

## MEASURE LEVEL REPORTS

<b>PRIORITY 1</b>	<b>Economic Growth and Competitiveness</b>
<b>Measure 1A</b>	<b>Business Support – Enterprise</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Enterprise Trade and Investment</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<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>Funded by Invest Northern Ireland in partnership with the 26 district councils and the Building Sustainable Prosperity Fund, the Business Start Programme subsequently renamed as Start A Business Programme (SABp) provides a package of mentoring assistance to potential entrepreneurs, targeting the local market place. The target of 6,000 start-ups has been exceeded by almost 50% and the Programme is now mainstreamed funded by Invest NI.</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 original target of 100. In addition the number of jobs created in the high tech sectors will exceed targets established at the Programme outset.</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b></p> <p>The <b>Belfast Print Finishers</b> was funded initially through Export Start. The company previously operated from three separate sites, but has now moved into a new 12,200 sq ft purpose – built factory in Hightown Industrial Estate, Mallusk. The move has allowed it to increase efficiency and capability and to secure new contracts. As a result the investment will create 12 new jobs over a three- year period. Belfast Print Finishers is one of only two print finishers in Northern Ireland and the only one to offer a one stop shop for services such as laminating, UV varnishing, folding, binding, stitching, cutting and creasing, and glueing.</p> <p><b>Serpico Software</b> has been funded under the Growth Start – Up scheme. Serpico, based at the Gasworks Business Park in Belfast, is providing its automated testing software, Process Tester and expertise to two new clients which operate internationally from the Netherlands. The company, which sells virtually all its specialised software outside Northern Ireland, was helped to identify and line-up meetings with potential clients by Northern Ireland Trade Consultants, Invest NI's contracted trade advisers in Amsterdam.</p> <p>Serpico is a certified software partner of Oracle / Siebel Systems Inc, a leading provider of e-business CRM applications software, with over 4,500 customers worldwide and a presence in over 28 countries. The partnership agreement enables Serpico to market its product to Seibel</p>

CRM customers throughout the world.

**Pumps and Fuel Installations Ltd** received funding under the EMIS scheme. The firm is involved in the supply, installation and maintenance of fuel handling equipment from bulk storage facilities through to retail petrol forecourts. A recent major investment will enable the firm to increase its capability and take advantage of growing export market opportunities by relocating to a purpose built factory at Invest NI's Whiterock Business Park.

**Belfast Aircraft Stress Engineers, Dundonald**, is an expert consultancy providing stress analysis and other services to the global aerospace industry. The company has worked on projects for most of the main aerospace companies including Boeing, Airbus and Bombardier. The company, originally supported under Growth Start Up, employs eight people – five new high quality jobs have been created since 2003. It won the First Time Exporter of the Year Award 2005 hosted by Invest NI.

Also highly commended in this category was **Green Inc TV and Films, Belfast**. This company is a producer of television programmes and currently employs 32 people.

**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	Position at end 2006
Output	High growth potential businesses created (of which 60 in high tech sectors)	100	91	242	253	278	343	343
Result	Gross jobs (100 in high tech sectors)	700	Not Reported	963 (52)	900	876	Not available until mid 2006	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Net jobs (50 in high tech sectors)	400					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Output	Locally focused businesses created	3,000	1250	882	1300	2474	3,599	3,599
Result	Gross jobs created	6,000	Not Reported	4820	2145	3711	4,467	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Net jobs	2,500					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Survival rate in assisted businesses after year 1	90%					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
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<b>Measure 1B</b>	<b>Business Support – Competitiveness Excellence Support</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Enterprise Trade and Investment</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>Progress</p> <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 good 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>Success Stories</p> <p>World Furniture Northern Ireland Ltd, Newtownards, suppliers of furniture to retailers in the UK, Republic of Ireland and other parts of Europe.</p> <p>Boxpax is a Newtownabbey based packaging company that was funded under Growth Incentive and has recently invested £2.7m in new equipment to increase both production capability and capacity. Boxpax produces printed folded cartons, aluminium containers and packaging solutions used in the food, drinks and confectionery sector. It employs 100 and already has a strong export focus with two thirds of output being sold outside of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Lisburn based Boomer Industries has secured over £100,000 in new business from customers in Dubai. The company supplies extruded plastic components to construction and other industries. Boomer has seen its business in the region grow from around £60,000 to almost £1 million since 2002 when it took part in its first Invest Northern Ireland trade mission to the Gulf States. Established in 1970, Boomer Industries has grown to become one of the leading companies in specialist plastics extrusion industry, with customers throughout Europe, the Middle East and North America. The company employs 60 people in Lisburn.</p> <p>World Furniture Northern Ireland Ltd, Newtownards was awarded the Small Business Exporter of the Year Award for 2005. The company is the suppliers of furniture to retailers in the UK, Republic of Ireland and other parts of Europe.</p> <p>Green Inc TV and Films of Belfast is a producer of television programmes. It currently 32 people in Newtownards and has been successfully in its exporting throughout Europe.</p> <p>KBB Doors Ltd based in Magherafelt, is planning a significant expansion programme, which will potentially create up to 14 new jobs for the company. Set up in 1995, the company manufactures vinyl wrapped doors for kitchens and bedroom furniture markets. Currently</p>

employing 74 people, KBB Doors Ltd exports approximately 75% of its products to small and medium sized suppliers and retailers across the Republic of Ireland. KBB Doors Ltd will also diversify its product offering with the creation of a new 'curved door' product, and plans to establish a new design facility to help create other new products with market potential.

McMullen Architectural Systems Ltd has won a highly prestigious £13 million contract as part of the redevelopment of The Arsenal's Highbury Stadium in London. The new development is a collection of studios, apartments and penthouses set within the Art Deco surroundings of the former stadium. The company which design, manufacturers and installs architectural aluminium curtain walling and window frames has been selected as a sub-contractor for Sir Robert Alpine. McMullen's Architectural System's success follows a recent three year investment programme by the company worth over £2 million. It has therefore secured significant new business in England in particular, where it now carries out most of its work. It has increased its number of employees from 110 to 175, and expect to employ over 200 within a year.

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Output	SME's supported by INVEST NI per year	500	157	623	922	1285	1,585	1,585
Result	Gross jobs	1,700	Not reported	1,856	3142	5861	Not available until mid 2006	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Growth in sales per annum over 6 years of Programme (compared to 5% in 1999/2000)	7%					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Growth in export performance (net) per annum over 6 years of Programme (compared to 6% in 1999/2000)	8%					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total
Impact	Net jobs at the end of the Programme	1,300					Not available until the end of the programme	Currently collating figures. EU compliance exercise to confirm total

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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<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 slow business start up rate.</p>																																																																							
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<b>Measure 2</b>	<b>Research and Technology Development and Technology Transfer</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Enterprise Trade and Investment</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>Progress in the COMPETE, START, SMART, KTP, Green Awareness/EASS is satisfactory</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b></p> <p>A survey of <b>Compete</b> Clients to try to identify the causes of falling participation revealed that participants thought that Invest NI's processing times were too long. A re-examination of Invest NI's assessment process for individual Compete proposals has now been carried out and a revised and significantly simplified process is currently being piloted. The process, referred to as 'Streamlined Compete' involves the preparation of the necessary and appropriate casework jointly by the Invest NI Client Executive and Technology Executive. The new process maintains all the necessary checks and controls and it is hoped that the faster response times will significantly increase the participation level.</p>

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Output	R&D projects supported (broken down by type of research orientation)	286	98	142	200	263	373 Offers issued of which 365 were accepted	715
Result	Supported projects successfully completing	80%	Not reported	87%	81%	54%	59%	88%
Impact	Increase in BERD	15%					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme
Output	Environmental & Innovative audits initiated	350	100	180	255	286		393
Result	Businesses undertaking audit	90%						100%
Impact	Businesses adopting audit recommendations	60%						100%
Output	Graduate placements	150					143 <sup>1</sup>	177
Result	Projects involving graduates	130					133 <sup>1</sup>	161
Result	Graduates successfully completing placement	80%					95%	95%
Impact	Graduates retained by host firm	60%					55%	60%

<sup>1</sup> 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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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>To date 23 different marketing initiatives have been supported with an average of 11 per year.</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b></p> <p>The <b>Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB)</b> picked up a Gold Award for the best in-house PR campaign for the C S Lewis – “Unlock Your Imagination”, at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Pride Awards.</p> <p>The Pride Awards is the only Awards scheme showcasing the best PR work being carried out across the UK regions and Nations. The NITB campaign was aimed at promoting Northern Ireland as the birthplace of C S Lewis and to highlight that the Northern Ireland landscape was the inspiration for the world of Narnia.</p> <p>Signature projects have been identified for their potential to deliver world-class excellence, drawing visitors from home and overseas. These projects continue to be developed and attract media attention. The Walled City of Derry along with the Titanic, Mournes, Causeway Coastal Route and St Patrick’s Trail will all have a significant impact on Northern Ireland tourism</p> <p>NITB continued its drive to achieve excellence in tourism during 2006 by holding a second series of three Masterclasses themed “Making a Difference”. Tourism representatives from across Northern Ireland benefited from highly motivating presentations from representatives from the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company, USA and Learnpurple, widely recognized as one of the UK’s leading experts on customer experience and management. Press and radio coverage was obtained in relation to each Masterclass.</p>																																																					
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<b>PRIORITY 1</b>	<b>Economic Growth and Competitiveness</b>
<b>Measure 3B</b>	<b>Tourism – Enhancing the Business of Tourism</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Enterprise Trade and Investment</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p><b><u>Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB)</u></b></p> <p>All 16 projects in receipt of financial support through the BSP programme have now been completed.</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b></p> <p><b>Belle Isle Cookery School</b> is located in the 470 acre Belle Isle Estate in Co. Fermanagh. The estate comprises 8 islands on the northern end of Upper Lough Erne and is reached by a private bridge across the Lough. The estate already boasts a very successful high quality self-catering development which has been complemented by the Cookery School. This is a first for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Since the Cookery School opened in November 2003, bookings have steadily increased with nearly 600 bookings in 2006.</p> <p>The <b>Armada in Ireland exhibition</b> has been housed in the refurbished Tower Museum and provides a home for the numerous objects recovered from the ship La Trinidad Valencera in 1971. This particular project forms just one element of a wider Walled City of Derry Project. The exhibition tells stories of the Spanish Armada, life on board a 16<sup>th</sup> century ship, the Armada and Ireland and the tragic fate of La Trinidad’s crew along with a range of interactive displays.</p> <p><b><u>Invest NI</u></b></p> <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 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.</p> <p>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>

48 tourism accommodation projects have been financially supported by the programme from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2006.

