

**Date:** 31 October 2002  
**Time:** 09:00 to 12:30  
**Venue:** Committee Room 1, National Assembly, Cardiff Bay  
**Title:** A Winning Wales Progress Report

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide a progress report on the implementation of *A Winning Wales*.

### **Background**

2. Following a period of wide consultation, the Welsh Assembly Government launched *A Winning Wales* on 28 January 2002. Its complementary document *Skills and Employment Action Plan* was published 27 February 2002. The strategy focuses on:
  - Increasing the knowledge, R&D and innovation capacity in all parts of the economy.
  - Building on our considerable strengths in manufacturing.
  - Increasing the number of jobs in financial and business services.
  - Helping more people into jobs to bring down levels of economic inactivity.
  - Spreading prosperity across Wales, using all the measures at our disposal, including European Structural Funds, RSA, WDA, WTB and ELWa resources and Communities First.
3. As with all strategies, implementation is essential. A Project Group has been established to oversee the strategy's implementation; membership consists of representatives of Assembly Government departments, WEFO, WDA, Wales Tourist Board, ELWa, WLGA and Job Centre Plus.
4. In addition, steps have been taken to strengthen further the relationship at both a strategic and policy implementation level between the actions in *A Winning Wales* and European Structural Funds Programmes.
5. The Welsh Assembly Government will publish a full annual report on progress in early summer 2003. This will include a detailed review of the Welsh economy and economic trends, an analysis of progress against targets and an updating of the action plan to take account of new opportunities and developments.
6. This paper provides a half-yearly report on progress. More detailed information on progress against each of the actions is at Annex 1.

### **Targets**

7. *A Winning Wales* set a number of targets for achievement by 2010 and confirmed that these would be measured against a 2001 baseline. All the baselines have been established and are shown below. We will show performance against these targets in the Annual Report. The Annual Report will also include the latest information on movements in GDP, which *A Winning Wales* uses as an overall measure of success, emphasising at the same time that the timescale for achievement for high level measures of this kind cannot be set with precision.

<b>Target description</b>	<b>Target by 2010</b>	<b>Base ( 2001 unless shown)</b>
Increase in net employment of	+135,000	1,242,000
Increase in net employment in Business and Financial Services	+20,000	123,000
Increase stock of VAT registered businesses per 10,000 persons aged 16+	Raise to UK average	316 (90% of UK overall)
Increase business enterprise R&D expenditure as a % of GDP	>1%	0.7% (1999)
Growth in the value of exports	Match UK growth over the period	Wales: £6,683m UK: £161,151m
Increase the proportion of Welsh businesses using e-commerce	The UK average proportion	8.01%(49% of UK) (2000)
Household disposable income to increase	95% of UK average	87.5% (1999)
Increase tourism expenditure in Wales	an average of 6% a year over period	£1,912.3m
Reduce the proportion of adults of working age without qualifications	1 in 10 (i.e. <10%)	20%
Increase the proportion of adults of working age with a level 4 qualification to:	over 3 in 10 (i.e. >30%)	22%

8. Work is also going on to develop complementary measures of economic performance and well being; again, this will be reported upon in the Annual Report.

## **Research**

9. An important commitment in *A Winning Wales* is to improve our understanding of economic issues affecting Wales. The Welsh Assembly Government established an Economic Research Advisory Panel (ERAP) in April 2002. Its role is to:

- Advise the Assembly Government on a programme of economic research, monitoring and evaluation.
- Advise the Assembly Government and appropriate Assembly Committees on the outcomes of this programme.
- Promote collaboration on economic research and the sharing of intelligence between the Assembly Government, its main agencies and other partners.

- Advise on dissemination of research findings; and
- Advise on how best to develop the capacity and expertise of Wales based institutions to contribute to this research agenda.

10. The Panel has recommended a programme of research for 2002-03 and this is now underway; the main studies are shown below. It will consider priorities for a three year rolling programme of research activity in the autumn.

#### **Economic Research Programme 2002-03**

- Identifying barriers to educational attainment.
- Measurement of the income of agricultural households.
- Development of a database of Welsh companies.
- Improving the use of regional economic forecasting models in Wales.
- Regional environmental - economic modelling.
- Critical success factors for dynamic smaller towns.
- Effects of improvements in adult basic skills.
- Identifying barriers to economic activity.
- Comparing the cost-effectiveness of job-creating activities.
- Economic effects of transport infrastructure improvements.

#### **Main Achievements**

11. The main 'A Winning Wales' achievements in respect of each priority are listed below. Full details are at Annex 1.

#### **Encouraging Innovation**

- Strategic development plan produced for network of Technium Centres across Wales. WDA national manager for Technium Centres appointed.
  - The £14.7m OpTIC Technium has been launched at St Asaph.
  - £4.44m grant approved under Objective 1 towards £10.6m for University of Wales, Swansea to create Digital Technium. Construction now underway.
  - Construction of Technium II unit in Swansea has started.
  - Construction of the Biotechnium located at the National Botanic Gardens, Llanarthne, near Carmarthen, is now complete.
  - Proposals for Software Technium at Parc Menai, and Regional 'Hub' Technium Centres in Aberystwyth and the Valleys well advanced.
- Planning stages for Technology Commercialisation Centre complete, and full business plan drafted. Lead staff will be appointed by March 2003, from when operations will commence.

- £1.1m Objective 1 funding agreed for development of Business Innovation Centre in Ebbw Vale. Facility will create 220 jobs and act as catalyst for growth of spin-off companies.
- Contract for Manufacturing Advisory Service awarded to UWIC and contract for Regional Centre for Manufacturing Excellence awarded to Cardiff University. Set-up and recruiting under way, with a joint launch planned for November 2002.
- £2.89m Valleys Information Technology and Communication Centre (VITCC) at Tredegar under development.
- An Innovation Action Plan to be published for consultation in November 2002, bringing these strands together with the clearer structure of innovation support activity and funding, and other activity to boost business innovation.
- SMART transferred to WDA on 1 April 2002; evaluation underway, to be completed March 2003.
- Research Capacity Innovation fund launched (worth £8.7m) and Science Research Investment Fund strengthened (£35.5m).
- SUPERMAN, Objective 1 project, grant of £5.3m for University of Wales Cardiff, to generate culture of technological innovation for companies to help them compete on global scale.
- WDA has assisted nearly 2,000 businesses through its Innovation and Technology Programmes.

