	10.312	7.734	10.038	7.529	54.434	40.825
1.1c		1.541	1.155	1.980	1.485	2.228	1.671	0.033	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.782	4.336
Total		18.488	13.864	17.311	12.983	18.280	13.710	15.948	11.961	13.422	10.067	10.913	8.185	94.362	70.770
Tourism															
1.3a		6.834	5.117	6.914	5.176	3.097	2.319	4.198	3.143	5.207	3.898	5.094	3.815	31.344	23.468
1.3b		5.500	4.118	5.973	4.472	4.353	3.259	0.798	0.598	1.053	0.788	1.884	1.413	19.561	14.648
Total		12.334	9.235	12.887	9.648	7.450	5.578	4.996	3.741	6.260	4.686	6.978	5.228	50.905	38.116
Roads and Transport															
1.6a		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	19.412	16.774	12.046	13.661	10.245	57.465	41.703
1.6b		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	9.633	7.224	24.427	18.320	34.060	25.544
Total		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	19.412	26.407	19.270	38.088	28.565	91.525	67.247
Energy															
1.8a		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.997	5.985	32.278	24.149	-18.525	-13.894	21.750	16.240
1.8b		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.042	0.195	0.146	0.065	0.048	0.189	0.142	0.504	0.378
Total		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.042	8.192	6.131	32.343	24.197	-18.336	-13.752	22.254	16.618

NORTHERN IRELAND “BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY”

ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING – 2004

Brussels, 17 November 2005

Conclusions

Legislative framework

As required by Article 34(2) of Regulation 1260/1999 the annual meeting to review the main outcomes of 2004 was conducted, in Brussels, with the Managing Authority for the Northern Ireland Transitional Objective 1 programme on 17 November 2005.

The annotated agenda was transmitted by the Commission to the Northern Ireland Managing Authority on 10 November. The discussion was based on the annual report for 2004, together with other relevant information concerning the programmes, particularly the findings and recommendations of the mid-term evaluation.

The purpose of this note is to summarise the main conclusions of the meeting and to identify any comments that require further action. It was noted that the specific arrangements for the meeting, accepted by all parties, together with the need to set down comments arising, are requirements of Article 34(2) of Regulation 1260/1999.

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

1.1 Update on socio-economic and policy developments

The Commission invited the Northern Ireland Authorities to comment on the main socio-economic, policy and institutional developments which have taken place at a regional level and enquired how the Northern Ireland authorities interpreted their impact upon the delivery of SF programmes. The Northern Ireland authorities reported that the region has been enjoying steady economic growth and is currently experiencing high levels of employment despite suffering from weaknesses in productivity and inactivity. The Mid-term Evaluation

confirmed the need for a restructuring process in the Northern Ireland economy in order to encourage more private sector growth. The suspension of devolution and return to direct Westminster rule has affected the implementation of the programme, although the programme strategy still remains valid. The Northern Ireland national policy framework is largely in line with the objectives of the Lisbon Agenda and the 2004 Annual Implementation report gives a good overview of the socio-economic developments. The recent Northern Ireland budget placed increased emphasis upon skills, sustainable energy and children's services.

1.2 Consistency of the strategic priorities with the growth and jobs strategy

Growth rates in Northern Ireland in the 1990s have exceeded those of other UK regions. However, the growth has been achieved through employment growth rather than any growth in productivity. If convergence is to be achieved with the rest of the UK, higher growth through gains in productivity will be required.

The Northern Ireland Authorities recognised that future strategic objectives for the competitiveness programme need to be more Lisbon focused. It is important that the economic vision promotes high employment growth and productivity in order to ensure that the strategy is in line with the Lisbon objectives. Whilst patterns of work in Northern Ireland are changing, there are still problems around inactivity and reaching the hard to reach sectors of the population.

1.3 Coherence with UK National Action Plan for Employment and with the UK National Plan for Social Inclusion

The Northern Ireland authorities informed the Commission that the European Employment Strategy had become much less visible than the Social Inclusion Strategy. While targeting social need and outlining anti-poverty strategies remain regional priorities, the Authorities reminded

the Commission that essential skills and lifelong learning remain high on the regional agenda.

1.4 Follow-up of the Mid-Term Evaluation/Mid-Term Review process

The Managing Authority discussed the range of underperforming measures that were identified by the MTE. An extensive review of indicators at MTR had improved that aspect of the programme. The Commission queried the coverage of non-financial data on the database and the impact that may have had upon the relevance of the review of indicators. The Managing Authority are encouraging the other departments to upload the relevant information and confirmed that they expected an improvement to be seen in the Annual Implementation Report for 2005.

2. PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

2.1 Financial progress including N+2

The Commission enquired about the current N+2 state of play. Whilst FIG N+2 targets have been fully met for 2005, and ESF N+2 targets will be exceeded there is a significant expenditure gap under EAGGF and ERDF, where more progress is needed on spend.

The Northern Ireland authorities were confident that their ERDF N+2 targets would be met although there is still a gap of circa €21.4m between the de-commitment target and spend. The Managing Authority have kept close control on forecasting in order to coordinate a more effective management of the N+2 targets.

The Commission advised that admissible expenditure claims should be sent to the Commission postmarked 31 December at the latest to count towards N+2. The Northern Ireland authorities confirmed that the expenditure gap will be covered by declarations of expenditure to be sent to the Commission before the 31 December deadline.

2.2 Qualitative: Programme targets and legacy

The Commission praised the Managing Authority for the detailed quantification of results in the Annual report but urged the Northern Ireland authorities to report on any difficulties they may have had and how they would have remedied the problems. The Northern Ireland Authorities mentioned the major project application and issues concerning a delay in getting information to the Monitoring Committees.

The Commission enquired about the state of play of the EAGGF part of the programme and expressed concern regarding the lack of conclusions from the review of agricultural measures. The DARD representative explained that the review of priority 4 had been delayed by unpredicted failure to proceed of the biogas project and the fact that £3 million has to be subsumed into other rural development measures.

The results of the review of agricultural measures is expected in spring 2006 and is likely to be less ground-breaking than expected by the partnership. The commission encouraged early reviews of under-performing measures.

3. PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

3.1 Management structures and control systems, audit matters

Following the DG Regio audit in June the Northern Ireland authorities expressed a keen interest in responding to the conclusions of the final audit report when they receive it from the Commission. Substantial efforts have been made this year on increasing Article 10 checks in the programme. Figures show that for ERDF, EAGGF and FIFG, Article 10 checks covered stands at 7.11%, 4.66% and 4.25% respectively which is a substantial increase on the average 2% coverage indicated in the 2004 Article 13 Report. The Commission confirmed that some of the areas of focus when looking at Article 4 checks were a) that appropriate instructions had been issued, b) that guidance was implemented by the bodies concerned and c) that work undertaken was

adequately recorded. When questioned regarding the inconsistency of approach by auditors from different DGs (where DG EMPLOY had indicated that Article 4 guidelines were considered adequate), the Commission reminded the authority that audit checks are proportional to the projects and funds but agreed that there was some variation across the different funds.

The Managing Authority expect to send the Commission definitive figures for the state of play on the Article 10 checks.

The Managing Authority informed the Commission that whilst they have drafted a set of guidelines for Article 4 checks, previously different government bodies were using their own guidelines resulting varying interpretation and at times the insufficient recording of data. Article 4 checks had already been carried out on projects prior to guidelines issued by the DFP, and the departments are as a result examining results to ensure compliance with the guidelines .

DG Regio will send the audit report on the BSP programme to the UK by the end of the year.

3.2 Publicity

In general, the programme has been successful in advertising the achievements made with the help of the Structural Funds and in raising public awareness on the partnership between Northern Ireland and Europe.

The Northern Ireland authorities were content that the programme was still taking positive steps to make the programme more visible and informed the Commission that the recent publicity survey captured an 11% awareness figure for the programme but 70% for PEACE II.

The Managing Authority have agreed to continue monitoring and identifying any failure to comply with the regulation and to monitor publicity closely not only at the issuing stage but also post event.

4. PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Update of Mid-term Evaluation

The Northern Ireland Authorities confirmed that the Mid-term evaluation update would be submitted after the Monitoring Committee on the 1st December.

Generally the Commission and Managing Authority are happy with the work carried out internally by the Managing Authority to update the Mid-term evaluation, both with the process and with the content and hoped that the learning from this process would be useful for the next programming period. The update of the mid-term evaluation will be a useful tool in line with the Government's Economic vision which is currently being developed for the turn of the year. The managing Authority are confident that the 4 enterprise drivers in the Economic Vision are in line with the Community Strategic Guidelines and the Lisbon Agenda and see this as an opportunity to develop better integrated strategies here.

4.2 Preparation for Closure

The Northern Ireland authorities informed the Commission of their aims to request a partial closure of the ERDF part of the programme, as ERDF funding ends before the other funds.

4.3 Exit Strategy

The Managing Authority are envisaging two Competitiveness programmes in the next programming period. These programmes will feature two separate Monitoring Committees; partnership being a commitment that is written into the Belfast Agreement. The current Monitoring Committee for the programme will meet twice in 2006 and once in 2007 to sign off the annual report for 2006.

When questioned regarding the availability of Technical Assistance post 2007, the Managing Authorities informed the Commission that do

not envisage any virements from other priorities to technical assistance, and they will meet the TA costs themselves.

5. POST 2006

The Commission thanked the Managing Authority for the NSRF presentation on 3rd October.

The Northern Ireland Authorities cannot foresee any difficulties with the content of activities and priorities planned for post-2006 and believe that these will drive growth and convergence with the other UK regions.

The Northern Ireland Authorities hope to be in a position to start implementing projects from the 1st January 2007.

The Managing Authority has already started a consultation process internally on the draft NSRF and also externally with local stakeholders to discuss ways of maintaining the added-value element of structural funds in the region, while ensuring that the project retains linkages with national rural development and ensure that the environment is taken into consideration. The Northern Ireland Authorities are planning that their estimated allocation of 200 Million Euros (based on the Luxembourg negotiating box) would be divided 60:40 between ERDF and ESF.

The Commission reminded the Managing Authority that while priorities should be in-line with national guidelines, post-2006 priorities should be based on the Community Strategic Guidelines.

LIST OF INVITEES

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Jayne Woolford	DG REGIO
David Yormesor	DG REGIO
Fernando Criado Alonso	DG REGIO
Thierry Arnoux	DG REGIO
Catherine Feore	DG REGIO
Eoin O'Seaghdha	DG EMPLOY

Northern Irish Authorities:

Bill Pauley	DFP
Phillip McCartney	DFP
Colette Fitzgerald	DFP
Howard Keery	DETI
Gerry McWhinney	DARD
John Neill	DEL

AGREED MINUTES OF MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday 26 April 2005
Banbridge Enterprise Centre
Banbridge

Minutes

1. Attendance

A list of attendees is attached at Annex A. Apologies received from Linda Wilson (OFMDFM), Peter Sangster (IFI), Trevor Polley (LGSFG) and Jayne Woolford (European Commission).

2. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the fifteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee and in particular new representatives from the Business, Environment Sectors and NILGA.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of 17 November were accepted without amendment.

3.2 There were no matters arising

3.3 Notification of Any Other Business

The **Voluntary and Community representative** advised the Committee that NICVA had commissioned Deloitte to carry out a study into Social Partner contribution and impact in NI and Members would be asked to complete a questionnaire later in the meeting.

4. Progress Report on Implementation of the Programme

A **Managing Authority representative** updated the Committee with a brief overview covering the financial progress of the Programme, key issues from the individual priorities and working groups.

- *Financial Progress*

The Committee were advised that all 2004 N+2 targets had been met and that the programme is now 75% committed totaling over 1 billion euro.

- *Priority 1*

Members were informed that following a meeting on 11 November between the Managing Authority and European Commission. The Managing Authority proposes to submit a separate application for the North West pipeline immediately and a further application for the North South pipeline would be made following planning approval.

- *Priority 2*

Members were advised that following discussions between the Managing Authority, European Commission and Department for Employment and Learning it was agreed to fund DEL's Essential Skills initiative under Measure 2.4 Lifelong Learning.

- *Priority 3*

The Committee were advised that the issues regarding the implementation of Measure 3.1 had been resolved following discussions between the Managing Authority, Members of the Monitoring Committee and Department for Social Department.

- *Priority 4*

Members were informed that the Review of EAGGF Measures was ongoing and a number of recommendations were before the Committee today.