**Success Stories**

Targets for job creation and projects assisted are expected to be exceeded by the end of the programme.

**Limepark Arts and Cottages, Co. Antrim** successfully completed the extension to its self-catering facility resulting in a further two 5-star self-catering units in August 2006.

**Corick House, Co. Tyrone** is currently undergoing an extension of a successful licensed Guest house resulting in a total of 40 bedspaces.

**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	Position at end 2006
Output	Tourism accommodation projects assisted	50	7	28	44	51	52	48*
Result	New bedrooms	750	265	489	584	642	697	653
Impact	Net jobs created	350					434	415
Impact	Increase in room occupancy above regional average 2 years after opening	2%					Information not available until the end of the Programme	Currently collecting data to reach conclusion on occupancy uplift
Output	Visitor attractions enhanced/re-themed	10	1	8	12	14	16 to date	16
Result	Increase in visitor numbers to attractions by end of Programme (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	Information not available until end of Programme
Impact	Visitor attractions still in existence by end of Programme	70%					Information not available until the end of the Programme	Information not available until end of Programme

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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>The majority of projects within the 156 programmes across the 26 Councils are proceeding at a satisfactory rate.</p> <p>The Measure Leader meets with Councils on a regular basis to discuss projects and proposed spend.</p> <p><b>Newtownabbey District Council's Business Network Forum</b>, which enables local companies to develop business opportunities, is proving very successful, and has hosted four further events during 2006.</p> <p><b>Derry City Council</b> officially launched the restoration of the Cannon Guns on the City Walls. This restoration establishes the city as the location of the largest single collection in Europe of early cast-iron guns whose origin is precisely known. A major tourist attraction for the area.</p> <p><b>Lisburn City Council</b> officially opened Phase VI of the Glenwood Workspace Units providing a further 8,800 sq ft of business units.</p> <p><b>The Omagh Enterprise Company</b> celebrated the success of the Omagh University Partnership to highlight innovation amongst small businesses by bringing Research &amp; Development expertise to SMEs in the Omagh area.</p> <p><b>Ballymoney Borough Council</b> launched their Town Centre covered amenity area which will be used to attract both local and continental markets as well as open air events thus enhancing the local economy through business and tourism.</p>																																																																																
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	Output	By-pass schemes completed	3	3 (underway)	1 By-pass scheme completed. 3 further schemes in progress	2 Bypasses completed. (1 No. bypass to be appraised)	3 Bypasses completed.	3	3
	Output	Link Road	1	N/A	N/A	To be appraised	To be appraised	Not funded through this Measure	Not funded through this measure
	Output	Bridge Strengthening	1	N/A	N/A	To be appraised	In progress		Complete
	Result	Strengthen structure to increase capacity to carry the maximum 40 tonne HGV vehicles. Also repainting and resurfacing the bridge.	Strengthening is complete. Painting is complete and resurfacing is nearing completion.					Strengthen structure to increase capacity to carry the maximum 40 tonne HGV vehicles. Also repainting and resurfacing the bridge.	Strengthen structure to increase capacity to carry the maximum 40 tonne HGV vehicles. Also repainting and resurfacing the bridge.
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	Result	Compliance with H&S standards and upgrade of 3 urban bus depots	Compliance					Complete	Complete
	Output	Introduction of customer information, replacement of management systems and 2 other transport related schemes						Project withdrawn	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.	Translink accounting system complete
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Output	Delivery of Referral Programme to all education sectors	No target					Met	Met																																																																																																				
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	Output	Delivery of programme to create an awareness of the benefits of regular attendance at school at the start of compulsory education	No target					Met -PAM (Primary Attendance Matters) programme	Met -PAM (Primary Attendance Matters) programme
	Result	Schools targeted each year	20					Met (under PAM programme)	Met (under PAM programme)
	Impact	As this programme develops the impact will be measured						Evaluation of PAM carried out by one of the Boards	17 out of 20 schools targeted showed improvement in attendance
	1	This target was based on counting multiply those children with the EWS in more than one year. The current method counts the number of new referrals. We consider that the target should be revised to 6,000.							
	2	Figure spans 2 academic years and has reduced due to success of PAM and preventative work.							
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	4	Figures only available in this format for last quarter of 2005.							

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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p><b>DE</b></p> <p>Again this measure has performed well during the year. The overall target of 1 PC to 9 pupils has been maintained. The Department and EU representatives have been liaising with regard to a major project application for C2k. The application was approved by the Commission at the end of December 2006. Approximately £67.5m (£33.8m ERDF) has been claimed up to 31December 2006. It is expected that the balance will be claimed by the end of the year.</p> <p><b>DEL</b></p> <p>Under Measure 2.5, a total of £0.385m ERDF has been awarded to 23 projects which started on 1 April 2004 for a 12 month period. A further £0.28m ERDF assistance was awarded to 35 projects under the final call.</p> <p>These projects started on 1 April 2006 for a 12-month period. To date, £0.008m assistance has been paid to projects</p>																																																					
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<b>Measure 2</b>	<b>Advice and Information Service</b>								
<b>Department</b>	<b>Social Development</b>								
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>Seven groups continue to be supported under this measure with all reporting satisfactory progress. There has been considerable progress made in integrating specialist voluntary advice services within generalist provision in areas such as housing and dealing with clients who have mental health problems or hearing difficulties.</p> <p>Four groups applied for additional funding to extend projects up to 31 March 2007. Three of these applications have been approved with additional funding provided amounting to £110,000. The fourth application is still under consideration.</p> <p><b>Extending 3.2 projects.</b> Following bilateral discussions with DFP it has been agreed that a number of organisations will be invited to submit proposals for a further extension up to 30 September 2007. This will ensure that every effort is made to draw down all available BSP expenditure and allow projects to explore other long-term sources of funding.</p> <p><b>Project Evaluations</b> The findings from Project evaluations have been very positive with recommendations that services should be mainstreamed within existing Departmental programmes.</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b> One of the main aims of this Measure was to achieve better integrated delivery of voluntary advice services at both a local and regional level. The project evaluation reports have demonstrated much success in this area and this work will be taken forward within DSD's Strategy for Supporting Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services to the Community.</p> <p>Four of the BSP 3.2 projects have been earmarked for mainstream funding from April 2007, three of these through DSD's Regional Infrastructure Programme and the other through DSD Housing Division and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.</p> <p>Housing Rights Service received a regional National Training Award for the training model established through its Community Housing Advice Project.</p>								
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	Output	Reviews and Assessments of existing services completed	2	Nil	N/a	N/a	This Indicator has been removed following the Mid-Term	6	3,082 from start of the programme –end of 2006

	Result	% of IAS and CABs operating a new common statistical system	80%	Nil	N/a	N/a	This Indicator has been removed following the Mid-Term Review		
	Result	Implementation of the recommendations from the reviews/assessments	No target					27	Nil
	Impact	Pilot schemes undertaken	3					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Organisations supported to provide and promote a common statistical system	2					2	2
	Result	IAS and CAB operating a common statistical system	25					55	55
	Output	Organisations supported to provide advice and information	4					7	7
	Result	Increase of hours per week in the provision of advice and information in areas of greatest need	40 hours					669hrs in total for the year (not all final figures yet received)	693 hrs in year 2006 with total of 2,734 since beginning of Programme
	Impact	Evidence of improved accountability for, and delivery of, advice services	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme

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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>35 voluntary sector network support organisations continue to be supported under this measure and in the majority of cases progress is satisfactory. All groups were invited to apply for extended funding up to 31 March 2007 and, following an internal assessment and appraisal process, six have been successful and received additional funding of approximately £150,000 to March 2007. Four requests for extended funding are still being considered.</p> <p><b>Audit</b> An audit of BSP 3.3 will commence in March 2007 and staff within the Voluntary and Community Unit have completed significant preparatory work following initial concerns around a range of issues including project selection, economic appraisal and potential duplicate funding. Most of these issues have been addressed although a small number of projects may be withdrawn from the Measure.</p> <p><b>Banbridge &amp; District Community Network</b> The Development Worker and Secretary resigned from their posts in September 2006 and as the project was funded to December 2006, the Management Committee decided that it had no alternative but to wind up the project although it accepted responsibility for the completion of any outstanding work.</p> <p><b>Success Stories</b></p> <p><b>Armagh Confederation of Community Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website development and launch.</li> <li>• Printed newsletter every 2 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Coleraine Rural &amp; Urban Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of monthly newsletter</li> </ul> <p><b>Oakleaf Rural Community Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference on collaboration held on 4 Dec 06 and opened by President Mary McAleese.</li> </ul> <p><b>North Down Community network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of web site</li> </ul> <p>BSP 3.3 has established a Northern Ireland wide network of voluntary sector support organisations and this is particularly significant in areas where no support services existed. Up to 17 BSP 3.3 funded projects have been mainstreamed from April 2007 under DSD's Community Investment Fund and this will ensure long-term sustainability for these organisations.</p>																																			
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	Impact	Evidence of sustainability in the community organisations assisted	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme
	Result	Consultations with statutory agencies	100					N/K	N/K
	Impact	Evidence of improved inter-agency working and policy development in areas of need	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme

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<b>Measure 4</b>	<b>Investing in Early Learning</b>								
<b>Department</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>								
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	Output	Nursery units completed	48	20	36	51	51		
	Result	Additional places made available for children in their immediate pre-school year, especially the socially disadvantaged and 4 year olds	2,200 <sup>2</sup>	850	1,400	1742	2942 (including part time)	Final Number of 1749 full time places	Final Number of 1749 full time places
	Output	Capital schemes across all the ELBs	51 <sup>1</sup>					Final number of 51	Final number of 51
	Result	Additional posts for teachers and classroom assistants	130 <sup>3</sup>					65 Teachers 86 Classroom Assistants	65 Teachers 86 Classroom Assistants
	Impact	Taken together with other initiatives, this measure will enable all parents who wish to have access to a funded place for their children in their immediate pre-school year. Research shows that children who have had pre-school education are better prepared to take up the advantages of education and hence their prospects of employment are increased. Pre-school education can be particularly beneficial for the socially disadvantaged	No target					Data not available	Data not available