### **Encouraging Entrepreneurship**

- Following original launch in 2000, the Entrepreneurship Action Plan is now fully operational. £15.32m of Objective 1 monies committed.
- Assembly Investment Grant officially launched April 2002. 880 registrations of interest received; 250 full applications received; and 107 offers made (£3.5 m committed). These projects are expected to lever in over £16m of private sector investment and create over 200 jobs.
- *Potentia* programme has assisted 1,000 people in disadvantaged areas of which 250 have gone into business.
- The £10m, 3 year, Dynamo Project now launched in Welsh schools.
- 70 entrepreneurship role models appointed to promote enterprise in schools. A team of young entrepreneurs from Ysgol Tregib, Carmarthenshire were successful in winning the UK final of the Young Enterprise Initiative in July 2002 and subsequently won third prize in the European finals.
- 188 entrepreneurship scholarships awarded providing financial support for new graduates establishing companies.
- Summer advertising campaign launched to raise awareness of the range of opportunities for people across Wales to start their own business.

- Knowledge Exploitation Fund worth £10m for 2002-03 supporting 78 collaborative projects between companies and institutions. Objective 1 support of £4.5m towards this project.
- Funding secured from Department of Health towards 'virtual genetics park' in Wales. Recruitment of personnel underway.
- £45m Objective 1 funding secured for Finance Wales.

### **Making Wales a Learning Country**

- Implementation of the Skills and Employment Action Plan underway. Early achievements include:
  - Second Future Skills Wales survey commissioned to review future skills needs of Welsh individuals and employers.
  - 8 Sector Skills Councils licensed or in development phase. New Employer Group established to advise Future Skills Wales Partnership, and Skills Development Fund launched to address skills shortages across Wales.
  - Basic Skills Strategy campaign undertaken, with high impact recorded. Over 12,000 adults and children participated in family literacy and numeracy programmes during 2001-2 and 1000 teachers were trained in new adult literacy and numeracy curricula.
  - Wales New Deal Task Force initiated action to enhance New Deal, including stronger sectoral approach.
  - Learning Workers project launched in Llanelli, to assess impact of providing free learning for employees.
  - Welsh Baccalaureate pilots in 19 centres announced April 2002.
  - Range of improvements made to learning programmes, including removal of age barriers and introduction of Company Learning Accounts.
  - Expansion of Wales Union Learning Fund (WULF).
- Assembly's strategy for Higher Education 'Reaching Higher' launched March 2002.

### **Promoting Information and Communication Technologies**

- £100m Broadband Wales launched July 2002 to bring latest technology to 310,000 extra homes and 67,000 extra businesses.
- The DSL Satellite Subsidy and 'Try Before You Buy' schemes underway.
- The Objective One funded 'Opportunity Wales' pilot phase completed and the key portal service was launched in April 2002. 14 delivery partners

now delivering e-Commerce reviews to over 1,200 SMEs and growing.

- £0.75m Assembly funding announced for the All Wales ICT Support Centre Network over three years from 2002. The management of the network is being reviewed in the light of the WDA Business Support Review.
- @TEB, the accreditation Centre for Technology Means Business (TMB) in Wales has successfully gained Objective One funding. This provides subsidised accreditation fees for advisers in the Objective One area and is funding the development of an online TMB training programme with tutor support. @TEB continues to promote the benefits of ICT accreditation and attracts advisers throughout Wales.
- Over 200 Welsh SMEs entered the UK online for business eCommerce Awards. The quality of many applications was high, reflecting the willing take-up of ICT by SMEs in Wales seeking to gain improved business efficiencies.
- UK online for business supporting the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce to run an eBusiness Club. This is one of the most successful clubs, regularly attracting over 80 SMEs, illustrating the importance that SMEs afford to effective use of ICT in their business.
- 550 companies assisted on WDA e-business support programmes.

### **Supporting Businesses**

- Revised Business Connect arrangements in place. Over 3,000 businesses assisted.
- Continued implementation of European Structural Fund Programmes:
  - Objective 1 - 632 projects receiving over £359m.
  - Objective 2 - 58 projects receiving over £8.5m.
  - Objective 3 - 288 projects receiving over £29.6m.

Included in these figures are Objective 1 grants of:

- £6.3m to WTB towards project costing £12.6m to deliver co-ordinated business support (including finance) to tourism industry.
- £9.225m to Finance Wales Equity Fund to provide equity (not otherwise available) to SMEs.
- £11.13m grant to Finance Wales Loans and Mezzanine Fund to provide affordable loan/mezzanine finance to 1000 existing SMEs.
- Analysis of growth clusters underway by Cardiff University and major bio-sciences study commissioned.
- Programme of specialist advance premises including Technium and incubator units drawn up.
- Task and Finish Group established to develop action plan for promoting Work Place Partnerships.

- Childcare Action Plan published May 2002.
- WDA awarded grant to National Childminding Association to mentor childminder businesses.
- 18 projects supported under Work-Life Balance Challenge Fund by end 2002.

### **Setting A Fresh Direction**

- Carbon Trust established in Wales April 2002.
- Waste strategy for Wales published June 2002.
- Draft action plan Sustainable Business Wales published for consultation early October 2002.
- New grants package to encourage owners of native woodlands to bring their woodlands into management launched.
- Working on a compact with WLGA to promote co-operation on Sustainable Development policies, to be launched.
- Adfywio Scheme linking tourism and enjoyment of the countryside launched April 2002.
- Objective 1 grant of £2.5m for University Wales, Cardiff, to create a Geo-environmental Research Park on reclaimed land in the Objective 1 area to carry out geo-environmental experiments. Potential to create high tech SMEs in environment/sustainability field.

### **Establishing Wales in the World**

- First and second phases of the 'Wales World Nation' communications initiative completed.
- International Trade Strategy consultation document published July 2002. Final version to issue January 2003.
- Wales Trade International received approval of £4m Objective 1 grant to help SMEs develop new international markets.
- WDA International activities refocused to concentrate on sectors and geographic markets which match Welsh strengths.
- Action underway to maximise opportunities arising from Ryder Cup 2010.
- As part of a programme to establish a network of representative offices overseas, the lease for the Wales International Centre in New York was signed in September 2002.
- Wales Screen Commission established to co-ordinate Film Commission activity on an all-Wales basis.
- 'Busnes', the WDA's customer magazine launched September 2002 and distributed to 60,000 businesses.