- *Priority 5*

Members were informed that DRD element of this priority was progressing well and that was a need for DOE to increase its spending.

- Technical Assistance

The Committee were advised that the following the proposed PEACE II extension, a further roll-out of the database is required and this will be co-funded from BSP Technical Assistance.

- *2005 N+2 Targets*

Members were informed that progress towards the N+2 Targets has been mixed. The FIFG target has already been met and that ESF target is achievable. The EAGGF target is challenging but DARD continue to explore all options.

The **Managing Authority** drew attention to the ERDF element of the programme which is split over several Departments. The projections supplied by these departments currently show a shortfall of £14million. Members were advised that the Managing Authority and the Implementing Departments will monitor this situation. It was **agreed** that the Managing

Authority would bring forward options, if required, to the Monitoring Committee in advance of the Autumn Monitoring Committee meeting.

- Working Groups

The Committee was advised on the latest work undertaken by the Working Groups including that a draft report has been produced on the work commissioned by the Working Group on Impact of EU Programmes on Section 75 groups.

- Environmental Sustainability

Members were advised that the Managing Authority has arranged further training on Environmental Sustainability for the departments involved in delivering the Programme.

The **Managing Authority Representative** invited Departmental representatives to update the Committee on progress on their individual priorities.

- *Priority 1 Economic Growth and Competitiveness*

The **DETI Advisor** updated the Committee on the progress of this priority. Members were advised that Measure 1-5 continued to perform well.

Measure 1.7 Telecommunications is experiencing difficulties due to the differences between the estimated costs of the broadband roll-out (£16 million) and the actual cost (£9 million). DETI are continuing to look at ways to cover this shortfall.

The **DRD Advisor** updated the Committee on the continuing good progress of Measure 1.6.

- *Information Society Working Group*

Following a request for the **DETI advisor** for nominations to the working group, the **Trade Union representative** informed the Committee that congress would be nominating a new member to the group.

The **DETI advisor** agreed to forward information regarding the Information Society Working Group to the new Business representative.

- *Priority 2 Employment*

The **DEL Advisor** updated the Committee on the progress of this priority.

Following queries on data provided by DEL in the oral report and comparisons between the figures contained in the written progress report to end March 2005 and the 2004 draft AIR, it was **agreed** that DEL would

provide a paper to the Committee outlining the current position of the Priority 2 Performance Indicators.

Following a query from the **Voluntary and Community representative**, the **DEL advisor** informed the Committee that the department is currently investigating ways to address the under representation of women in Measures 2.1 & 2.2 before the next call for applicants in September.

The **DE Advisor** updated the committee on progress of Measures 2.4 & 2.5

- *Priority 3 Urban and Social Revitalisation*

The **DE Advisor** informed the Committee that Measure 3.4 has now been completed.

The **DSD Advisor** updated the Committee on the Progress of the DSD measures within this priority. Members were advised that Measure 3.1 has now been completed and that measures 3.2 and 3.3 are progressing well.

- *Priority 5 Environment*

The **DRD Advisor** updated the Committee on the progress made on the DRD element of this priority. Members were advised that the department is currently allocating the Performance Reserve money.

The **DOE Advisor** updated the Committee on the progress made on the DOE element of this priority. Members were advised that the departments would be making proposals on the way forward to the Managing Authority in the near future.

Following a query from the **Trade Union representative**, the **Chair** assured the Committee that the Managing Authority had no desire to move money from the Sustainable Environment element of this priority.

Following a request from the **Agri-rural representative**, the **Managing Authority** proposed to include brief updates for Measures which had performed well or reference to any difficulties which Department may be experiencing in the progress report.

The Committee **noted** the progress made in the implementation of the Programme.

- *Priority 4 Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries*

The **DARD advisor** updated the Committee on the progress of this Priority. Members were advised that the Review of EAGGF Measures was due to be completed in the Autumn.

The Committee were advised that following discussions between DARD Fisheries Division and DG FISH, DARD wished to withdraw the proposed Measure Sheet circulated to the Monitoring Committee for Approval. The DARD representative agreed to ask Fisheries Division to contact the Agri-rural Representative to explain the details of the situation.

The Committee **agreed** to transfer €2 million EAGGF funding from Measure 4.5 to Measure 4.2 and also **agreed** to close Measure 4.3 Forestry.

Vince McKeivitt, DARD gave a presentation on the Rural Development Programme which is partly funded by the BSP Programme.

Following a query for the **Trade Union representative** on the number of rejected applications, a **DARD representative** explained the reasons for the withdrawn/rejected applications including inability to find Match Funding and misunderstanding of the purpose of the Programme.

5. Mid Term Evaluation Update

A **Managing Authority representative** updated the Committee on the progress of the Mid-term Evaluation Update. Members were informed that the Committee would meet on the 28 April. The group hoped to produce an interim report by 30 June and draft final report by September.

The Committee **noted** the approach and progress towards meeting the regulatory requirement by December 2005.

6. Role of Communication and Information Working Group (CIWG)

The **Chair of the Communication and Information Working Group** outlined the proposed way forward for the CIWG. The Committee were advised that the group had fulfilled its terms of reference and it had been proposed that the group undertake a monitoring and evaluation role.

Following a discussion it was **agreed** that the Managing Authority would produce a publicity report for the next meeting of the Committee and the issue of the monitoring role could be revisited later, if required.

7. Draft Annual Implementation Report (AIR)

The **Chair** outlined the proposed way forward regarding the Annual Implementation Report.

During the discussion, requests for additional material were received from the **Agri-rural and Voluntary & Community representatives**.

The Committee **noted** the contents of the 2004 AIR and **agreed** to provide comments on the report to the Managing Authority by 10 May.

It was also **noted** that the final draft report will be issued for written approval before the end of May.

8. Role of Monitoring Committees

A **Managing Authority representative** updated the Committee with a brief overview covering the Customer Satisfaction Survey, role of Monitoring Committees proforma and the refreshment of Membership exercise.

- *Customer Satisfaction Survey*

The Committee were advised that the Managing Authority has put new procedures in place to respond to Members concerns highlighted in the survey.

- *Role of Monitoring Committee Proforma*

The Committee were invited to provide any comments they may wish for the section B & C of the Role of Monitoring Committees proforma.