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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	Progress under this Measure has been very good; ten rounds of awards have taken place. The Measure has now closed for applications, and there are good examples of projects completing their investment on the ground. The Measure has exceeded all expectations providing grant assistance to 99 projects covering a range of sectors in the Agri- Food Industry committing £28.7M of EU grant.																																																					
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	Output	Projects assisted	140	49	57	70	95	*	
	Result	Hectares of Afforestation	70 ha (90% broadleaf, 10% conifer)	47	54	60	62	*	
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<b>Measure 6</b>	<b>Basic Services for the Rural Economy and Population</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>DARD</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>This Measure has 4 separate elements, each attracting different types of applications – those from the non-profit-taking sector, the profit-taking sector, sectoral applications and area-based applications.</p> <p>The non profit-taking element has had a high degree of interest with 25 projects awarded funding totalling £2.2m. 7 of the 25 projects supported are now complete. £1.8m has been paid to projects to date.</p> <p>An example of a project which received funding is <b>Muintir na Mointeach Limited</b> situated at Washingbay, Co Tyrone. The project received £116,694 of funding to build a community resource centre which focuses on healthy living, providing space for private health practitioners; traditional cure clinics; a bicycle hire business; community cafe, and space for health and social welfare information and advice.</p> <p>After an initial slow start the other three elements are now progressing well with a total of 10 projects being supported. Of these 5 are now complete with 5 ongoing. Commitment to date is £3.2m. DARD proposes to adjust the measure sheet indicators to reflect the diversity/benefit of the projects now being supported.</p>

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	Position at end 2006
	Output	Number of projects supported	18	No spend or progress made during this period	1	23	31	35	35
Result	Number of full time equivalent jobs created	30	No spend or progress made during this period	0	17.5	14.5	21.5 (23 women, 17 young persons under 25, 6 farmers/farm families, 2 long term unemployed)	16 <sup>2</sup>	
Result	Number of full time equivalent jobs safeguarded	25	Not available	3	10	14	15 (16 women, 1 farmer/farm family)	10	
Impact	Evidence of sustained improvement in access to services	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	2	
Result	Rural housing partnerships established	12					0	12	
Result	Farmers/members of farm families developing alternative enterprises	100					0	0	
Impact	Evidence of sustained improvement in community infrastructure	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme	

<sup>2</sup> The reduction in jobs created figures is due to the implementation of new guidance on the monitoring of jobs created, issued by Rural Development Division.

<b>PRIORITY 4</b>	<b>Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries</b>
<b>Measure 7</b>	<b>Renovation and Development of Villages and Protection and Conservation of the Rural Heritage</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>DARD</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>This Measure has 4 separate elements, each attracting different types of applications – those from the non-profit-taking sector, the profit-taking sector, sectoral applications and area-based applications.</p> <p>The non profit-taking element is delivered through the NI Rural Development Council, the Rural Community Network and twelve Rural Support Networks. It has had a high degree of interest with 55 projects awarded funding. Current commitment is approximately £10.5m. 31 of the 55 projects are now complete.</p> <p>An example of a project which has just recently received funding is the <b>Northern Ireland Rural Women’s Network (NIRWN)</b>. Established in August 2006 PBSP contributes 75% of the total eligible costs of the project. The NIRWN will complement the work of the existing rural women’s networks to develop the women’s sector especially in those areas of low capacity such as Counties Antrim and Down. It will act as an advocate for rural women’s issues to ensure that their voice is heard in local and central government and will provide opportunities for rural women’s organisations to sit alongside their urban counterparts to ensure that there is an integrated framework from which the lives of women in the local community, whether urban or rural, are treated equitably. Women’s issues will therefore be to the fore of policy an decision making in the future.</p> <p>Progress under the other three elements has now achieved full commitment with 32 projects being funded at a total commitment of £0.7m. 21 projects are ongoing with 11 being completed under the Sectoral and Area based elements. Whilst the number of individual projects anticipated to deliver under this measure has reduced, the quality of individual projects and the numbers of community groups benefiting as a result of those projects has surpassed original targets. It is proposed therefore to realign the measure sheet targets to reflect the benefits delivered throughout rural NI.</p>

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	Position at end 2006
	Output	Networks supported	13	No spend to date	12	12	13	13	
Output	Community-based groups assisted to develop area regeneration plans	100	No spend to date	Nil	1	11	2	0 <sup>1</sup>	
Output	Rural people participating in training courses broken down to show numbers of men, women and young people under 25	500	No spend or progress made during this period	173	601	885	1827	262 <sup>2</sup>	
Output	Local regeneration projects and Programmes supported	100	No spend to date	Nil	36	54	36	49	
Output	Groups receiving assistance for specialised project planning and management	10	Nil	Nil	21	21	22	22	

Result	Community-based groups involved in capacity building activities which go on to undertake an economic, environmental, social or economic project	75	Nil	25	22	108	184	552
Output	Community development/skills events organised	35						298 <sup>3</sup>
Result	Number of rural people who have completed a community development/skills event	100						5,356 <sup>4</sup>
Output	Rural people participating in training courses							262 <sup>5</sup>
Result	Rural people who have participated in RDP funded training courses and have achieved recognised qualifications:- Men; Women; and Young People under 25	50	No spend or progress made during this period	No spend or progress made during this period	No spend or progress made during this period	2	27	27
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	23.5
Result	Jobs (full-time equivalents) safeguarded in assisted projects:- Men; Women; and Young People under 25	100		9 22 1 (1 post is currently vacant)	40	41	53.5	40
Result	Number of groups receiving project planning and management support, bringing a project to a successful conclusion	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Result	2	12
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	Not available until the end of the Programme
Output	New and existing networks supported							15 <sup>3</sup>
Result	Community based groups active							867
Impact	Evidence of sustained improvement in community infrastructure	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme
Impact	New businesses still in existence after 2 years	20					0	14
Impact	Evidence of increased satisfaction with business related services available locally	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme

- <sup>1</sup> Output – Community based groups assisted to develop area regeneration plans – Previous return had recorded 2 in error. The 2 recorded should have been recorded under the - New and Existing networks supported – Output which has also now been corrected.
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- <sup>3</sup> Output – Community development events organised – Indicator was added in September 05. Proposed changes were made to Measure 4.7 in 2005. On the understanding that these were to be presented to the monitoring committee in spring 06 it was agreed with NISRA to use the existing indicators until 31st December 05. Monitoring for the new indicators would commence in January 06. The proposed changes to Measure 4.7 were not presented to the Monitoring Committee at that time.
- <sup>4</sup> Result - Number of rural people who have completed a community development/skills event – See comment above.
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<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	This measure has supported 3 projects in the Profit taking and Sectoral elements of the programme awarding total funding of £0.4m. Two projects have been completed under the profit taking element with one under the Sectoral element nearing completion.																																																																							
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<b>Measure 13</b>	<b>Fisheries</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>DARD</b>
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p>This Measure comprises 11 sub-Measures providing a broad range of support for the fishing sector.</p> <p>Overall progress at Measure level has been good with expenditure consistently exceeding annual N+2 targets. Achievements to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48 vessels decommissioned</li> <li>• 29 vessel owners compensated for tying-up their vessels to allow for recovery of cod stocks</li> <li>• 13 safety equipment awards</li> <li>• 15 awards under marketing and quality on board fishing vessels</li> <li>• 23 awards under improvement to facilities at NI fishing ports</li> <li>• 14 aquaculture projects assisted</li> <li>• 5 marketing initiatives supported</li> <li>• 22 awards made under the collective operations scheme</li> <li>• 17 fish processors awarded in schemes such as live shellfish export and value-added production</li> </ul>

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		13A Adjustment of Fishing Effort – Decommissioning of Fishing Vessel	Output	Number of decommissioning projects	30	Not available	27	30	48	48	48
			Result	Number of vessels decommissioned	30	Not available	27	30	48	48	48
	Impact		Gross tonnes of capacity removed	1000t						3876t	3876t
	Impact		KW engine capacity removed	5640KW						11630KW	11630KW
		13B Safety Equipment Scheme	Output	Number of vessels taking part in the Scheme	30	Not available	0	9	9	13	15
			Result	Number of safety items installed	30	Not available	0	0	0	6	8
	Impact			Reduction in number of safety related incidents	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
		Measure 13C Small Scale and Coastal Fishing Grants	Output	Number of clusters supported	2	Not available	0	0	0	0	0
			Result	Number of co-operative activities funded in areas such as safety equipment (more selective fishing gear)	10	Not available	0	0	0	0	0
			Result	Increased sales value	No target					0	0
				Number of joint sales initiatives	No target						0
	Impact			Proportion of groups (Associations) continuing to represent industry	No target					0	0
		13D Scrap and Build Scheme	Output	Number of scrap and build projects	18	Not available	0	0	0	0	0
			Result	Number of new vessels built	18	Not available	0	0	0	0	0
	Impact			Reduction in capacity of fishing fleet consistent with the	No target					0	0

		maintenance of a viable and sustainable fishing industry							
13E Marketing Quality on Board Fishing Vessels	Output	Number of vessels participating in the scheme	128	Not available	0	5	8	41	41
	Result	Number of vessels awarded 'quality' mark	128	Not available	0	0	0	5	5
	Impact	Improved quality standards	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Evidence of Public and Industry awareness of the Scheme	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	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	16
	Output	Number of market upgrades assisted	1	Not available	0	0	1	1	4
	Output	Number of projects assisted to improve ice quality	1	Not available	1	1	1	1	1
	Result	Number of facilities upgraded	10	Not available	7	8	11	11	15
	Impact	Continued economic use of harbour	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
13G Aquaculture	Output	Number of existing aquaculture businesses assisted	10	Not available	6	6	11	12	13
	Output	Number of new aquaculture businesses assisted	10					1	1
		Increase output to shellfish to:							
	Result	Bottom grown mussels	5,000	Not available	1,260	Not available		400	400
	Result	Rope grown mussels	400	Not available	84	Not available		84	84
	Result	Gigas Oyster	700			Not available		95	95
	Result	Native Oysters	100			Not available		0	0
	Result	Scallops	50			Not available		0	0
	Result	Other Shellfish	50		750	Not available		20000	20000
	Result	Salmon	1,500			Not available		0	0
	Result	Other Fin Fish	100			Not available		460	460
		Gross increase in sales of Shellfish				Not available		Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
	Result	Gross increase in full-time and part-time employment	No target	Not available	26	Not available		29	30
	Impact	Net increase in sales of aquaculture species produce	No target						Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Net increasing full time employment	No target						Not available until end of Scheme
13H Processing and Marketing of Freshwater and Marine Products	Output	Number of value added projects	10	Not available	10	1	16	16	16
	Result	Number of businesses achieving product enhancement	10	Not available	10	9	Not available	15	15
	Impact	Improved standards in quality, hygiene or production	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	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	46	72
	Impact	Gross increase in sales in new markets	No target	Not available	0	0	0	Not available until end of	Not available until end of