## **Improving Transport**

- Trunk Road Programme published March 2002.
- 20% increase in Local Transport Services Grant.
- Road Haulage Modernisation Fund available from April 2002.
- Award of Freight Facilities Grant for scrap metal trains removing 24,000 lorry miles a year from roads.

## **Creating Strong Communities**

- *Communities First* eligible communities selected and project proposals invited. 36 partnership agreements have been agreed.
- £76m Corus support package announced late 2001-early 2002.
  - Ongoing activity to encourage ex-Corus employees to provide specialist services.
  - Newport Urban Regeneration Company to be established end October.
  - Work has commenced on developing sites and premises in Blaenau Gwent, Newport, Torfaen and Caerphilly authority areas.
- Credit Union membership now exceeds 21,000.
- Over 900 Credit Union volunteers recruited.
- 'Welsh Housing Quality Standard' agreed April 2002.
- Social Economy Network developing framework for the social economy.
- All-Wales Community Development Financial Institution in preparation.

## **Supporting Rural Wales**

- Rural Development Plan operational.
- Rural Recovery Plan implementation well underway.
- Farming Connect launched September 2001, with significant delivery of Farm Business Development Plans, capital grants (especially Farm Improvement Grants) and technology transfer including development centre and demonstration farms programme.
- Farming for the Future, main achievements are:
  - Published proposals on a new meat body for Wales – negotiations at an advanced stage.
  - Appointment of full time permanent post in Brussels to cover EU agriculture and rural issues.
  - Independent appeals system now in place to hear farmers' grievances about subsidy issues.

- First phase of new IT system to improve speed and efficiency of payments to farmers completed May 2002.
  - Action plan for tackling illegal meat imports published in March 2002.
  - Draft Foot and Mouth Interim Contingency Plan published.
  - Interim programme for increased action on tackling bovine TB published.
  - Recommendations of Tir Gofal stocktake published and being implemented.
  - New £5 million support programme for integrated leisure and tourism launched.
- Review completed of the effectiveness of the Agri-food partnership.
  - Targets established for 2002-2003.
  - WDA has supported nearly 2000 businesses through its agri-food programmes.
  - Age Balanced Communities Study into ways of increasing opportunities for young people in rural areas commissioned.
  - Monthly newsletter (“Gwlad”) for every farming household in Wales.
  - Wales Tourist Board has submitted proposals for statutory registration scheme for businesses providing tourism accommodation.

### **Spatial Planning**

- Wales Spatial Plan consultation document published March 2002
- ‘Planning: Delivering for Wales’ published for consultation January 2002. Statement on way forward will be made in October 2002.

### **Summary**

12. Good progress is being made on all aspects of the *A Winning Wales* action plan. First year results will be published in the Annual Report.

## A WINNING WALES: SCHEDULE OF PLANS OF ACTION

OBJECTIVE	MAIN ACTIONS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	PROGRESS APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2002
1. Encouraging Innovation	1.1 Develop more focused innovation support programme	Assembly Government WDA ELWa	Apr 02	<p>*An Innovation Action Plan to be published in November 2002 for consultation, bringing clearer structure of innovation support activity and funding, and other activity to boost business innovation.</p> <p>*£1.1m Objective 1 funding agreed for development of Business Innovation Centre in Ebbw Vale. Facility will create 220 jobs and act as catalyst for growth of spin-off companies.</p> <p>*£2.89m Valleys Information Technology and Communication Centre (VITCC) at Tredegar under development.</p> <p>*Research Capacity Innovation fund launched (worth £8.7m) and Science Research Investment Fund strengthened (£35.5m).</p> <p>*SUPERMAN, Objective 1 project, grant of £5.3m for University of Wales Cardiff, to generate culture of technological innovation for companies to help them compete on global scale.</p> <p>*WDA has assisted nearly 2,000 businesses through its Innovation and Technology Programmes.</p> <p>*ELWa (NC) - aiming to develop a coherent approach to supporting businesses and to target skills support on innovative growth companies.</p> <p>* ELWa (HE) has begun process of merging funding streams to facilitate more focused approach; producing the Higher Education Economic Development Fund. HEFCW is considering the scope for further streaming.</p> <p>*20 Centres for Excellence in Technology and Industrial Collaboration (CETIC) across 7 HEIs now operating or establishing;</p> <p>*ELWa (HE) issued first request for economic development (HEED) plans on 30 May, subsumes all plans for previous, individual initiatives; analysis of HEED plans will inform Council's consideration of sector's approach in Autumn 2002</p> <p>*ELWa (HE) has established a dedicated Economic Development team to support Higher Education Institutions.</p>

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	1.2 Roll-out Technium concept	WDA	2002-2003	<p>*Strategic development plan produced for network of Technium Centres across Wales. WDA national manager for Technium Centres appointed.</p> <p>*The £14.7m OpTIC Technium has been launched at St Asaph.</p> <p>*£4.44m grant approved under Objective 1 towards £10.6m for University of Wales, Swansea to create Digital Technium forming integral part of emerging network of Technium Centres across Wales.</p> <p>*Construction of Technium II unit and Digital Technium in Swansea has started.</p> <p>*Construction of the Biotechnium located at the National Botanic Gardens, Llanarthne, near Carmarthen, is now complete.</p> <p>*Proposals for Software Technium at Parc Menai, and Regional 'Hub' Technium Centres in Aberystwyth and the Valleys well advanced.</p>
	1.3 Launch the Technology Commercialisation Centre	Assembly Government WDA ELWa	2002-2003	*Planning stages for Technology Commercialisation Centre complete, and full business plan drafted. Lead staff will be appointed by March 2003, from when operations will commence.
	1.4 Establish a regional manufacturing centre of excellence	WDA	2002-2003	* Contract for Manufacturing Advisory Service awarded to UWIC and contract for Regional Centre for Manufacturing Excellence awarded to Cardiff University. Set-up and recruiting under way, with a joint launch planned for November 2002.
	1.5 Strengthen the SMART/Wales schemes	WDA Assembly Government	2002-2003	*SMART transferred to WDA on 1 April 2002; evaluation underway, to be completed March 2003.