The **Managing Authority Representative** also invited the new members of the Committee to provide any comments/queries on the new induction pack which had been circulated earlier.

The **Voluntary and Community representative** highlighted to the Managing Authority that all guidance provided by the Working Group needed to be communicated to all Monitoring Committees.

- *Refreshment of Membership Exercise*

The Committee were informed that following the exercise undertaken by the Managing Authority, the Business and Environment sectors have nominated new Members to the Committee.

Members were advised NILGA have been asked to undertake a refreshment of the local government representation of the Committees following the elections on 5 May.

The **Managing Authority representative** also advised Members that the Equality Commission had contacted the Managing Authority to propose a meeting to discuss their role on the Monitoring Committees.

9. Any Other Business

- *Future Funding*

The Chair updated the Committee on the proposed new arrangements for Future Funding post 2006.

- *Concordia Research into Social Partner contribution*

Members were asked to complete a questionnaire as part of the Concordia research into the Social Partner impact and contribution in Northern Ireland.

- *Meeting of Employment Ministers in Northern Ireland*

The *DEL representative* informed the Committee that all European Employment Ministers will meet in Northern Ireland in July as part of the UK presidency.

10. Date of next meeting

It was **agreed** the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee will take place on 18 October 2005. The Secretariat will contact Members regarding venue and time.

Tuesday 18 October 2005
Lagan Valley Island
Lisburn

Draft Minutes

1. Attendance

A list of attendees is attached at Annex A. Apologies received from Brian Murphy, Environment, Brendan Mackin, Trade Unions, Eoin O'Seaghdha, European Commission, Trevor Polley, LGSFG and Peter Sangster, IFI.

Gerry Mclochlainn, Local Government was unable to attend and Angela Nelson attended in his place.

2. Introduction

The **Chair** welcomed everyone to the sixteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee and in particular new representatives from the Local Government Sector and the European Commission.

The **Chair** also introduced new representatives of the BSP and PEACE II Managing Authorities.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of 25 April were accepted subject to the following amendments:-

- Page 4 Bullet Point 2

Following Managing Authority **insert** 'and European Commission. The Managing Authority'

- Page 4 Bullet Point 8

Remove 'is unlikely to be met' and **replace** with 'is challenging but DARD continue to explore all options.

- Page 7 Bullet point 1 paragraph 3

Insert 'Million' following €2.

3.2 Action Points

The **Chair** updated the members on the progress on the Action Points from the previous meeting.

3.3 Matters Arising

The **Voluntary and Community representative** thanked the Committee for their participation in the research into Social Partners contribution in Northern Ireland and informed them that the findings would be available on the Concordia website next week.

4. **Progress Report on Implementation of Programme**

The **Chair** informed the Committee that following the decision to close Measure 4.3 from effect from December 2003, the European Commission have advised that the date from which the amendment begins cannot be before the date the Monitoring Committee approved the date for closure. The **Chair** confirmed that the Measure is now closed.

Following a request from the **Chair**, The Committee endorsed the reallocation of €2 million from Measure 4.5 to Measure 4.2 as previously agreed in April 2005.

A **Managing Authority representative** updated the Committee with a brief overview covering the financial progress of the Programme, key issues and the Working Groups.

- **Commitment and Certified expenditure**

Members were updated on the progress on applications, commitments and certified expenditure. They were advised that there are currently 3 drawdowns (2 ERDF and 1 ESF) in progress.

- **Management of the Programme**

The Committee were advised that due to the Commission decision regarding the north-south pipeline, the Managing Authority has brought forward proposals to this meeting to reallocate the funding to other measures within the same priority.

- **Progress towards N+2 targets**

The Committee were advised that the Managing Authority expects that all four funds will meet their N+2 target.

The **Chair** invited Departmental representatives to update the Committee on progress on their individual priorities.

- **Economic Growth and Competitiveness**

The **DETI representative** updated the Committee on their measures within this priority. The Committee were advised about the possibility of reallocation within the sub measures in Measure 1.1 and Measure 1.3. Members were also advised that expenditure under Measure 1.4 has been slower than expected but DETI are confident that the measure will be fully committed.

The **DRD representative** updated the Committee on Measure 1.6. Members were informed that this measure continues to perform well.

Following queries from the **Agri-rural representative**, the **DRD representative** advised that they would bring forward spending proposals to absorb the funds currently earmarked for the Rural Bus Station.

- Priority 2 Employment

The **DEL representative** updated the Committee on the progress of their Measures within this priority. Members were advised ESF will meet its N+2 target. Members were advised that the uptake of funding for Measure 2.6 has been low.

The **Managing Authority** agreed to forward the Priority 2 Indicator paper to the Agri-rural representative.

The **DE representative** updated the Members on the progress of Measure 2.4 and 2.5.

- Priority 3 Urban and Social Revitalisation

The **DSD and DE representatives** provided updates on the progress of their measures within this priority.

DE also **agreed** to provide a breakdown of the locations of the 51 nursery units (including Nursery Schools) and a breakdown between teachers and classroom assistants of the 130 posts which have been created under Measure 3.4.

- Priority 4 Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries

The **DARD representative** provided a brief outline of Annex III of the progress report. Members were informed that DARD have identified the Measures to reallocate the funding which remained in Measure 4.3 Forestry.

The Committee were advised that the BIOGAS project identified for funding will not be going ahead. RDD are currently investigating new schemes to absorb the funding which had been earmarked for this project.

Members were also advised that the Rural Development Council had held a successful publicity event in Cookstown on 17 October.

Following a discussion on the way forward on Priority 4, The **DARD representative agreed** to take on board the Committee's views and agreed to present their final proposals to the Committee before the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

Following a query from the **DG Agri representative**, the **DARD representative** confirmed that the EAGGF Paying Authority would be submitting a claim to the European Commission in December. This claim would be submitted using the existing procedures currently used by DARD.

- Priority 5 Environment

The **DRD and DOE representatives** provided updates on the progress of their measures within this priority.

John Neill, DEL gave a presentation on Measure 2.8 Advancement of Women.

The Committee **noted** the progress made in the implementation of the Programme.

5. Changes to the Programme Complement

The **Chair** outlined the proposals in this paper to amend the Programme Complement. Members were advised that due to the time constraints the Commission have advised that a more prudent approach should be taken in regard to the South/North element of the Gas pipeline.