	Impact	Increase public awareness	No target	Not available	2	2	2	Scheme Not available until end of Scheme	Scheme Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Increased consumption of fish based on Food Survey	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
13J Collective Operations by Members of the NI Fishing Industry	Output	Number of collective operations assisted	15	Not available	0	8	16	21	21
	Result	Increased use of IT	No target	Not available	0	1	1	0	0
	Result	Training initiatives funded	No target					2	2
	Result	Development of quality control and traceability systems	No target					3	3
	Result	Environmental/Health & Safety improvements	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Improved traceability for selected species	No target					Not available at present	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Increased production and sales	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
	Impact	Improved industry standards	No target					Not available until end of Scheme	Not available until end of Scheme
4.13K	Output	Number of vessels participating in Scheme	28					44	44
	Result	Reduction in fishing will allow cod spawning stocks time to recover during their most vulnerable time	No target					Data not currently available	Data not currently available
	Impact	Reduced cod landings during tie-up	No target					Data not currently available	Data not currently available

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<b>Department</b>	<b>Environment and Regional Development</b>																																																										
<b>Progress in Implementation</b>	<p><b>DOE</b></p> <p>In relation to the Water Infrastructure projects, this element of the priority continues to perform well and all of the original five projects are complete. DRD has approved a project after the award of the Performance Reserve and it is hoped to drawdown expenditure for this project early in 2007. DRD has also carried out Article 4 checks for all their projects funded from this measure.</p> <p>DOE, the implementing body for the Sustainable Environment element of Priority 5, confirm that full commitment has been achieved in 2006 and by the end of 2006 a total of £5.5m of expenditure had been achieved and that full expenditure of the measure allocation (£6.122m) will be met by the end of the Programme. DFP have requested that DOE spend an extra 2% of their measure allocation. This equates to a total measure allocation of £6.244m and this extra Measure expenditure should be met.</p> <p>To date non-financial data is still being recorded on the database, currently standing at 94%, and DOE will continue to update the non-financial data on the database.</p> <p>A plan to complete the outstanding Article 4 checks within this priority is being drawn up within the department at present and these checks will be carried out by the end of April.</p> <p><b>DRD</b></p> <p>The Carran Hill Water Treatment Works construction is substantially complete and the project is progressing on schedule. The treatment works is now producing drinking water to EU standards to meet demand in the supply zone.</p>																																																										
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Sustainable Environment	Output	Environmental Quality Research Projects	1				1 scheme ongoing.	1	1
	Output	Waste Management project	5		2 ongoing.	2 ongoing.	2 complete. 2 ongoing.	4	5
	Result	Production of recycling, research and waste information	No target					Information not currently available	<b>Information not currently available</b>
	Impact	Evidence of enhanced environmental awareness	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	<b>Not available until the end of the Programme</b>
	Output	Biodiversity Conservation Projects	10				4 ongoing	5	6
	Result	Publication and appropriate dissemination of research conclusions	No target					Information not currently available	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	Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Built Heritage Conservation Projects	2				1 ongoing	1	1
	Result	Development of 2 databases – industrial heritage sites and stone masonry buildings	2					Information not currently available	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	Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Access/Tourism projects	4				2 ongoing	3	3
	Impact	Improved and enhanced access to the natural heritage	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	Not available until the end of the Programme
	Output	Air Quality Project for the 26 District Councils	1				1 ongoing	1	1
	Result	To facilitate the assessment of air quality	No target					Information not currently available	Information not currently available
	Impact	Contribute towards the objectives of the Air Quality Strategy	No target					Not available until the end of the Programme	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	2006	Total
1.1	Business Support	18.487	17.311	18.280	15.949	14.019	12.700	3.944	100.690
1.2	Research and Technology Development	10.245	8.690	6.902	26.676	12.892	9.850	3.956	79.211
1.3	Tourism	12.327	12.682	7.097	4.881	6.038	6.810	5.516	55.351
1.4	Local Economic Development	0.000	0.038	10.280	7.352	6.668	14.338	9.483	48.159
1.5	Information Society	0.933	2.383	2.523	2.875	1.381	0.366	0.754	11.215
1.6	Roads and Transport	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	26.406	39.120	10.621	103.177
1.7	Telecommunications	0.000	0.000	0.965	0.000	5.657	11.071	6.548	24.241
1.8	Energy	0.000	0.000	0.055	8.183	32.343	-18.336	0.000	22.245
<b>Total P 1</b>		<b>41.992</b>	<b>41.104</b>	<b>46.102</b>	<b>92.946</b>	<b>105.404</b>	<b>75.919</b>	<b>40.822</b>	<b>444.289</b>
2.1	Education and Skills Development	17.720	39.640	15.539	15.406	9.396	44.876	7.902	150.479
2.2	Tackling the flows into Long-term Unemployment	0.148	0.410	0.327	0.717	1.566	2.368	1.668	7.204
2.3	Promoting a Labour Market open to all	3.772	10.871	6.448	11.185	13.183	13.986	6.765	66.210
2.4	Improving Opportunities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.682	3.567	0.154	6.403
2.5	Education and Training ICT and Infrastructure	0.000	0.000	0.000	22.131	31.849	26.118	18.576	98.674
2.6	Developing Entrepreneurship	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.114	0.860	0.865	0.119	1.958
2.7	HRD Development in Companies	3.023	8.312	9.668	11.051	7.311	17.642	8.743	65.750
2.8	The Advancement of Women	0.000	0.000	1.533	2.718	2.547	4.408	0.960	12.166
<b>Total P 2</b>		<b>24.663</b>	<b>59.233</b>	<b>33.515</b>	<b>63.322</b>	<b>69.394</b>	<b>113.830</b>	<b>44.887</b>	<b>408.844</b>
3.1	Urban Revitalisation	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.700	0.000	0.000	44.700
3.2	Advice & Information	0.000	0.013	0.032	0.179	0.166	0.507	0.590	1.487
3.3	Community Sustainability	0.000	0.000	0.095	0.680	1.442	0.000	0.000	2.217
3.4	Investing in Early Learning	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.089	7.438	0.000	0.000	10.527
<b>Total P 3</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>0.127</b>	<b>3.948</b>	<b>53.746</b>	<b>0.507</b>	<b>0.590</b>	<b>58.931</b>
4.1	Agricultural Training	1.016	0.722	0.761	0.652	4.265	2.284	5.035	14.735
4.2	Improving Processing & Marketing	0.000	0.000	0.000	17.859	16.868	20.076	20.403	75.206
4.3	Forestry	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.155
4.4	Farm Relief and Farm Management Services	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.030	0.172	0.202
4.5	Marketing of Quality Agricultural Products	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.135	0.358	0.534	0.352	1.379
4.6	Basic Services for the Rural Economy	0.000	0.000	0.218	1.249	1.141	1.973	1.742	6.323
4.7	Renovation and development of villages	0.000	0.000	2.559	2.914	2.152	2.832	0	10.457
4.8	Diversification of agricultural activities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.319	0.760	0.076	1.155
4.9	Development and improvement of infrastructure	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.711	0.030	1.418	2.159
4.10	Encouragement for Tourism and Craft Activities	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.128	0.663	0.567	1.401
4.1	Protection of the environment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.095	2.467	4.164	3.329	10.055
4.1	Financial Engineering	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.364	0.051	0.304	0.618	5.337
4.1	Fisheries	0.000	0.000	5.904	1.849	11.725	4.749	4.363	28.590
<b>Total P 4</b>		<b>1.016</b>	<b>0.722</b>	<b>9.442</b>	<b>29.315</b>	<b>40.185</b>	<b>38.399</b>	<b>38.075</b>	<b>157.154</b>
5.1	Management Protection and enhancement	4.117	14.138	14.708	10.223	5.260	6.112	6.677	61.235
6.1	Technical Assistance Measure	0.097	0.298	0.952	0.637	0.729	0.652	0.178	3.543
	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>71.885</b>	<b>115.508</b>	<b>104.846</b>	<b>200.391</b>	<b>274.718</b>	<b>235.419</b>	<b>131.229</b>	<b>1133.996</b>

**BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DECLARED BY YEAR (EU + MATCH)  
BSP ERDF SPLIT MEASURE LEVEL DETAILS (in Meuro)**

		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	
		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	Eligible Expenditure	EU Grant
1.1a	<b>Business Support</b>	7.550	5.662	8.582	6.436	7.608	5.706	6.421	4.816	3.110	2.333	0.875	0.656	0.266	0.199	34.412	25.808
1.1b		9.397	7.047	6.749	5.062	8.444	6.333	9.494	7.120	10.908	8.181	11.825	8.869	3.679	2.759	60.496	45.371
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	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	14.018	10.514	12.700	9.525	3.945	2.958	100.690	75.515
1.3a	<b>Tourism</b>	6.827	5.111	6.861	5.137	3.074	2.301	4.170	3.123	5.205	3.897	4.969	3.721	4.037	3.028	35.143	26.318
1.3b		5.500	4.118	5.821	4.358	4.023	3.012	0.710	0.531	0.834	0.623	1.842	1.381	1.479	1.109	20.209	15.132
Total		12.327	9.229	12.682	9.495	7.097	5.313	4.880	3.654	6.039	4.520	6.811	5.102	5.516	4.137	55.352	41.450
1.6a	<b>Roads and Transport</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	19.412	16.774	12.046	13.661	10.245	5.465	4.084	62.930	45.787
1.6b		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	9.633	7.224	25.459	19.095	5.155	3.866	40.247	30.185
Total		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.030	19.412	26.407	19.270	39.120	29.340	10.620	7.950	103.177	75.972
1.8a	<b>Energy</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.997	5.985	32.278	24.149	-18.525	-13.894	0.000	0.000	21.750	16.240
1.8b		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.042	0.185	0.139	0.065	0.048	0.189	0.142	0.000	0.000	0.494	0.371
Total		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.042	8.182	6.124	32.343	24.197	-18.336	-13.752	0.000	0.000	22.244	16.611

**ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING 2005**

**NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSITIONAL OBJECTIVE 1 PROGRAMME**

**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 27 September 2006. The discussions were led by Leo O'Reilly on behalf of the Northern Ireland Managing Authority and Jack Engewegen on behalf of the Commission. The complete list of attendees is attached.

The annotated agenda was drafted by the Commission and transmitted to the Northern Ireland Managing Authority on 14 September. The discussion was based on the annual report for 2005, 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 developments which may impact on the SF Programme**

The Commission welcomed to Managing Authority to the sixth annual review meeting and invited the Northern Ireland authorities to give an update on socio-economic developments at this critical juncture between current and future programmes.