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OBJECTIVE	MAIN ACTIONS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN	PROGRESS APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2002
2. Encouraging Entrepreneurship	2.1 Implement the Entrepreneurship Action Plan	WDA ELWa EAP Panel	Ongoing	<p>*Following original launch in 2000, the Entrepreneurship Action Plan is now fully operational. £15.32m of Objective 1 monies committed</p> <p>*<i>Potentia</i> programme has assisted 1,000 people in disadvantaged areas of which 250 have gone into business.</p> <p>*70 entrepreneurship role models appointed to promote enterprise in schools. A team of young entrepreneurs from Ysgol Tregib, Carmarthenshire was successful in winning the UK final of the Young Enterprise Initiative in July 2002 and subsequently won third prize in the European finals.</p> <p>*The £10m, 3 year, Dynamo Project now launched in Welsh schools..</p> <p>*Summer advertising campaign launched to raise awareness of the range of opportunities for people across Wales to start their own business.</p> <p>*Enterprise Insight, which aims at providing young people with an understanding of business in practice, was launched.</p> <p>*Professor David Storey of University of Birmingham Small Firms Unit to undertake major benchmark study; completion date March 2003.</p> <p>*Research has been commissioned to study the Social Economy across Wales, to identify how big it is, where it is and how it might be supported.</p> <p>* National Business Starts programme awaiting EU funding; £9m awarded for very high growth start-ups.</p> <p>*Finance Wales received EU £45m funding;</p> <p>*Wales Trade International (WTI) will work with 2,800 companies to develop international trade capabilities.</p> <p>*Recommendations from the HEFCW's Graduate Support Programmes Steering group and Careers Services Review Working Group submitted to Assembly Government on 28 June</p> <p>*Several HEIs have established chairs of entrepreneurship, and steps being taken to embed entrepreneurship within formal educational programmes including through the medium of Welsh.</p>

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	<p><b>2.2</b> Further Develop the Knowledge Exploitation Fund</p>	<p><b>ELWa</b> WDA Assembly Government</p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>*188 entrepreneurship scholarships awarded providing financial support for new graduates establishing companies. *Knowledge Exploitation Fund worth £10m in Fund for 2002-03 supporting 78 collaborative projects between companies and institutions. * KEF Entrepreneurship Champions in all FE and HE institutions * Institutional Strategies for entrepreneurship by 30th Oct. * 820 lecturers trained in innovation and entrepreneurship skills * 4951 students trained as entrepreneurs * 188 entrepreneurship scholarships awarded. * 3706 companies assisted * 75.5 jobs created * 902 companies assisted on Research &amp; Development Opportunities *4 patents registered *9 new firms assisted to spin out in high tech sector *Funding secured from Department of Health towards 'virtual genetics park' in Wales. Recruitment of personnel underway.</p>
	<p><b>2.3</b> Implement proposals for a new Enterprise Support Scheme</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b></p>	<p>Apr-02</p>	<p>*Assembly Investment Grant officially launched April 2002. 880 registrations of interest received; 250 full applications received; and 107 offers made (£3.5 m committed). These projects are expected to lever in over £16m of private sector investment and create over 200 jobs.</p>
	<p><b>2.4</b> Ensure maximum advantage from Finance Wales</p>	<p><b>WDA</b></p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>*£45m Objective 1 funding secured for Finance Wales. *ELWa (HE) and Finance Wales working group established to promote joint working. *Spinout programme; Start –up Loan fund and Seed Corn Equity fund in place. Micro loans fund launched; Investors clubs series launched by Xenos; Access to Capital programme set up. *18 new business starts supported; 575 jobs created; 359 jobs safeguarded; 124 businesses assisted; and Public Sector Investment of £8.3m secured *Corporate venturing programme as part of Entrepreneurship Action Plan under development.</p>

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3. Develop the Learning Country	3.1 Implement the Skills and Employment Action Plan	Assembly Government Future Skills Wales Partnership	Ongoing	<p>* Implementation of the Skills and Employment Action Plan underway. Progress being monitored by sub-group of Future Skills Wales</p> <p>*Second Future Skills Wales survey commissioned to review future skills needs of Welsh individuals and employers.</p> <p>*8 Sector Skills Councils licensed or in development phase. New Employer Group established to advise Future Skills Wales Partnership, and Skills Development Fund launched to address skill shortages across Wales.</p> <p>*Basic Skills Strategy campaign undertaken, with high impact recorded. Over 12,000 adults and children participated in family literacy and numeracy programmes during 2001-2 and 1000 teachers were trained in new adult literacy and numeracy curricula.</p> <p>*Wales New Deal Task Force initiated action to enhance New Deal, including stronger sectoral approach.</p> <p>*Learning Workers project launched in Llanelli, to assess impact of providing free learning for employees.</p> <p>*Welsh Baccalaureate pilots in 19 centres announced April 2002.</p> <p>*Range of improvements made to learning programmes, including removal of age barriers and introduction of Company Learning Accounts.</p> <p>*Expansion of Wales Union Learning Fund (WULF).</p>
	3.2 Implement the Corporate Plans of the 2 ELWa Councils	ELWa	2002-2003	<p>* ELWa (HE) draft corporate plan submitted to Assembly Government in September 2002.</p> <p>*ELWa (NC) draft corporate plan submitted July 2002. Final version to be submitted December 2002.</p>
	3.3 Implement the Basic Skills Strategy	Assembly Government via Basic Skills Agency	Ongoing	<p>*12,275 adults and children participated in Family Literacy and Numeracy programmes in 2001-02</p> <p>*Strategic Initiative Grants approved for LEAs across Wales</p>

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	3.4 Work with higher education	Assembly Government ELWa	Ongoing	*Assembly's strategy for Higher Education 'Reaching Higher' launched March 2002. *Institutions required to develop a commercialisation portfolio and proposals to: build links with business, and engage an increasing proportion of their staff in economic outreach and exploitation of knowledge generated. *Discussions being held to increase number of Teaching Company Scheme and College Business Partnership programmes *CETICs and Know How Wales services continuing.
4. Promoting ICT	4.1 Deliver public sector broadband/lifelong learning network	Assembly Government WDA ELWa	Jul-02	*£4m funding for local broadband networks; guidance and allocations published in June. *Network core activated in September 2002 *Local Authority connections will commence in November 2002
	4.2 Develop a key portal service	Assembly Government	Apr-02	*Scoping study completed on time. *Managed Gateway identified as first stage of Portal. Currently being beta tested and due for launch on 7th November as "Wales on the Web" by National Library for Wales. *Additional elements of the full portal service to be procured during 2003. *Cymru Ar-lein strategy, including the first stage portal to be promoted through international conference in March, WIS roadshow and series of Cymru Ar-lein workshops during 2003. *Full details of actions and progress under the Cymru Ar-lein strategy can be found at: <a href="http://www.cymruarlein.wales.gov.uk">www.cymruarlein.wales.gov.uk</a>