The **Chair** explained that the consequence of this decision is that €18.46m had to be reallocated and that the proposals to transfer the funding to Measure 1.6b and 1.7 are in line with the overall aims and objectives of Priority 1 and the 75%/25% balance between Sub-priority 1 (a) Supporting Business Competitiveness and Sub-priority 1 (b) Creating the conditions for Regional Competitiveness.

The **European Commission** advised caution with regard to retrospective projects. The **Chair** advised that the Managing Authority was confident that funding the trains would meet all European regulatory requirements. The Committee **agreed** to transfer €14.46m to Measure 1.6b and €4.00m to Measure 1.7 from Measure 1.8a.

The **Committee also agreed** a revised performance indicator for Measure 5.1 and to transfer €661,446 from Measure 6.1b to Measure 6.1a.

6. Mid-term Evaluation Update

The **Chair** outlined the background to producing a Mid-term Evaluation Update.

The **NISRA representative** outlined the main findings, the conclusions and the recommendations of the Mid-term Evaluation update.

The **Chair** advised Members that the Managing Authority will bring forwards proposals to respond to the recommendations of the report.

The Committee **noted** the completion of the report and that the report will be sent to the Commission to meet the regulatory requirement.

7. AOB

- **Future Funding**

This item was discussed after the meeting closed.

8. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 25 April 2006. Members were asked to advise the secretariat of any suitable venues in their constituencies/areas.

ANNEX V

COMPOSITION OF BSP MONITORING COMMITTEE

1	Chair	DFP Managing Authority	Bill Pauley
2	Deputy Chair	Representative of OFMDFM	Linda Wilson
3	Special EU Programmes Body	PEACE II Representative	Pat Colgan
4	Equality Organisation	Equality Sector	Anne McKernan
5	Environmental Body	Environmental Sector	Brian Murphy
6	Social Partners	Voluntary and Community Sector	Frances McCandless
		Business Sector	Christine McCann
		Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries Sector	Miceal McCoy
		Trade Union Sector	Brendan Mackin
7	Sub Regional	Local Government Sector	Cllr. Mealla Bratton
		Local Government Sector	Cllr. Robin Newton
		Local Government Sector	Cllr. Gerry MacLoughlainn
		Local Government Sector	Cllr. Arnold Hatch
8	Paying Authorities	European Social Fund	Nuala Kerr
		European Regional Development Fund	Maura Young
		EAGGF/FIFG	Gerry McWhinney

9	Advisors	DE Advisor	
		DETI Advisor	
		DOE Advisor	
		DRD Advisor	
		DSD Advisor	
		NISRA	
		DG Regio, European Commission	
		DG Employ, European Commission	
		DG Agri, European Commission	
		DG Fish, European Commission	
		DG Environment, European Commission	

Meetings

26 April 2005 – Banbridge Enterprise Centre, Banbridge

18 October 2005 – Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

**SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS TAKEN BY BSP MONITORING COMMITTEE
DURING 2004**

Date of Meeting	Issues	Decision/ Action Taken
26 April 2005	Progress Report on the Implementation of the Programme	The Committee agreed to transfer €2 million EAGGF funding from Measure 4.5 to Measure 4.2 and also agreed to close Measure 4.3 Forestry.
26 April 2005	Role of Communication and Information Working Group (CIWG)	Following a discussion it was agreed that the Working Group had fulfilled its remit and the Managing Authority would produce regular publicity reports for meetings of the Committee.
18 October 2005	Progress Report on the Implementation of the Programme	Following a request from the Chair, The Committee endorsed the reallocation of €2 million from Measure 4.5 to Measure 4.2 as previously agreed in April 2005.
18 October 2005	Changes to the Programme Complement	The Committee agreed to transfer €14.46m to Measure 1.6b and €4.00m to Measure 1.7 from Measure 1.8a.
18 October 2005	Changes to the Programme Complement	The Committee also agreed a revised performance indicator for Measure 5.1 and to transfer €661,446 from Measure 6.1b to Measure 6.1a.

ANNEX VIII

COMPARISON BETWEEN FINANCIAL PROGRESS (REPORTED EXPENDITURE) AND PHYSICAL PROGRESS (OUTPUT AND RESULT INDICATORS) BY PRIORITY

A simple comparison between the expenditure reported by priority and the progress reported against the corresponding priority indicators (output and result) is set out below.

	Target	Actual	Progress
Priority 1			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	<i>€498.259m</i>		%
Output Indicators reported:			
SME's supported	3,600	5,527	153.53%
R&D Projects supported	286	365	127.62%
Marketing Initiatives Supported across key markets	15 per year	13	86.67%
By-pass schemes	3	3	100%
Link Road Scheme	1	Activity not to be funded	0%
Trough-pass scheme	1	1	100%
Bridge Strengthening Scheme	1	1	100%
Rural Bus Station Project	1	Letter of Offer issued to project	
Urban Bus Depot Projects	3	3	100%
Introduction of Customer Information Service	-	0	0%
Result indicators reported:			
Gross jobs created	8,400	N/A	
R&D supported projects completing successfully	80%	59%	73.75%
Over the period of the Programme to create gross additional jobs in tourism	1,400	Information not yet available for 2005	
New carriageway built	12.4km	10km completed	80.65%
Priority 2			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	<i>€562.050m</i>		
Output Indicators reported:			
Active Labour Market: annual participants	48,100	39,661	82.46%
Equal Opportunities: annual participants	45,000	32,678	72.62%
Lifelong Learning: annual participants	20,000	5,346	26.73%