**Political uncertainty**

The two Governments are working together towards the restoration of a devolved administration following a series of ministerial meetings this year. The outcome of the meeting planned between the premiers on the 10<sup>th</sup> October in Scotland will be crucial in order to accelerate the movement towards a joint agreement on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Socio-economics**

Northern Ireland's economy continues to grow steadily. The region's GVA rate is at 80% of the UK average and 0.5% of NIs spend is on innovation. One of the issues facing the economy continues to be insufficient investment in R+D and skills - 22% of the working age population have no formal qualifications.

NI has a high inactivity rate at 27% and a labour market unemployment rate of 4.4%.

The Commission questioned the significance of the low unemployment rate, compared to a high inactivity rate. Northern Ireland explained that this phenomenon was due to benefits rates set at a UK level which provide an attractive alternative to (lower) earnings which are set at a national level. 40 000 people from other member states are estimated to be working in the labour market in Northern Ireland, largely in the food processing and agricultural sectors. The open labour market has shown a higher annual growth rate than the UK in the last 10 years but convergence with the UK is low. 30% of employment is concentrated in the public sector in Northern Ireland compared to 60% south of the border.

In terms of future prosperity, it cannot be denied that political stability plays a key part in economic development.

## **1.2 Consistency of the strategic priorities with the Growth and Jobs strategy and the Coherence with UK National Action Plan for Employment & with the UK National Action Plan for Social Inclusion**

The Commission updated the managing authority on a meeting between the devolved administration and European Commission officials to discuss developments on the NRP. The Commission reiterated that there was a level of concern regarding the involvement of the devolved administrations in the NRP drafting process. The NI authorities summarised how the programme had contributed to the objectives of the growth and jobs agenda. The creation of a domestic strategy which tackles economic growth has identified 4 drivers of productivity - enterprise, innovation, skills and infrastructure which form the backbone of Northern Ireland's economic vision for the future.

The priorities most consistent with the jobs and growth agenda within the BSP programme continue to be priorities 1 and 2. National analysis tends to highlight an infrastructure deficit. Under developed infrastructure is often cited as a reason for the under-developed private sector.

The Commission questioned how to raise the awareness of the European social inclusion strategy and encouraged the administration to increase the profile of these actions within the programme. Despite being dwarfed by the EU employment strategy which is well visible, social inclusion measures are supported by the TSN (Targeting Social Need) strategy.

## **2 Programme Development**

### **2.1 Update of Mid-term Evaluation**

The Commission has received of the Mid-term evaluation update, highlighting the main recommendations of the final report. The managing authority provided an update on the contribution of the mid-term evaluation on the more effective delivery of the programme. From the 18 recommendations made, 9 relate to future programming and the rest have been implemented. The update provided a good opportunity to improve publicity, better reporting and better population of non-financial data on the database.

The Commission reminded the authorities that an on-going evaluation will be the requirement for the next programming period.

### **3 Programme Performance**

#### **3.1 Financial: N+2**

The Northern Ireland administration hoped to meet N+2 targets slightly earlier than usual this year. The managing authority have taken steps to ensure that N+2 targets are met including the recent round of bilateral meetings held with respective government departments.

The Commission were informed that ESF target should be met this year and no real problems were identified for FIG. EAGGF however remains an area of concern following the legal difficulties encountered during the programme. The managing authority is waiting for updates from DARD colleagues but is hopeful that the target will be met.

Departments are trying to close the programmes as soon as possible, and are confident that next year's targets will also be met. Northern Ireland are taking steps to deal with closure early and will be completing a closure pack soon. The managing authority explained to the Commission that N+2 had brought benefits to the programme and had placed them in a better position this year.

Priority 4 remains a critical issue. Due to the downturn in the fishing industry FIG is faced with a potential shortfall this year. Amongst the options explored, the transfer of resources between funds is being investigated. The Commission expressed caution and reminded the managing authority that the deadline for the transfer of resources between funds was the end of September. A solution will be presented at the next monitoring committee meeting.

The Commission asked for another update to be provided in mid-November.

### **4 Programme Management**

#### **4.1 Management and control systems, audit matters**

Discussions continue on the definition of the major project – whether it is a package of projects or a single project.

The auditors explained that when the audit was carried out in April 2006, a number of weaknesses were found including deficiencies in the audit trails and publicity requirements. Moreover, 2 out of the 8 projects audited were not prepared for audit. The Commission has sent the audit report to the Northern Ireland authorities but is still awaiting for a response addressing the general conclusions raised as regards the deficiencies in the audit trails and the publicity requirements. The Northern Ireland Authorities agreed to send a complementary reply (including the drafted formal letters to final beneficiaries) to address these general findings.

Northern Ireland expressed disappointment that audit results in relation to ESF management and control systems which provided a positive assessment were not taken into account. They believe that systems are in place and mentioned that progress had been made on Article 4 checks and Article 10 checks were above the required level.

Northern Ireland Authorities explained that they understood the reasons why the auditors consider the Classroom 2K project as a major project even though they still believe it is not a major project.

The Commission legal service and auditor unit explained the audit findings and clearly indicated the reasons for requesting reasons for the submission of a major project application form. The Commission remains of the opinion that the Classroom 2K scheme is a major project according to the Article 25 definition and confirmed that the best way to secure the expenditure would be to submit an application form this year in order to ensure a commission decision this year. Work will continue on this bilaterally.

#### **4.2 Publicity/Visibility**

The managing authority gave a comprehensive account of publicity actions across Northern Ireland. The Commission presentation is annexed to this document.

#### **4.3 Preparation of closure**

A presentation was delivered by the legal unit setting out the procedure for the closure of 2000-2006 structural fund programmes. The authorities were reminded of the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept deadline for changes between funds and programmes and that they had until 31 December 2006 to make any other changes to the financing plan of the Commission decision not involving changes between funds and programmes. They were reminded that they could benefit from the 2% (between priorities) flexibility in the calculation of the Community contribution at closure. In addition, they may modify the financing plan of the programme complement until the final date of eligibility. The deadline for submission of closure documents is 15 months after the final date of eligibility of expenditure, save for the EAGGF, Guidance Section, for which the deadline is 6 months after the final date of eligibility. In the event of late submission, automatic decommitment will be carried out. The authorities were informed that the state aid rules to be applied would those in force on the date of the legally binding commitment to pay aid to the beneficiary.

**AGREED MINUTES OF MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday 25 April 2006  
Greenmount College  
Antrim**

**Minutes**

**1. Attendance**

A list of attendees is attached at Annex A. Apologies received from Maella Bratton, Local Government, Robin Newton, Local Government, Gerry Maclochlainn, Local Government, Brendan Mackin, Trade Unions, Ann McKernan, Equality, Christine McCann, Chris Kirby, DTI, Pat Colgan, SEUPB & Trevor Polley, LGSFG.

Thomas Burns attended in place of Maella Bratton, Local Government.

**2. Introduction**

The **Chair** welcomed everyone to the seventeenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee and in particular new representatives from the European Commission, the ERDF Paying Authority and DETI.

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

**3.1** The minutes of the meeting of 18 October were accepted subject to the following amendment:-

**Page 4 Para 5**

**Remove** 'Following a query from the European Commission, the Chair advised that the Managing Authority was confident that funding the new trains would meet all the European Commission regulations with regard to retrospective expenditure'

**replace with** '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.'

**3.2 Action Points**

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

Following a request from a **Local Government representative**, The Managing Authority **agreed** to forward a copy of the paper provided

earlier to the Committee by DE on Measure 3.4 Investing in Early Learning.

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

The **Chair** outlined the contents of the Progress report.

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 Applications

Members were updated on the progress on applications, commitments and certified expenditure. They were advised that since the last meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the programme commitments have risen by 7.5% to 89.75%. Members were informed that the Programme has now received 2,275 applications and 1,038 have been approved, giving an overall approval rate of 45.6%. A number of applications were still in the process of being determined.

- N+2 targets

The Committee was informed that the 2005 N+2 targets for all funds were met with some comfort. Members were advised that the surplus from last years targets will contribute towards this years targets and that the Managing Authority and Departments will continue to monitor expenditure through forecasts and Bilaterals to ensure the 2006 targets are met. The Managing Authority's aim is to make regular claims during 2006 on a quarterly basis.

- Publicity

The Committee was informed that Managing Authority recently distributed 224,000 CSF Publicity leaflets using the 4 main newspapers as the outlet and further publicity measures are planned for the remainder of the year.

- Environmental Sustainability

Members were advised that a DPA score has now been recorded for 100% of the projects input on the Central Database.

- Working Groups

Members were informed that the Information Society Working Group is hosting a major 'eEurope4all' conference in Newry on 18-19 May.

- Priority 1 Economic Growth and Competitiveness

The **DETI representative** advised the Committee on the measures within this priority. Members were advised that these measures were showing good progress. The Committee was informed that Northern Ireland was now the leading broadband region in Europe and that the most recent figures show that Broadband taken up by households has increased by a further 3% between December 2005 and March 2006.

Following a query from the **Agri-rural representative** on the achievement of targets, the **Chair** advised that the Mid-term Evaluation and the further update of the Evaluation provided the most comprehensive and reliable guide to the performance of the Programme.

The **DETI representative** agreed to provide further information on the definition of 'engagements' in the indicators for Measure 1.5 to the **Agri-rural Representative**.

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

- Priority 2 Employment

The **DEL representative** updated the Committee on the progress made in their measures. Members were advised that DEL Measures within Priority 2 are over 100% committed following a third call for projects held earlier this year and this would be recorded on the database when Letters of Offer were issued formally.

The **Chair** outlined the background to the DEL proposals to reallocate ESF funds to facilitate early closure of ESF Measures. Members were advised that these proposals are due to changes in classification of EU funding within the accounting system providing greater flexibility on when expenditure can take place. They were also advised that the current UK spending review cycle ends in 2007-08 and it provided advantages in bringing forward such EU income from 2007-08 to earlier years because 2007-08 will be the baseline year for Barnett calculations after CSR 2007.

Following a query from the **Voluntary and Community representative**, the **Chair** advised that the third-party projects which have received a Letter of Offer for funding under these measures where reallocation has occurred would receive their full grant from DEL Public Expenditure. The **Chair** added the Audit and Control requirements for these projects remained the same as other EU funded projects.

The **Monitoring Committee agreed** to the DEL proposals to reallocate ESF funds to facilitate early closure of ESF Measures.