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	<p><b>4.3</b> Raise understanding/appreciation of benefits of ICT</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b> WDA</p>	<p>from October 2001</p>	<p>*The Objective One funded 'Opportunity Wales' pilot phase completed and the key portal service was launched in April 2002. 14 delivery partners now delivering e-Commerce reviews to over 1,200 SMEs and growing. The website averages 1.4 million hits per month with an average time viewing the site of 51 minutes. Over 4000 copies of the OW Magazine 'WoWe' have been distributed to a target agricultural sector audience.</p> <p>*Over 200 Welsh SMEs entered the UK online for business eCommerce Awards. The quality of many applications was high, reflecting the willing take-up of ICT by SMEs in Wales seeking to gain improved business efficiencies. Four Welsh finalists went onto compete in the UK finals.</p> <p>*UK online for business supporting the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce to run an eBusiness Club. This is one of the most successful clubs, regularly attracting over 80 SMEs, illustrating the importance that SMEs afford to effective use of ICT in their business.</p> <p>*550 companies assisted on WDA e-business support programmes.</p> <p>*Assembly Government sponsored ICT 02 event in February 2002</p> <p>*Leaflet campaign for Cymru Ar-lein distributed first 2 leaflets in the series: - Cymru Ar-lein strategy leaflet: distribution to 2,000 Voluntary sector organisations and all primary, secondary and independent schools in Wales to advertise Cymru Ar-lein's ICT Learning Centres database and it uses; - People's Network leaflet: distribution to all libraries in Wales</p>
	<p><b>4.4</b> Stimulate adoption of ICT by businesses and communities</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b> WDA</p>	<p>2003</p>	<p>*£100m Broadband Wales launched July 2002 to bring latest technology to 310,000 extra homes and 67,000 extra businesses.</p> <p>*The DSL Satellite Subsidy and 'Try Before You Buy' schemes underway.</p> <p>*£0.75m Assembly funding announced for the All Wales ICT Support Centre Network over three years from 2002. The management of the network is being reviewed in the light of the WDA Business Support Review.</p> <p>*The WDA has bid for Obj 1 funding for a project (smE business 2) to provide awareness raising events, seminars and one to one mentoring to SMEs to encourage greater adoption of ICT. The bid has been approved by the Regional Partnership and is in the final approval stages.</p> <p>*Exhibited at Urdd Eisteddfod, DYSG e-learning conference and e-Health Conference</p> <p>*A pilot 802.11b broadband wireless project has been launched in Duffryn Ogwen. Results are expected early 2003</p>

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	4.5 Develop action plan for ICT skills	ELWa Assembly Government	Mar-02	*Outline of pilot project agreed for 2002-03 academic year to place. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) graduates in community learning venues (with the objective of retaining in Wales those with high level ICT skills). *ELWa/Assembly expert group has commenced scoping ICT skills issues and priorities with a view to public consultation commencing end of December
5. Supporting Businesses	5.1 Improve support and business advice	WDA Assembly Government ELWa	Apr-02	*Revised Business Connect arrangements in place. Over 3,000 businesses assisted. 36 offices around Wales provided by 15 organisations; interim National call centre and website established; operational management groups established in 4 regions. *New Assembly Investment Grant launched for Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) throughout Wales. RSA being reviewed in light of changes in England and Scotland. *Mapping of WDA business support completed, now being reviewed. Will feed into 2003-04 business plan. *Evaluation and review of existing services underway based on the principle that the public sector should not compete with the private sector. *All ELWa(HE) funding in support of contract research and training and consultancy services to business now consolidated into the HEED Fund. * ELWa(HE) also funds commercial manager posts in selected CETICS. *Company Learning accounts - development underway. Programme Development complete and details forwarded to Welsh Assembly Government for approval. *Assembly Government and ELWa co-operating with IIP Small Firms initiative to increase number of accreditations amongst Welsh SMEs
	5.2 Improve support for high growth sectors and clusters	WDA Assembly Government ELWa	Ongoing	*Analysis of growth clusters underway by Cardiff University and major bio-sciences study commissioned.  * Links with Future Technology Programme put in place. *HEIs being encouraged to develop associated activity (cluster development) via KEF, ELWa(HE) -funded research initiatives & the new HEED Fund; *KEF funding £1.1 million for Wales Gene Park
	5.3 Ensure adequate provision of quality sites, premises and infrastructure	WDA Local Authority Private Sector	Ongoing	* Programme of specialist advance premises including Technium and incubator units drawn up. *Forecast 26,500 sq. m. of hi-tech floor-space created 2002/03

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	<p><b>5.4</b> Ensure Structural Funds are used to maximum effect</p>	<p><b>WEFO</b></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>*Continued implementation of European Structural Fund Programmes:</p> <p>Objective 1 - 632 projects receiving over £359m.</p> <p>Objective 2 - 58 projects receiving over £8.5m.</p> <p>Objective 3 - 288 projects receiving over £29.6m.</p> <p>*Included in these figures are Objective 1 grants of:</p> <p>£6.3m to WTB towards project costing £12.6m to deliver co-ordinated business support (including finance) to tourism industry.</p> <p>£9.225m to Finance Wales Equity Fund to provide equity (not otherwise available) to SMEs.</p> <p>£11.13m grant to Finance Wales Loans and Mezzanine Fund to provide affordable loan/mezzanine finance to 1000 existing SMEs.</p>
	<p><b>5.5</b> Assist Welsh companies to win business from Welsh public sector</p>	<p><b>WDA Assembly Government</b></p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>*Source Wales working on joint initiative with Welsh NHS Trust to assist SMEs to bid for supply contracts.</p> <p>*Two 'Meet the Buyer' events held. A working group of public sector bodies established to create an All-Wales Public Procurement web site.</p> <p>*The scoping study commissioned by the WDA to examine the issues involved in establishing a Welsh procurement web-site has been completed. Consideration is now being given on how best to establish the web-site in the light of the study.</p>
	<p><b>5.6</b> Work with the UK Government to reduce unnecessary regulation</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government UK Government</b></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>*Contact continues with UK Government on priorities for reducing the red tape.</p>