Adaptability & Entrepreneurship: annual participants	54,200	45,085	83.18%
Improving Women's Access: annual participants	17,500	14,569	83.25%
Result Indicators reported:			
Active Labour Market: qualifications	7,400	5,124	69.24%
Equal Opportunities: qualifications	21,900	13,160	60.09%
Lifelong Learning: qualifications	8,000	423	5.29%
Adaptability & Entrepreneurship: qualifications	25,550	21,206	83.00%
Improving Women's access: qualifications	4,400	2,968	67.45%
Priority 3			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€70.900m		%
Output Indicators reported:			
Number of projects / organisations /schemes funded / assisted	-	7	
Community organisations assisted	100	42	42.00%
Result Indicators reported:			
Increase in employment in local area	-	-	
Number of support hours delivered over the life of the programme	2,000	1,092	54.60%
Priority 4			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€257.871m		%
Output Indicators reported:			
Projects and Programmes receiving support	420	420	100%
Training Days	87,500	60,997	69.71%
Result Indicators reported:			
Gross full-time equivalent jobs	220	230.4	104.73%
Decommissioning of vessels	30	48	160%
Beneficiaries of training	50,500	43,447	86.03%
Scrap and Build of vessels	18	0	0%
Priority 5			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€53.529m		%
Output Indicators reported:			
Water treatment schemes	3	3	100%
Sewage treatment schemes	2	2	100%
Air quality project	1	1	100%
Result Indicators reported:			
Average increase in capacity	30%	30%	100%
Average increase in capacity	275%	-	100%
Capital infrastructure projects for air quality	-	-	
Staff resource projects for air quality	-	-	

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

European Division publicity team continue to make progress on ensuring Departments and Projects monitor and display recognition of having received EU Structural Funds.

Managing Authority Website

- The European Division website www.europe-dfpni.gov.uk statistics for January – December 2005 show an increase from 26500 in 2004 to 30343 in 2005. The highest monthly figure was May 2005 with 3016 visits.
- The European Division website was redesigned in late 2005 for relaunch in early 2006 to meet Northern Ireland Civil Service requirements. The website will provide easier access to information on how to apply for EU funding.

Managing Authority Publicity actions

- An article on BSP was featured in NI Seafood's new 'Catch' Newsletter.
- BSP promotional materials were passed to the Implementing Departments for distribution to projects.
- A 2006 BSP Calendar with photographs of a variety projects was distributed to projects and key contacts in December.
- Editions of the Newsletter were produced in April and October with a distribution of 1500 of each.
- In March 2005, a booklet providing information on the CSF was distributed throughout Northern Ireland in every copy of the Newsletter, Irish News and Belfast Telegraph. 210,000 copies of booklet distributed.
- On 3rd/4th October an Opportunity Europe Exhibition was held at St Georges Market. A BSP stand was manned at the event and staff members from European Division distributed information and promotional goods to general public.

- The Northern Ireland Omnibus survey was carried out in the summer of 2005. Results showed an increase of 4% in general awareness that NI received funding from the EU. They also showed an increase of 7% to 72% of members of the public recognised the EU flag.
- The Bus Wrap campaign of 2004 was extended for a further 3 months from February to April 2005. It was followed up with a one month campaign from 23rd May – 19th June consisting of 2 weeks advertising on panels of both City and Ulster buses around Northern Ireland and a further 2 weeks advertising at 160 bus stops.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIONS

MEASURE	ACTIVITIES (January - December 2005)
1.1	All letters and publications publicise EU funding
1.2	<p>SMART aCall for applications in Oct 05 included BSP logo (attached ad in local press)</p> <p>COMPETE companies mentioned in local press & press releases</p> <p>Environmental Awareness - Environment & Energy News Autumn & Winter 2005 editions</p> <p>Knowledge Transfer Partnerships - Annual Awards Ceremony 2005</p> <p>New call for SMART Oct 05</p> <p>SMART territorial meeting - Nov 05</p> <p>Compete - Invest NI website denotes BSP funding</p>
1.3a	<p>Spring Short Breaks campaign - Jan 05</p> <p>ROI Gateway campaign - March-May 05</p> <p>Meet the Buyer Tourism Workshop - May 05</p> <p>Headlines magazine</p> <p>2005 NI B&B guide</p> <p>Be a Tourist at Home - posters, companion guides etc</p> <p>World Class Golf brochure</p> <p>Autumn Short Breaks campaign - Oct 05</p> <p>NITB 2005/06 short breaks campaign - Oct 05</p> <p>New Websites - feature BSP logo</p> <p>CS Lewis publication and publicity - Irish premier of The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe (Dec 05)</p>
1.3b	Down Cathedral visitor facilities under construction
1.4	<p>Antrim BC - website to increase profile of tourist sites in Crumlin area</p> <p>Antrim BC - World of Owls - Advertising and Promotion - Official Launch 1 July 05</p> <p>Antrim BC - Development of Workspace Units - Randalstown</p> <p>Armagh - Marketing Programme - www.visitarmagh.com tourism website launched May 05.</p> <p>Ballymena BC - Official launch of Phase III extension to Ballymena Business Centre - 8 December 05</p> <p>Ballymena BC - 38th Annual Ballymena Steam & Country Fair - 15 & 16 July 05</p> <p>Ballymoney - Strengthening Town Competitiveness - New guide produced. 10,000 brochures printed, 5,000 distributed pre-Easter.</p> <p>Ballymoney - Strengthening Town Competitiveness - www.visitballymoney.com - launched early summer</p> <p>Carrickfergus BC - Launch of Phase III of lettable units development - 15 Sept 05</p>

	<p>Cookstown DC - Refurbishment of Positive Steps Community Centre - Launch 6 Sept 05</p> <p>Cookstown DC - 2-year marketing strategy to promote Cookstown as the capital of mid-Ulster - launched 22 Nov 05</p> <p>Coleraine - Business Enhancement - Think Big 2 launched 1st May 05</p> <p>Craigavon BC - Connect US Trade visit to Georgia, USA - publicity 29 Sept 05</p> <p>Derry CC - "Craft in the Walled City" - 18-20 Nov 05</p> <p>Dungannon DC - International Business Conference - 21 Sept 05</p> <p>Limavady - Town Centres Management - Business awards ceremony - Nov 05</p> <p>Magherafelt DC - Motocross Grad Prix - 16 & 17 Sept 05</p> <p>Moyle DC - Marketing Guide produced for Ballycastle</p>
1.5	<p>E-Solutions - Seminar - 23rd March 05 - 147 attendees - Local press coverage before and after - Local radio coverage after</p> <p>E-Solutions - Construction sector broadband pilot case study</p> <p>E-Solutions - Broadband case studies</p> <p>E-Solutions - Advertorial</p> <p>ICT Advisors - Search Engine Marketing seminars - Belfast 4 July & 26 Aug 05</p> <p>ICT Advisors - Belfast Telegraph articles - 18 Aug & 27 Oct 05</p> <p>ICT Advisors - Ezine-one - Dec 05</p>
1.6A	<p>Foyle Bridge Strengthening Scheme - BSP signboard</p> <p>Comber Bypass (Stage 2) - BSP plaque</p> <p>Omagh Throughpass (Stage 3) - under construction - BSP signboard on site</p>
1.6B	<p>BSP logo - to be affixed to a number of the new trains</p> <p>Work on new Lisburn bus station in progress - Press releases due to be issued on completion</p> <p>Billboard placed on site of Short Strand Bus Depot refurbishment</p> <p>Plaque placed in Milewater Road offices of Translink to indicate BSP funding for their accounting system</p>
1.7	<p>Walled City to Wireless City</p> <p>Flagship featured in local newspaper</p> <p>UK Broadband Fund - extract from Derry CC website</p> <p>UK Broadband Fund - extract from Moyle DC website</p> <p>BT Contract - extract from BTNI website</p> <p>Remaining projects reminded of their obligations</p> <p>Announcement of 100% Broadband availability in NI - Jan 06</p>
1.8A	<p>Plaques to be placed at "above-ground" installations at the start and end of the pipeline</p>
1.8B	<p>Publicity taken forward as per guidelines</p>
2.1	