The **DE representative** advised that Measure 2.4 and 2.5 are progressing well and Members were informed that DE hoped to spend their full allocation on Measure 2.5 by the end of 2006.

- Priority 3 Urban and Social Revitalisation

The **DSD representative** advised that measures in Priority 3 were all progressing well.

The **DE representative** confirmed that Measure 3.4 has now spent its full allocation and has met all its targets.

Following an explanation of the rationale from the **DE representative**, the Monitoring Committee approved the revision of indicators for Measure 3.4.

- Priority 4 Agriculture, Rural Development, Forestry and Fisheries

The **DARD representative** advised the Committee that due to 2 unresolved issues the Department is unable to table the final proposals for the reallocation of EAGGF funding. Members were informed that the delay is due to an ongoing judicial review under Measure 4.8 and the completion of a selection process under Measure 4.9 and 4.10 which had been set-up to reallocate de-committed funds.

Members were also advised that FIFG continues to perform well and a further reallocation of funds will take place within the sub-measures in order to overcome a difficulty with private funding within the overall measure.

The Committee noted DARD's proposals to reallocate EAGGF funds to ensure that the allocation will be fully spent and N+2 targets are met: these proposals will be finalised at a later date when the issues referred to above are resolved.

- Priority 5 Environment

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

Members were advised that DRD have allocated the Performance Reserve monies to fund a new water treatment scheme and that the DOE element continues to make steady progress.

The **Managing Authority agreed** to provide an update on expenditure to the Monitoring Committee following the June Drawdowns. They also agreed that they would provide a breakdown of the amount of Technical Assistance made available for Economic Appraisals.

The Monitoring Committee **noted** the progress and developments which have taken place in the Programme.

## 5. Response to Mid-term Evaluation Update

A Managing Authority representative advised Members that the paper provided outlined the Managing Authority's responses to the Mid-term Evaluation Update. Members were informed that the report was sent to the European Commission on 12 December 2005. The Managing Authority also advised that a number of proposals have been acted upon and more of the recommendations will be taken into account in the development of the new SF programmes for 2007-2013.

## 6. Draft Annual Implementation Report 2005

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

Following a request from the **Voluntary & Community representative**, it was agreed that the Managing Authority would redraft section 6.10 (Working Groups) of the report.

The Committee **noted** the contents of the 2005 AIR and agreed to provide comments on the report to the Managing Authority by 12 May.

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

## 7. AOB

- Future Funding

The **Chair** updated the Committee on the current situation regarding the new round of funding. Members were informed that a 12-week consultation exercise on the UK National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) is currently underway which ends on 22 May 2006. Members were also advised that Concordia, NILGA and European Commission are holding events to help raise awareness of this exercise. The **Chair** also encouraged Members of the Committee to respond to the NSRF consultation.

The **European Commission representative** advised the Committee that the new round of the Structural Funds would be specifically linked to the Growth and Jobs agenda agreed in Lisbon. They also informed that all SF programmes should include at least 75% of activities which support the Growth and Jobs Agenda as per the categories of expenditure defined in the draft ERDF regulation (so-called 'Lisbon earmarking').

The Managing Authority advised that any NI responses to the UK NSRF will be placed on the DFP website and will help inform the debate on the shape of the future programmes.

- Retirement of the EAGGF Paying Authority Representative

The **Chair** expressed thanks and best wishes to the EAGGF Paying Authority Representative, Gerry McWhinney, who is due to retire before the Autumn meeting of the Committee.

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on 18 October.

**Wednesday 18 October 2006**  
**Lough Neagh Discovery Centre**

**Minutes**

**1. Attendance**

A list of attendees is attached at Annex A. Apologies were received from Maella Bratton, Local Government, Robin Newton, Local Government, Arnold Hatch, Local Government, Gerry MacLochlainn, Local Government, Brendan Mackin, Trade Unions, Trevor Polley, LGSFG & Kieran McMahon, DOE.

**2. Introduction**

The **Chair** welcomed everyone to the eighteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee and in particular new representatives from the ESF and EAGGF/FIFG Paying Authorities and NISRA.

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

**3.1** The minutes of the meeting 25 April were accepted without amendment.

**3.2** The **Chair** updated the Members on progress on the Action Points from the previous 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 including Closure of the Programmes and work carried out by the Working Groups.

- Programme Commitments

Members were advised that since the last meeting of the Monitoring Committee, the programme commitments have risen by 4.91% to 94.70%. The **Managing Authority representative** informed Members that the current progress rate would lead to full commitment and expenditure by the end of the Programme.

- N+2 targets

The Committee was informed that the Managing Authority continues to carry out claims for drawdown from the European Commission. Members were advised that the current forecasts for N+2 show that ERDF, ESF and FIFG will achieve their N+2 targets comfortably and following discussions between DARD and the Managing Authority, DARD have advised that they will meet the EAGGF target.

- Closure of the Programme

The **Managing Authority representative** updated the Committee on the actions carried out by the Managing Authority to ensure a successful Closure Report. They advised that the Commission have issued the final guidance on Closure and this has been circulated to all BSP Implementing Departments.

- Publicity

The Committee was informed that the Managing Authority and the European Commission discussed the issue of Publicity at the recent Annual Review Meeting. The **Managing Authority representative** advised that they were conscious of the need to publicise the Programme and drew attention the recent Newsletter which was circulated at the meeting.

- Working Groups

Members were advised that the Information Society WG hosted a successful major eEurope4all conference in Newry in May and the Human Resource Development Working Group have completed their research into the lessons learnt in the delivery of ESF co-funded activities under BSP and PEACE II. The final report was circulated earlier to the Monitoring Committees for their information.

- Priority 1 Economic Growth and Competitiveness

The **DETI representative** advised that their measures were progressing well towards their targets. They highlighted that they are considering possible reallocations within the sub-measures of Measure 1.1 and 1.3 and that the Department is closely monitoring the Telecommunications measure to ensure that the measure spends its full allocation.

They also advised that Measure 1.4 was slow to begin but Councils were commencing a number of large infrastructure projects and therefore expenditure levels of this measure would rise as these projects progress.

The **DETI representative agreed** to forward a further explanation to the Agri-rural Representative regarding the data provided on Business Expenditure on R&D (BERD) and how this is measured for the duration of the programme.

The **DRD representative** informed the Committee that the Department hoped to complete spend on Measure 1.6 by the end of the year.

- Priority 2 Employment

The **DEL representative** advised the Committee on the progress made in their measures. Members were advised that DEL were inputting the Letter of Offer details on the Central Database following the third call for projects undertaken earlier in the year.

Following a query from the **Agri-Rural representative** on Lifelong Learning indicators, **DEL** advised that the figure for the Lifelong Learning measure was updated annually and therefore next year's figures would provide a clearer picture on progress. **DEL agreed** to forward details of the qualifications gained in the Lifelong Learning measure to the Agri-rural representative.

The **DEL representative** also **agreed** to contact the Voluntary and Community representative to provide further details on the progress of Measure 2.8 Advancement of Women.

- Priority 3 Urban and Social Revitalisation

The **DSD representative** advised that all their measures were progressing well and the department were investigating ways to mainstream the funding of successful projects through Departmental expenditure following the end of the BSP Programme.

Following a query from the **Voluntary and Community representative**, **DSD** advised that their Internal Audit had requested that Economic Appraisals be carried out for projects requesting additional funding where that additional funding caused the total funding to exceed the threshold.

The **DE representative** advised the Committee that all measures administered by DE are progressing well.

- Priority 4 Agriculture

The **Chair** advised the Committee that DARD would provide an update of their measures in the next agenda item.

- Priority 5 Environment

The **DRD representative** advised the Committee that the DRD element of this measure was largely complete and the final project, Carran Hill Water Treatment works would be officially opened in April 2007.

The **Monitoring Committee noted** the progress and developments which have taken place in the Programme since the last meeting of the Committee.

## 5. **DARD Action Plan**

The **DARD representative** outlined the rationale behind the reallocations in the EAGGF measures within the Priority. Members were advised that due to a

number of reasons including the failure of the Bio-Gas project, DARD had been unable to provide definitive allocations from the review of EAGGF until recently. Following the review of EAGGF Measures, DARD proposed to transfer funding from the under performing measures into Measures 4.2, 4.6, 4.9 and 4.11.

The **Committee agreed** to approve the proposals to re-allocate EAGGF funds as set out in the DARD paper subject to minor revisions to correct some of the figures, as notified to the Committee.

The **DARD representative** advised the Committee on the progress made on each measure of Priority 4. Members were advised that DARD have identified a shortfall in the amount of private funding available for Measure 4.13 Fisheries. DARD advised that they are investigating various options available to them in order to alleviate this shortfall. DARD also advised following discussions with their Implementing Bodies that they are confident that they would be able to meet the EAGGF 2006 N+2 target.

Following a query from the **Agri-rural representative**, the **Managing Authority agreed** to investigate the methodology used by Departments to measure jobs creation when reporting against the programmes indicators.

## **6. AOB**

The **Chair** updated the Committee on the current situation regarding the 2007-2013 programmes. Members were advised that the allocations to the new programmes would be announced next week and following this announcement, the Managing Authority will circulate these allocations to the Monitoring Committee.

## COMPOSITION OF BSP MONITORING COMMITTEE

1	<b>Chair</b>	DFP Managing Authority	Bill Pauley
2	<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Representative of OFMDFM	Linda Wilson
3	<b>Special EU Programmes Body</b>	PEACE II Representative	Pat Colgan
4	<b>Equality Organisation</b>	Equality Sector	*Anne McKernan
5	<b>Environmental Body</b>	Environmental Sector	Brian Murphy
6	<b>Social Partners</b>	Voluntary and Community Sector	Frances McCandless
		Business Sector	Christine McCann
		Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries Sector	Miceal McCoy
		Trade Union Sector	Brendan Mackin
7	<b>Sub Regional</b>	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	<b>Paying Authorities</b>	European Social Fund	John Neill
		European Regional Development Fund	Maura Young
		EAGGF/FIFG	+Rodney Scott

<b>9</b>	<b>Advisors</b>	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	

\* The Equality Commission withdrew their representatives from the EU Structural Funds Monitoring Committees in July 2006.

