

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOINT BEST VALUE REVIEW EXETER CITY, EAST DEVON AND MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILS		SERVICE AREA: GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS		
ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS	TIMESCALE
<b>Project Management</b>	1. Review objectives, roles and responsibilities of economic development projects to reduce workload and deliver more focussed initiatives	ECC, EDDC AND MDDC	<i>Initial work undertaken to revise work programme but further prioritisation to follow completion of the EHODEP sub-regional economic development strategy.</i>	Review completed and agreed January 2005
	2. Draw on the key strengths of each service within EDDC, MDDC and ECC to improve service delivery and re-align work programmes		<i>Division of key tasks have been agreed as part of the joint delivery on an investment handling service. Further development of this action will be addressed post the completion of the EHODEP sub-regional economic development strategy.</i>	Review completed and agreed January 2005
	3. Evaluate projects performance and inform partners.		<i>To commence review of projects against those agreed as part of the EHODEP sub-regional economic development strategy.</i>	Annual review April 2006
	4. Produce combined work programmes and hold staff progress and review meetings at 6 monthly intervals	ECC	<i>Combined work programmes produced. Form part of the service improvement portfolio for economic development.</i>	Commence September 2003

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<b>Partnership Working</b>	1. Establish lead roles and responsibilities between City and District Councils within the sub-region and those of the SWRDA and DCC across all priority areas for sustainable economic development	1. ECC, EDDC and MDDC	<i>Initial work undertaken ref., inward investment handling and promotion, but further agreement required post completion of the EHODEP sub-regional economic development strategy.</i>	Agreement where possible by March 2005
	2. Establish a systematic process to ensure relevant Council services are engaged in major economic development projects and events at their scoping stage		<i>Relevant services already engaged where appropriate. Further involvement to be clarified post completion of the EHODEP sub-regional economic development strategy.</i>	December 2004
	3. Agree mechanism (s) with other Council Departments (Units) to collectively improve delivery of services to the benefit of local businesses		<i>Current work practices with other ECC units have been reviewed. Next steps to agree how collective action can be taken to improve service delivery and contact and communication with businesses.</i>	July 2004