	<p>Signage - CSV Media and all Training Organisations contracted to provide Jobskills Training</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p> <p>Jobskills Traineeships Programme - carried out by Training Organisations - May-September</p> <p>CSV Media - advertised in local media - most recent start date of March 05</p>
2.2	<p>Signage - Wall plaques supplied for new projects</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p> <p>Display Stand - Gingerbread's certificate presentation - Dec 05</p> <p>Publicising/Advertising done by projects various ways - local press, information days, distribution of flyers, leaflets in libraries, medical centres etc.</p>
2.3	<p>Launch of Project - Youth Action - 3rd March - BSP Display stand used at event</p> <p>Signage - Wall plaques supplied for new projects</p> <p>Exhibition Stand at Events - Used at the opening of IT suite at Cedar Foundation in Ballymena (3rd June), NIACRO open day (21st June) and the Ocharville Society's 2005 awards ceremony (16th March).</p> <p>Display Stand - NOW projects presentation - 13 Sept 05</p> <p>Display Stand - NIACRO attended UK Presidency Conference exhibition - 13-14 October 05</p> <p>Display Stand - Cedar Foundation - opening of new premises - 28 Nov 05</p>
2.4	<p>BSP Wall Plaques - distributed to each Education and Welfare Office</p> <p>BSP Stationery - distributed to Education and Welfare Offices</p> <p>Signage - Wall plaques supplied for new projects</p> <p>Publicity materials delivered when a visit takes place</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p>
2.5	<p>Plaques - erected in schools</p> <p>C2K stall at Balmoral Show publicised BSP</p> <p>C2K Newsletter ran an article about BSP</p>
2.6	<p>Signage - Wall plaques supplied for new projects</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p> <p>Publicising/Advertising done by projects various ways - local press, information days, distribution of flyers, leaflets in libraries, medical centres etc.</p>
2.7	<p>Signage - All Training Organisations contracted to provide Jobskills Training</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p>
2.8	<p>Signage - Wall plaques supplied for new projects</p>

	<p>Exhibition Stand at Events - Used by Women in Business's Business Conference (27-28th April), North West Lifelong Learning open day (4th May), NI Open College Network's Celebration of Excellence awards (22nd April) and at the Women in Self Emploment's awards ceremony (26th May).</p> <p>Display Stand - used at various events by successful projects</p> <p>Display Stand - Windsor Women's certificate presentation - 20 Sept 05</p>
3.1	<p>The sumer edition of DSD's in-house staff magazine (Social Life) has a feature on the re-badging of 23 Jobs and Benefits offices</p> <p>Plaques - 21 of the 23 Jobs and Benefits offices - 2 to go</p>
3.2	<p>Regional NOI Project Conference - 26th May - presentation</p> <p>Law Centre - example of letter bearing logo</p> <p>Articles promoting projects - voluntary sector publications of Housing Rights Services and Law Centre NI</p> <p>Project reports, contacts, posters and headed paper all have BSP logo</p> <p>Use of logo - Action Mental Health</p> <p>Use of logo - Citizens Advice has secured patent for AdviceDirect.net</p>
3.3	<p>Netownabbey Community Voice - launch</p> <p>Group Newsletters contain logos</p> <p>Project contacts and posters contain logos</p> <p>Promotion/Publicity poster for partner agencies contain logo</p> <p>Project headed paper contains logos</p> <p>Annual Report from North Down Community Network</p> <p>Armagh Confederation of Vol. Groups - Website, News sheet and Christmas card all display logos</p> <p>Business in the Community - BSP logo on correspondence</p> <p>Focus - BSP logo on correspondence</p> <p>East Down Rural Community Network - BSP logo on monthly Network notes</p> <p>Confederation of Community Groups - BSP logo on Newsletter and Training Calendar</p> <p>Larne Community Dev - Introduction News sheet</p> <p>Belfast Area Partnership - BSP logo on invitations</p> <p>Oakleaf - BSP logo on correspondence</p> <p>Fermangh Trust - BSP logo on brochures</p>
3.4	<p>Wall plaques displayed by nusery units</p> <p>Publicity material - delivered to nursery units as and when visited</p>
4.1	<p>Leaflets - All bear BSP logo</p> <p>CAFRE - publicised BSP at Balmoral Show (11th-13th May) and Organic Farm Walk (21st July)</p> <p>Local Press - articles highlighting short course and DATA project</p> <p>CAFRE website - promoting short courses and displaying BSP logo</p>