+ Rodney Scott replaced Gerry McWhinney as the EAGGF representatives in September 2006

### **Meetings**

**Greenmount College – 25 April 2006**

**Lough Neagh Discovery Centre – 18 October 2006**

**SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS TAKEN BY BSP MONITORING COMMITTEE  
DURING 2006**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Decision/ Action Taken</b>
25 April 2006	Reallocation of ESF Funds to facilitate early closure of ESF Measure	The Monitoring Committee agreed to the proposal from DEL to reallocate funding within Priority 2 to help facilitate early closure of ESF Measures. DEL requested this action following changes to the NI accounting system.
18 October 2006	Review of EAGGF Measures	The Monitoring Committee agreed to approve proposals from DARD to reallocate funding from the under performing measures into Measure 4.2, 4.6, 4.9 and 4.11.

## ANNEX VII

### 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
<b>Priority 1</b>			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€529.020	€444.287	83.98%
<b>Output Indicators reported:</b>			
SME's supported	3,600		
R&D Projects supported	286	715	250%
Marketing Initiatives Supported across key markets	15 per year	23	153%
By-pass schemes	3	3	100%
Bridge Strengthening Scheme	1	1	100%
Rural Bus Station Project	1		
Urban Bus Depot Projects	3	3	100%
Introduction of Customer Information Service	-		0%
<b>Result indicators reported:</b>			
Gross jobs created	8,400		
R&D supported projects completing successfully	80%		87.97%
Over the period of the Programme to create gross additional jobs in tourism	1,400		
New carriageway built	12.4km	12.4km	100%
<b>Priority 2</b>			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€566.345m	€408.847m	72.19%
<b>Output Indicators reported:</b>			
Active Labour Market: annual participants	48,100	49,099	102.08%
Equal Opportunities: annual participants	45,000	40,911	90.91%
Lifelong Learning: annual participants	20,000	11,545	57.73%
Adaptability & Entrepreneurship: annual participants	54,200	52,765	97.35%
Improving Women's Access: annual participants	17,500	16,741	95.66%
<b>Result Indicators reported:</b>			
Active Labour Market: qualifications	7,400	6,810	92.03%
Equal Opportunities: qualifications	21,900	18,760	85.66%
Lifelong Learning: qualifications	8,000	4,590	57.38%
Adaptability & Entrepreneurship: qualifications	25,550	27,112	106.11%
Improving Women's access: qualifications	4,400	4,375	99.43%

<b>Priority 3</b>			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€70.900m	€58.931	83.12%
<b>Output Indicators reported:</b>			
Number of projects / organisations /schemes funded / assisted	-	6	
Community organisations assisted	100	35	35%
<b>Result Indicators reported:</b>			
Increase in employment in local area	-		
Number of support hours delivered over the life of the programme	2,000		
<b>Priority 4</b>			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€257.871m	€157.154	60.94%
<b>Output Indicators reported:</b>			
Projects and Programmes receiving support	420	610	145%
Training Days	87,500	67,162	76.76%
<b>Result Indicators reported:</b>			
Gross full-time equivalent jobs	220	191.5	87.05%
Decommissioning of vessels	30	48	160%
Beneficiaries of training	50,500	48,206	95.45%
Scrap and Build of vessels	18	0	0%
<b>Priority 5</b>			
<i>Financial Progress reported</i>	€62.149	€61.236	98.53%
<b>Output Indicators reported:</b>			
Water treatment schemes	3	4	133%
Sewage treatment schemes	2	2	100%
Air quality project	1	1	100%
<b>Result Indicators reported:</b>			
Average increase in capacity	30%	30%	100%
Average increase in capacity	275%	275%	100%
Capital infrastructure projects for air quality	-		
Staff resource projects for air quality	-		

## PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES 2006

MEASURE	ACTIVITIES (January - December 2006)
1.1	All letters and publications publicise EU funding
1.2	<p><b>SMART</b> aCall for applications in the local press in Oct 06 included BSP logo</p> <p><b>SMART</b> Press Release issued in Oct 06 re SMART awards ceremony</p> <p><b>COMPETE</b> Programme brochures and literature (with logos) distributed at Innovate for Profit seminar on Oct 06 and Western Innovation Network on Nov 06</p> <p><b>Green Awareness / EASS</b> Press Article published in local magazine</p> <p><b>Green Awareness / EASS</b> 'Sustainable Ireland' Autumn 06 edition published</p> <p><b>Knowledge Transfer Partnerships</b> Annual Awards Promotional Booklet 2006</p>
1.3a	<p>Learning Journeys – Jan 06</p> <p>Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan Forum – Mar 06</p> <p>Ireland's 'Christian Heritage' publication – Apr 06</p> <p>'Follow in the footsteps of St Patrick' publication – May 06</p> <p>St Patrick's Trail: Feasibility Study – Mar 06</p> <p>Big Lottery Review visit – May 06</p> <p>Visitor Servicing Conference – May 06</p> <p>NITB's 'The View' newsletter published – Apr 06</p> <p>Strategic Framework for Action Year 2 Review brochure published – June 06</p> <p>NI Tourism Awards newsletter published – June 06</p> <p>Spring short breaks campaign – launched in Jan 06 and included press, radio and outdoor advertising</p> <p>NITB Masterclasses carried out in Jan, Mar, and May 06 – promoted via mail shots and telephone calls to tourism industry</p> <p>Summer in the City short breaks campaign in ROI market</p> <p>2006/2007 short breaks brochure – all advertising materials incorporated BSP branding</p> <p>City breaks campaign – Jul and Aug 06</p> <p>Autumn short breaks campaign – Sep to Nov 06</p> <p>Mournes Economic Impact Study</p> <p>Service Level Agreement to Mourne Heritage Trust for Mournes Activity</p> <p>Renewing Communities – Invites and Comment Card</p> <p>St Patrick Ireland's Christian Heritage – Italian, French and German</p> <p>Marketing Plan and Best International Prospects for NI tourism 07</p> <p>Two editions of 'Tourism calendar for NI 2007'</p>
1.3b	Sixmilewater Caravan Park launch

1.4	<p><b>Ballymena BC</b> – Signage erected detailing Ahoghill Community Property Scheme – Apr 06</p> <p><b>Ballymena BC</b> – Formal signing and presentation re Gracehill old School Restoration Project – Mar 06</p> <p><b>Ballymena BC</b> – Launch of a European Outlook Programme – Feb 06</p> <p><b>Ballymena BC</b> – Ballymena Business Centre launched a suite of business development programmes</p> <p><b>Ballymoney BC</b> – ‘Good Food Week’ hosted from 19 to 25 Jun</p> <p><b>Ballymoney BC</b> – Press release for new website launch – Mar 06</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – All Ireland conference – Mar 06</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – EU information session – Mar 06</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – ‘Solutions in Manufacturing for Enhanced Competitiveness’ programme launched – Jan 06</p> <p><b>Carrickfergus BC</b> – Redesigned website</p> <p><b>Craigavon BC</b> – ‘From Farm to Fork Food’ conference – Jun 06</p> <p><b>Craigavon BC</b> – Investors In People Information Seminar – Jun 06</p> <p><b>Derry CC</b> – Official launch of 21 Cannon Guns on the City Walls – May 06</p> <p><b>Down DC</b> – Purchase of BSP logo canopies</p> <p><b>Limavady BC</b> – Food and craft market - Apr 06</p> <p><b>Newry and Mourne DC</b> – Newry Gala Business Awards ceremony – May 06</p> <p><b>Newtownabbey BC</b> – 4 events held by the Newtownabbey Business Network – Jan to Apr 06</p> <p><b>Antrim DC</b> – Antrim Borough Gateway to Growth Brochure – Oct 06</p> <p><b>Ballymena BC</b> – Three Tourist Information Guides produced – Aug 06</p> <p><b>Ballymoney BC</b> – Publicity campaign through marketing brochure and advertising in media</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – Gala Dinner and Business Awards ceremony – Oct 06</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – Belfast Competitive City Newsletter – Autumn 06 edition</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – E-bulletins – Jul and Sep 06</p> <p><b>Belfast CC</b> – Official arrival of Dutch barge ‘Confiance’ as part of a new cultural, arts and heritage project</p> <p><b>Down DC</b> – Celtic Fusion Musical Arts Festival – Jul to Aug 06</p> <p><b>Newtownabbey BC</b> – Netherlands Outlook Programme – Nov 06</p> <p><b>Lisburn CC</b> – Glenwood Workspace Units (Phase VI) opening – Oct 06</p> <p><b>Omagh DC</b> – Celebration event held by Omagh Enterprise Company – Dec 06</p>
1.5	<p><b>MIS</b> – Three Search Engine Marketing seminars – Apr 06 Belfast, May 06 Newry and Ballymoney</p> <p><b>Ebusiness Process</b> – Belfast Telegraph article – Jan 06</p> <p><b>Ebusiness Process</b> – Enterprise Week – series of events held in Newry and Antrim in Mar 06</p> <p><b>Ebusiness Process</b> – Western Innovation Network Seminars – Jun 06</p> <p><b>ICT Advisors</b> – ICT for SME Conference, Edinburgh May 06 – BSP logo inserted in presentation material</p>

	<p><b>Ebusiness Process</b> – Best Practice Web Design presentations held in Derry, Cookstown, Antrim and Banbridge during Oct 06</p> <p><b>Ebusiness Process</b> – Licensed Guests Inns events – Nov 06</p>
1.6A	<b>Omagh Throughpass (Stage 3)</b> – officially opened by Minister – Oct 06
1.6B	Ongoing discussions with <b>Translink</b> re erection of plaques
1.7	<p>Announcement of 100% Broadband availability in NI - Jan 06</p> <p>DETI Press Releases and news articles</p> <p><b>Derry CC</b> – Publicity DVD produced for Broadband Flagship Initiative</p> <p>Presentation to EU Information Society</p> <p>Publication in Irish Times</p> <p>Press Release by University of Ulster</p> <p>Journal Article Publication</p> <p>Visit to University of Ulster Demo Centre</p>
1.8A	Plaques erected at both Coolkeeragh and Carrickfergus in August 06
1.8B	Projects are continually publicised by virtue of their nature
2.1	<p><b>Signage</b> – Southern Sports Partnership – wall plaque to be erected</p> <p><b>Signage</b> – Jobskills – plaques have been erected at all related Training Organisations</p> <p><b>Jobskills Traineeships Programme</b> – carried out by Training Organisations - May-September</p> <p><b>Leaflets</b> – New Jobskills leaflets previously distributed</p> <p><b>Workshops which covered publicity requirements</b> – held for all potential projects – Mar 06</p>
2.2	<p><b>Signage</b> – Wall plaques to be provided for Fermanagh Rural Community and Wade Training Ltd</p> <p><b>Display Stand</b> – used at various events by successful projects</p> <p><b>Display Stand</b> – Gingerbread’s certificate presentation - Nov 06</p> <p><b>Publicity/Advertising done by projects in various ways</b> – local press, information days, distribution of flyers, leaflets in libraries, medical centre’s etc</p> <p>Prince’s Trust Project launch – Oct 06</p> <p><b>Workshops which covered publicity requirements</b> – held for all potential projects – Mar 06</p>
2.3	<p><b>Signage</b> – Belfast GEMS Ltd – wall plaque to be erected</p> <p><b>Signage</b> – Jobskills – plaques have been erected at all related Training Organisations</p> <p><b>Leaflets</b> – New Jobskills leaflets previously distributed</p> <p><b>Jobskills Access Programme</b> – carried out by Training Organisations (May-September 06)</p>