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	5.7 Improve competitiveness	WDA Assembly Government ELWa	Ongoing	*Working with sector fora to match support to their needs; e.g. Accelerate Wales programme for the Automotive Sector; *New Programmes 'Winning Business' and 'Cost Down' producing clear competitive advantages *Obj 1 bid in partnership with United Utilities and Carbon Trust to deliver new Energy Efficiency programme. *HEFCW's new Economic Development Team working with sector to develop sector's links with business & industry; *Joint HEW/ ELWa(HE) 3rd Mission working group appointed to consider how to respond to Reaching Higher, reporting December 2002; *Welsh HE sector's strategic approach to promoting graduate employability cited as an exemplar of good practice in a UK survey published in July 2002 *Wales already has well above its proportionate UK share of TCSs *Sector specific training consortia to develop new materials and delivery methodologies for: automotive; aerospace; electronics
	5.8 Encourage workplace partnerships	Assembly Government TUC Business	Ongoing	* Task and Finish Group established to develop action plan for promoting Work Place Partnerships. *Action Plan to be developed by November 2002, including a regional bid for DTI Partnership at Work Fund
	5.9 Produce an action plan for the National Childcare Strategy	Assembly Government	Early 2002	*Childcare Action Plan published May 2002.  *. WDA sponsoring research to examine support needs of childcare sector, reporting late October. WDA awarded grant to National Childminding Association to mentor childminder businesses.  *Assembly Government and WEFO will hold seminars on European funding for childcare.
	5.10 Extend programmes which provide equality of opportunity for all	Assembly Government WDA	Ongoing	*18 projects supported under Work-Life Balance Challenge Fund by end 2002. *WDA working to ensure that "Potentia" diversity programme underway within mainstream business support.
	5.11 Implement the Health Corporate Standard	Assembly Government	2003-2004	*Local Authorities and NHS Trusts working towards achieving the Corporate Health Standard by end March 2003. Five local Authorities have achieved the Standard to date. Eight Local Authorities and 6 NHS Trusts are on course for assessment by end December 02. *New 18 month contract let from April 2002 to September 2003 to A2 Consultants. They will assist more workplaces in both the public and private sectors to work towards achieving the Standard.

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<b>6. Setting a Fresh Direction</b>	<b>6.1</b> Develop a clean energy strategy	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Summer 2002	<p>*First Minister responded to Policy Innovation Unit's report highlighting issues important to Wales.</p> <p>*Economic Development Committee published their consultation "Review of Energy Policy in Wales: Part 1 Renewable Energy" 25 April. Review will inform the Assembly Government's development of a strategic framework for achieving optimum use and generation of energy in Wales.</p> <p>*Assembly Government working closely with UK Government on public consultation</p>
	<b>6.2</b> Scale up energy efficiency support and environmental best practice	<b>Assembly Government</b> Carbon Trust	Ongoing	<p>*Carbon Trust established in Wales April 2002.with client managers providing dedicated support to companies across Wales. Draft action plan 'Sustainable Business Wales' published for consultation early October 2002</p> <p>*Low Carbon Innovation Scheme launched.</p> <p>*Environmental Management Systems take up being driven forward. Over 50 companies have already achieved the Welsh Green Dragon (environmental management standard), including two companies that have reached the highest level 5</p> <p>*Environmental Goods and Services sector being promoted.</p> <p>* Draft action plan Sustainable Business Wales published for consultation early October 2002</p>
	<b>6.3</b> Introduce a new waste strategy	<b>Assembly Government</b>  Local Authority	Mar-02	<p>* Waste strategy for Wales published June 2002. *Increased emphasis on using waste as a resource rather than a material for disposal will increase economic opportunities in both business and voluntary sectors.</p> <p>*Action plan for implementing the strategy in preparation, will be presented to the Wales Waste Forum in October 2002 and to EPT Committee in December 2002.</p>
	<b>6.4</b> Promote sustainable development and implement Community Plans	<b>Assembly Government</b> Local Authority	Ongoing	<p>*Working on a compact with WLGA to promote co-operation on Sustainable Development policies, to be launched.</p> <p>*Objective 1 grant of £2.5m for University Wales, Cardiff, to create a Geo-environmental Research Park on reclaimed land in the Objective 1 area to carry out geo-environmental experiments. Potential to create high tech SMEs in environment/sustainability field.</p>

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	<b>6.5</b> Enhance the attractiveness of the Welsh Countryside	<b>Assembly Government</b> CCW CADW EAP Panel  WTB FC Local Authority	Ongoing	*New grants package to encourage owners of native woodlands to bring their woodlands into management launched. Increased levels of grant aid from 50% of cost to 75% of cost to provide support especially to farmers post Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). *Aiming for Tir Gofal environmental management scheme to cover at least an additional 50,000 hectares of land in 2002-03 *Working to promote register of historic landscapes and historic environment aspects of Tir Gofal * Adfywio Scheme linking tourism and enjoyment of the countryside launched April 2002. To date, projects have been supported, with a value of over £450,000, with a further 19 currently being considered *All three National Parks have agreed and are implementing Local Bio-diversity Action Plans for their areas (LBAPs). A total of fourteen LBAPs have been published.
<b>7. Establishing Wales in the World</b>	<b>7.1</b> Develop an International Trade Strategy	<b>WTI</b>	2002-2003	* International Trade Strategy consultation document published July 2002. Final version to issue January 2003. *As part of the programme to establish a network of representative offices overseas, the lease for the Wales International Centre in New York was signed in September 2002. *Wales Trade International received approval of £4m Objective 1 grant to help SMEs develop new international markets.
	<b>7.2</b> Refocus inward investment	<b>WDA Assembly Government</b>	Ongoing	* WDA International activities refocused to concentrate on sectors and geographic markets, which match Welsh strengths. and provide high quality jobs and associated capital expenditure. *As part of the programme to establish a network of representative offices overseas, the lease for the Wales International Centre in New York was signed in September 2002.  *WDA office opened in Beijing. *Invest UK confirmed that 2001-02 was a difficult year for inward investment but that WDA had increased its share of a smaller cake. Wales captured 8% of new projects coming to Britain in 2001/02; 50% increase in projects attracted to Wales. *FDI statistics to 25/09/02: 19 offers to a value of 36.9 million will create 1,573 new jobs and 914 safeguarded jobs
	<b>7.3</b> Publish a National Events Strategy.	<b>Assembly Government</b> WTB WDA ACW SCW	Apr-02	*Working group led by the Ministers for Culture and Economic Development set up to deliver the strategy. *Advertisement inviting expressions of interest to draft strategy to be placed in relevant publications by end of September.