	<p>CAFRE short course promoted - Display Stands/Leaflets - Premium Milk Herd open day - 28 Sept 05</p> <p>CAFRE short course promoted - Display Stands/Leaflets - International Ploughing match - 14&15 Oct 05</p> <p>CAFRE short course promoted - Display Stands/Leaflets - Winter Dairy Fair - 15 Dec 05</p> <p>CAFRE short course promoted - Display Stands/Leaflets - ICT open day - 31 Oct 05</p> <p>Press Articles - carry BSP logo</p> <p>CAFRE short courses promoted - website</p> <p>Booklet - Premium Milk Herd open day - carried BSP logo</p> <p>Leaflets/Posters - highlighting both BSP and forthcoming courses</p> <p>Roadshows/Events - programmes on display</p>
4.2	<p>Press Release - brief synopsis of the 8 assisted projects and publicised that the scheme remained open for applications</p> <p>Leaflets - distributed at various agri-food shows</p> <p>IFEX Exhibition - held in Dublin during April - 2 exhibitors (Willowbrook Foods and Wilson's Country Ltd) had BSP recognition on their display stands</p> <p>Signage - Projects - Avondale Foods Ltd and O'Kane Poultry Ltd - billboards erected on each site</p> <p>Further round of grant awards - Oct/Nov 05</p>
4.3	Measure closed
4.4	<p>All projects within this measure are at developmental stage</p> <p>Town & Country Hire project - launch March 06</p> <p>Rural Life Week - 20-26 March 06</p>
4.5	<p>Leaflets - various Agri-food shows (Balmoral Show, Winter Fair, World Ploughing Match etc)</p> <p>Round of grant awards in November 05</p> <p>Scheme leaflets distributed at various events</p>
4.6	<p>Advertisements for 2 Programme Co-ordinators (Laganside Project), advertisement for project officer posts (West Tyrone Rural Regeneration Programme and Rural Community Network) displayed the BSP logo and referred to BSP within the text</p> <p>Information Sessions - South Tyrone Area Partnership</p> <p>Launch of BSP Programme by Rural Community Network - October 2005 (press releases)</p> <p>BSP logos on advertisements, leaflets and application packs</p> <p>Launch of BSP Programme by West Tyrone Rural Ltd. - 17 Oct 2005 (press releases)</p>
4.7	<p>Youth Action NI - Conference (23rd June 05) - Rural College Draperstown - press release - display stand</p>

	<p>All activities and advertisements in compliance with BSP publicity regulations</p> <p>Loughneagh Strategic Fund - Reopening of Loughneagh Discovery Centre - To be publicised in media</p> <p>Lough Neagh Triathlon - Aug 05 - Press article and 3 signs erected</p> <p>Lough Neagh Festival - July 05</p> <p>Muintirevlin historical Society - Dec 05 - Signs erected</p> <p>Maghery Hall - Sept 05 - Sign erected</p> <p>St Coleman's Church - Sept 05 - opening ceremony</p>
4.8	<p>Half Bred Horse Breeders Society - launched 13th June 05 including Press Release, Photo shoot and Radio interview</p> <p>Advertisement for Study Trips - displayed BSP logo</p> <p>Advertisement for Project Officer Post - displayed BSP logo</p> <p>Half Bred Horse Breeders Society - trip to Belgium (September) advertised in local press in July</p> <p>Killyleagh farm diversification project - press release</p> <p>Ringdufferin Country Club - 26 Oct 05 - official opening</p>
4.9	<p>West Tyrone Rural Regeneration Programme - advertisement for Project Officer - displayed BSP logo</p> <p>West Tyrone Rural Regeneration Programme - launch - October 2005 - inc. photo shoot and press release</p> <p>Antrim BC - Cranfield/Loughshore jetties - sign erected</p> <p>Antrim BC - Riverside Ride - sign erected</p>
4.10	<p>West Tyrone Rural Regeneration Programme - advertisement for Project Officer - displayed BSP logo</p> <p>See projects to the left</p> <p>Launch of BSP Programme by West Tyrone Rural Ltd. - 17 Oct 2005 (press releases)</p> <p>Use of logo and reference to fund in any leaflets/posters/displays/press releases</p> <p>Kinnego Marina - new building opened - sign erected</p> <p>Lough Neagh Discovery Centre - building reopened</p> <p>Ram's Island - sign erected</p> <p>Craigavon & Armagh area based programme - official launch - 14 Oct 05</p>
4.11	<p>West Tyrone Rural Regeneration Programme - advertisement for Project Officer - displayed BSP logo</p> <p>Western Regional Energy Agency & Network - Wind trubines to be installed December 2005 - to be publicised in media</p>

	<p>Antrim BC Ecotrail CD - Press brief and signs erected at Council Building</p> <p>RSPB - Portmore Lough sign erected</p> <p>Willow Weavers - Lough shore Primary schools - plaque erected - photo-shoot - 28 Nov 05</p> <p>WREAN - Radio interview conducted by Paddy McGahan with Radio Ulster Farming programme</p>
4.12	Networking Conference - 9th June 05
4.13	<p>European Seafood Exhibition - Brussels (26th - 28th April 05) - attended by 25 NI businesses</p> <p>Delivery of BSP Funded liferafts and Emergency Positioning Indicating Beacons delivered to Kilkeel Harbour on 29th April 05</p> <p>PTA/Educational demonstration - St Brigid's Primary School - Oct/Nov 05</p> <p>Seafood Cookery Demonstration - Cloughfern Parish - Nov 05</p> <p>BSP Logo signs - NI Fishery Harbour Authority (Kilkeel Harbour)</p> <p>Kilkeel Harbour - BSP signage</p> <p>NI Seafood - Logo displayed at all times</p>
5.1 DOE input	<p>CONSARC Stone Weathering Database - Articles in Northern Builder, QUB press and Belfast Telegraph - Fliers distributed with BSP Logo - Advertisements include logo</p> <p>Conservation of Genetics of NI Seagrass bed - presentation</p> <p>Refinement of Novel Method for Measuring Reaeration in Surface Waters - project report to promote BSP involvement</p> <p>CONSARC - Presentations to Geological Survey of NI (9th September 05) - Royal Society of Ulster Architects (autumn) - official launch of project office (autumn)</p> <p>Mourne Heritage Trust - Leaflet and Information Pack launch</p> <p>Fermanagh Lakeland Trails - Press Release</p> <p>Sponge Biodiversity of Rathlin Island - Radio Interview - July 05</p> <p>Imagine Habitas Gallery - Opening of Extension to Gallery - 30 Sept 05</p> <p>Habitas Website - launch - Oct 05</p> <p>Sponge Biodiversity of Rathlin Island - Presentation - 29 Nov-2 Dec 05</p> <p>Contaminated Land - paper submitted to Chemosphere for publication - Dec 05</p>
5.1 DRD input	<p>Lough Macrory Water Treatment Works - Press release (8th Septmeber 05) - Official opening (04/03/2005) - Signboard on site</p>