	<p><b>Publicity/Advertising done by projects in various ways</b> – local press, information days, distribution of flyers, leaflets in libraries, medical centres etc</p> <p><b>Workshops which covered publicity requirements</b> – held for all potential projects – Mar 06</p>
2.4	<p><b>BSP Wall Plaques</b> – distributed to each Education and Welfare Office</p> <p><b>BSP Stationery</b> – distributed to Education and Welfare Offices</p>
2.5	<p><b>Plaques</b> – erected in all funded schools</p>
2.6	<p><b>Case Officer Project Visits</b> – carried out regularly to monitor publicity</p>
2.7	<p><b>Signage</b> – Jobskills – plaques have been erected at all related Training Organisations</p> <p><b>Leaflets</b> – New Jobskills leaflets previously distributed</p> <p><b>Case Officer Project Visits</b> – carried out regularly to monitor publicity</p>
2.8	<p><b>Signage</b> – wall plaques supplied for numerous new projects</p> <p><b>Display Stand</b> – used at various events by Invest NI, Newry institute, Omagh College and Women in Enterprise NI</p> <p><b>Publicity Requirements Workshops</b> – held for all potential projects – Mar 06</p> <p><b>Case Officer Project Visits</b> – carried out regularly to monitor publicity</p> <p><b>Publicity/Advertising done by projects in various ways</b> – local press, information days, distribution of flyers, leaflets in libraries, medical centres etc</p> <p><b>Workshops which covered publicity requirements</b> – held for all potential projects – Mar 06</p>
3.1	<p><b>Plaques</b> – now erected in all public areas in each of the 23 Jobs and Benefits offices funded under BSP – 93 plaques in total</p>
3.2	<p><b>Use of logo</b> – Chinese Welfare Association letterheads displaying logo</p> <p><b>Use of logo</b> – RNID newsheets and flyers displaying logo</p> <p><b>Use of logo</b> – Advice NI annual report and website displaying logo</p> <p><b>Use of logo</b> – Action Mental Health letterhead and website displaying logo</p> <p><b>Action Mental Health</b> – Various promotional activities – newspapers issued, presentations and workshops delivered to various schools, information stand displayed at youth clubs</p> <p><b>Housing Rights Services</b> – Fact sheet issued to 187 partners, project awarded a National Training Award on 17/6/07 by DEL</p>
3.3	<p><b>Business in the Community</b> – letter bearing logo</p> <p><b>Coleraine Rural &amp; Urban Network</b> – newsheets bearing logo</p> <p><b>East Down Rural Community Network</b> – monthly Network notes bearing logo</p>

	<p><b>Armagh Confederation of Voluntary Groups</b> – Annual Report and Invitation bearing logo</p> <p><b>East Belfast Community Development Agency</b> – newsheets and letters bearing logo</p> <p><b>Confederation of Community Groups</b> – newsletter and training calendar bearing logo</p> <p><b>North Antrim Community Network</b> – newsletter bearing logo</p> <p><b>Lisburn Community Network</b> – newsletter bearing logo</p> <p><b>Northwest Community Network</b> – newsletter bearing logo</p> <p><b>NI Council for Voluntary Action</b> – newsheet bearing logo</p> <p><b>Social Economy Agency</b> – conference report bearing logo</p> <p><b>North Down Community Network</b> – newsheets and flyers bearing logo</p> <p><b>Carrickfergus Community Forum</b> – newsletters bearing logo and Training Workshops held</p> <p><b>Castlereagh Community Network</b> – newsheets bearing logo</p> <p><b>Armagh Confederation of Community Groups</b> – launch of website, bi-monthly newsletter, updating of community directory</p> <p><b>Coleraine Rural &amp; Urban Network</b> – monthly newsletter, press releases in local newspapers</p> <p><b>Oakleaf</b> – Conference on collaboration – Dec 06</p> <p><b>Ballymoney Resource Centre</b> – newsletter, disability guide, Sep 06 AGM</p>
3.4	<p><b>Publicity material</b> – delivered to nursery units as and when visited</p> <p>Wall plaques displayed by all funded nursery units</p>
4.1	<p><b>Press Articles</b> – articles covering a variety of short course training topics produced. Existing leaflets and booklets carrying the BSP logo continue to be issued</p> <p><b>Young Tractor Drivers Presentation</b> – banners displaying the BSP logo present</p>
4.2	<p><b>Press Release</b> – Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Scheme announcement</p> <p><b>Press Release</b> – Eighth Round of Awards Under the EU Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grant Scheme announcement</p> <p><b>Leaflets</b> – scheme leaflets disseminated at various events e.g. Winter Fair</p> <p><b>Signage</b> – Projects - Avondale Foods Ltd - billboard erected on site</p> <p><b>Signage</b> – Projects – McGrane Nurseries Ltd – commemorative plaque erected on site</p>
4.3	<p>Measure closed</p>
4.4	<p><b>Town &amp; Country Hire Ltd project</b> – logos displayed on advertisements, posters and leaflets. Reference to fund and measure in all press releases and advertisements</p>

	<b>Town &amp; Country Hire Ltd project</b> – participation in Glenarm Castle Country Fair, all equipment displayed relevant logos
4.5	<b>Press Release</b> – Ministerial Announcement of Grant Awards – Oct 06 <b>Project's Staffing Adverts</b> – placed by Kettlye Irish Foods, Glens of Antrim Potatoes, Willowbrook Foods and NI Pig Genetics Ltd
4.6	<b>Creating Common Ground</b> – 40 Communities Programme Launch – Nov 06 <b>Armagh Estates Project Launch</b> – information leaflet distributed – Nov 06 <b>YFC Skills Training Event</b> – Aug 06 <b>Laganside</b> – balance of project advertisement – Nov 06 <b>Rural Development Council</b> – Press releases and launch speeches A number of projects issued press releases and publications throughout the year Reminder / compliance letter issued to all groups in Sep 06 advising that EU assistance must be acknowledged
4.7	All activities and advertisements in compliance with BSP publicity regulations <b>Lough Neagh Partnership</b> – Press releases issued for the following projects: Feile an Locha, Triathlon, Maghery Traditions Group and Ballinderry History Book <b>RCN</b> – 1 edition of Network News; 6 editions of rural brief; Promotional stand with logo used at a wide variety of events; Logo on RCN website, AGM Report and all promotional materials including recruitment advertisements <b>HUBS</b> – All 16 groups recruited received materials with BSP logos and logos were present on all Hubs recruitment advertisements <b>Rural Development Council</b> – various press releases and launch speeches
4.8	<b>Half Bred Horse Breeders</b> – Advertisement for trip to Hickstead and France referred to BSP within the text
4.9	<b>Lower Bann Partnership</b> – officially launched Jun 06 with a press pack for media displaying correct logos <b>Faughan Valley</b> – project officially launched - Mar 06 and advertisements placed for Bursary scheme (Sep 06) and Biodiversity and Access Officer (Oct 06) <b>Renewables for Rural Schools</b> – project launched Nov 06 and received substantial media coverage in the local press <b>Claudy Country Park Access &amp; Biodiversity</b> – project launch – Jul 06 <b>Lough Neagh Partnership</b> – Press release issued fir the Curran Quay project <b>Rural Development Council</b> – various press releases and launch speeches

	<p>A number of projects issued press releases and publications throughout the year</p> <p>Reminder / compliance letter issued to all groups in Sep 06 advising that EU assistance must be acknowledged</p>
4.10	<p><b>Comber Greenway Project</b> – launched Oct 06 and received substantial media coverage in the local press</p> <p><b>Lough and Land Programme</b> – launched Nov 06 and received substantial media coverage in the local press</p> <p><b>Lough Neagh Partnership</b> – press release issued for Lough Neagh Marketing Strategy project</p> <p><b>Tyrone Taverns</b> – launched Sep 06 and included a BSP pop-up stand, press release also appeared in a variety of local newspapers. BSP</p> <p><b>Rural Development Council</b> – press releases and launch speeches</p> <p>Reminder / compliance letter issued to all groups in Sep 06 advising that EU assistance must be acknowledged</p>
4.11	<p><b>West Tyrone Rural</b> – Renewable Energies Programme (Jul 06) publicised in Tyrone Constitution and Tyrone Herald</p> <p><b>Killesher Community Development Association</b> – relevant logos and funds incorporated in all publicity materials such as DVDs, event invitations, exhibition stands and newspaper articles</p> <p><b>Lough Neagh Partnership</b> – press release for RSPB project</p> <p><b>Rural Development Council</b> – various press releases and launch speeches</p> <p>Reminder / compliance letter issued to all groups in Sep 06 advising that EU assistance must be acknowledged</p>
4.12	<p><b>Social Economy Finance Conference</b> – Sep 06</p>
4.13	<p><b>Northern Ireland Seafood</b> – logo used on a substantial amount of publications, press releases, events i.e. Seafood Week 06 and on website</p>
5.1 DOE input	<p><b>Enhanced Natural Attenuation of Hydrocarbon Contaminated Land</b> – published papers in scientific journals (Aug and Sep 06) and attended International Conference on Water Resources in the Mediterranean Basin (Nov 06)</p> <p><b>Habitas – the next developmental phase</b> – published press articles in local papers highlighting new developments (Sep and Oct 06)</p> <p><b>Sponge Biodiversity on Rathlin Island</b> – delivered a presentation at the Zoological Museum of Copenhagen (Oct 06) and featured on BBC NI TV series ‘Waterworld’ (Oct 06)</p> <p><b>Helping Hands</b> – ‘Reaching for better safety’ news article featured in Belfast Telegraph (Dec 06) and featured in ‘Business in the Community’ newsletter Autumn / Winter edition (Dec 06)</p>

<b>5.1 DRD input</b>	<b>Carran Hill Water Treatment Works</b> - Signboard on site throughout construction and commissioning phases.
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**COMMON INDICATOR TABLES FOR MONITORING RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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