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	<b>7.4</b> Develop a clear international branding of Wales	<b>Assembly Government</b>	2002-2003	* First and second phases of the 'Wales World Nation' communications initiative completed. There is an ever-increasing demand for the written material and an increase in the number of hits on the website.
	<b>7.5</b> Implement 'Achieving Our Potential'	<b>WTB</b>	Ongoing	*Action underway to maximise opportunities arising from Ryder Cup 2010. *Wales Screen Commission established to co-ordinate Film Commission activity on an all-Wales basis. *Busnes', the WDA's customer magazine launched September 2002 and distributed to 60,000 businesses. *Progress made in implementing the key priorities of Achieving Our Potential. *On going work with partner organisations and the tourism industry to deliver specific action points.
<b>8. Improving Transport</b>	<b>8.1</b> Implement the Transport Framework	<b>Assembly Government</b>	November 2002 onwards	*The Road Safety Strategy for Wales will be issued in the October 2002. Trunk Road Programme published March 2002. *Road Haulage Modernisation Fund (£1.175m) available from 1 April 2002 to improve health and environmental conditions and efficiency of the industry. * Award of Freight Facilities Grant for scrap metal trains removing 24,000 lorry miles a year from roads.3 further applications received for Freight Facilities Grant.
	<b>8.2</b> Maintain strategic transport corridors	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Ongoing	*Trunk Road Forward Programme published on 21 March 2002. *The Assembly has continued to fund a direct North-South train service between Cardiff and Holyhead. Further funding will be provided for an alternative package of North-South train services, from September 2002.
	<b>8.3</b> Maintain and improve regional and local roads	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Ongoing	*£300m major package of transport investment announced January 2001 (further £130m in January 2002). Programme supports local authority integrated transport delivery over the next 5 years. Next programme announcement is January 2003.

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	8.4 Improve public and community transport	Assembly Government	Ongoing	<p>*20% increase in Local Transport Services Grant..</p> <p>*Three-year funding to Community Transport Association (£300,000) to assist in developing community transport schemes in Wales.</p> <p>*Revised Assembly Government Vision for Rail Services in Wales and Borders issued to franchise bidders, March 2002. A preferred bidder will be announced in Spring 2003, with the franchise operational by Autumn 2003.</p> <p>*Free travel on local bus services scheme is proving immensely popular.</p> <p>*£18m is being routed to local authorities this year through the revenue settlement to fund the new mandatory scheme. An extra £6.4 million will be provided to local authorities in the current financial year using the distribution formula that has been agreed with WLGA</p> <p>*Transport Grant funding support for the SWIFT Rail Strategy and Cambrian Line passing loop to be implemented over the next 3 years (c.£55m).</p> <p>*Transport Grant funding is also supporting bus infrastructure and information improvements and the construction of improved cycling and walking facilities for communities.</p>
9. Creating Strong Communities	9.1 Develop Communities First	Assembly Government Local Authority	Ongoing	<p>* <i>Communities First</i> eligible communities selected and project proposals invited. 36 partnership agreements have been agreed.</p> <p>100 of the most deprived areas of Wales; 32 sub wards and 10 communities of interest or imaginative proposals have been included in the programme. *Funding is currently being allocated for preparatory activities and capacity building.</p> <p>*A Communities First Support Network comprising eight organisations is being funded to provide advice and support to developing partnerships.</p>
	9.2 Develop the social economy	Assembly Government Local Authority WDA	Ongoing	<p>*Credit Union membership now exceeds 21,000.</p> <p>*Over 900 Credit Union volunteers recruited.</p> <p>* Social Economy Network developing framework for the social economy.</p> <p>*Community Loans Fund has made loans totalling £623,355 to Social Enterprises</p> <p>*Working Group established to produce framework for the Social Economy</p>
	9.3 Work with UK government departments to introduce fiscal incentives in Wales	Assembly Government UK Departments	Ongoing	<p>*Continued lobbying of Chancellor on higher R&amp;D tax credit rates in Assisted Areas</p>

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	<p><b>9.4</b> Ensure their regeneration funds are used to maximum effect</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b>  Local Authority WDA</p>	2002-2003	<p>*Local Regeneration Fund (LRF) indicative allocations totalling £96.4m given to local authorities in 2002-03 and following 2 years to match fund European Structural Funds.            *34 projects underway with £23.27m approved so far.            *£0.75m approved so far for 4 projects under the new arrangements for distributing LRF match funding resources.            *Cardiff Harbour Authority published its Review of progress and achievements in the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2002.            *Auditor General for Wales (AGW) published report 'Continuing the Regeneration of Cardiff Bay'. Report examined the performance of the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation successor bodies. Assembly's Audit Committee considering the AGW report.</p>
	<p><b>9.5</b> Pilot new approaches to community-based vocational learning</p>	<p><b>ELWa</b></p>	2002-2003	<p>*Currently testing a number of approaches in engagement, informal learning and identifying how such engagement can be sustained            *Research and evaluation is underway and ongoing.            *Steering group being established to develop innovative approaches to community learning including development of the Community Learning Account concept. Pilot projects will commence later this year.            *Scheduled to pilot a number of innovative approaches including Community Learning Accounts in 2002-03.</p>
	<p><b>9.6</b> Implement the National Housing Strategy for Wales</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b> Local Authority</p>	Ongoing	<p>*'Welsh Housing Quality Standard' agreed April 2002. Local Authorities have to provide by September 2002 an initial assessment of the implications of bringing their stock up to the standard.            *First publication of the housing research bulletin in March to support the aim of developing evidence-based policies.            *Regulatory Reform Order introducing a major overhaul of the UK wide private sector renewal arrangements has completed Parliamentary scrutiny and been approved by the National Assembly.            *Major programme of 'Social Housing Management Grant' projects approved in April 2002 with an increased budget of £2m.</p>

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	<p><b>9.7</b> Implement Corus Response Plan</p>	<p><b>WDA</b> Assembly Government ELWa Local Authority</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>*£76m Corus support package announced late 2001-early 2002. Ongoing activity to encourage ex-Corus employees to provide specialist services. *Newport Urban Regeneration Company to be established end October. Work has commenced on developing sites and premises in Blaenau Gwent, Newport, Torfaen and Caerphilly authority areas. *Welsh Technology Centre at Port Talbot acquired and renamed ECM2 Regional Centre for Manufacturing Excellence to have presence there. *Ongoing activity to re-train ex Corus employees. *Work has commenced on developing sites and premises in Blaenau Gwent, Newport, Torfaen and Caerphilly authority areas *The Community Learning Network is close to completing a Learning Inquiry that should determine network development across Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport, Torfaen and Monmouth. *The post of Project Director for the Learning Campus Strategy Groups has been advertised. *A Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted between the partners, which is under review. Also a scoping exercise on the funding has been completed.</p>
	<p><b>9.8</b> Consider rolling out sub-regional regeneration frameworks</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b></p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>*SE Wales Regeneration Framework published and being implemented; Mid Wales Partnership commissioned Action Plan for Rural Economic Regeneration; proposal submitted for Swansea Bay Regeneration Framework; PWC completed report for North Wales Economic Forum</p>
	<p><b>9.9</b> Establish a Community Development Financial Institution to ensure Wales benefits from the Chancellor's proposals re: Community Investment Tax Credit</p>	<p><b>Assembly Government</b></p>	<p>2002-2003</p>	<p>*Preparatory work being done by Finance Wales to set up all-Wales CDFI pending outcome of UK Government State Aids notification</p>

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<b>10. Supporting Rural Wales</b>	<b>10.1</b> Develop the agri-food strategy	<b>Assembly Government</b> WDA	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Review completed of the effectiveness of the Agri-food partnership. Targets established for 2002-2003.</li> <li>*WDA has supported nearly 2000 businesses through its agri-food programmes.</li> <li>Review of effectiveness of agri-food partnership completed and targets and priorities to 2003 established.</li> <li>*Processing and Marketing Grant scheme fully operational and more than 20 grant applications approved</li> <li>*Action Plans for horticulture and woodland development &amp; biomass drawn up and debated in Plenary session</li> </ul>
	<b>10.2</b> Implement the Rural Development Plan	<b>Assembly Government</b> WEFO CCW	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rural Development Plan operational. measures, include Tir Mynydd, Tir Gofal, forestry measures and measures to assist farmers to adapt and diversify, being delivered.</li> <li>*First modification to plan approved by Commission. Annual report for 2001 submitted to Commission on time in June. Invitation to tender for mid-term evaluation published</li> <li>*Monthly newsletter ("Gwlad") for every farming household in Wales.</li> <li>*Wales Tourist Board has submitted proposals for statutory registration scheme for businesses providing tourism accommodation.</li> </ul>
	<b>10.3</b> Deliver Farming Connect	<b>Assembly Government</b> WDA	Ongoing to 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Farming Connect launched September 2001, with significant delivery of Farm Business Development Plans, capital grants (especially Farm Improvement Grants) and technology transfer including development centre and demonstration farms programme.</li> <li>*Over 4,500 enquiries to date; 4,000 Farm Business Development Plans requested and first 600 plans completed.</li> <li>* 237 grant approvals made on £8.5m of approved expenditure.</li> <li>*Training component launched by ELWa in April. Environmental opportunities reviews and subsidised planning advice to be launched by end of 2002.</li> </ul>
	<b>10.4</b> Increase emphasis on agri-environmental schemes	<b>Assembly Government</b> CCW	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Sub-group of CAP Reform steering group considered range of options for agri-environmental schemes and reported to steering group in June 2002.</li> <li>*Consultation paper to be issued in late 2002</li> </ul>

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	<b>10.5</b> Implement Farming for the Future	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Ongoing	<p>* Farming for the Future, main achievements are:  Published proposals on a new meat body for Wales – negotiations at an advanced stage.  Appointment of full time permanent post in Brussels to cover EU agriculture and rural issues.  Independent appeals system now in place to hear farmers' grievances about subsidy issues.  First phase of new IT system to improve speed and efficiency of payments to farmers completed May 2002.  Action plan for tackling illegal meat imports published in March 2002.  Draft Foot and Mouth Interim Contingency Plan published.  Interim programme for increased action on tackling bovine TB published.  Recommendations of Tir Gofal stocktake published and being implemented.  New £5 million support programme for integrated leisure and tourism launched.  *Discussions on going with partner organisations to refine baseline data for monitoring purposes.  *On going work with Farming Connect to communicate key messages to farming community.</p>
	<b>10.6</b> Implement the Rural Recovery Plan	<b>Assembly Government</b> WDA WTB CCW Local Authority	2002-2003	<p>* Rural Recovery Plan implementation well underway. *£34m spent up to the end of March 2002  *Monitoring Group established which meets quarterly and provides regular reports to Ministers, Cabinet and Committees.  *Estimated expenditure to end 2003 - £46m, around 3/4 of the total plan</p>
	<b>10.7</b> Commission study to increase opportunities for young people in rural areas	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Nov-01	<p>*Age Balanced Communities Study into ways of increasing opportunities for young people in rural areas commissioned.  *Contract for the study let to Newidiam on 19 March 2002. Report due Autumn 2002</p>
	<b>10.8</b> Improve our understanding of the interaction between urban and rural economies	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Summer 2002	<p>*ERAP commissioned study of critical success factors for dynamic smaller towns</p>

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<b>11. Spatial Development</b>	<b>11.1</b> Issue Planning Policy Wales	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Mar-02	*Final version of 'Planning Policy Wales', the Assembly Government's land use planning policy document, was issued in April 2002.
	<b>11.2</b> Issue proposals for improvement of the planning system	<b>Assembly Government</b> Local Authority	early 2002	*'Planning: Delivering for Wales' published for consultation January 2002. Statement on way forward will be made in October 2002. 'Planning: Delivering for Wales', which proposes changes to the development plan and decision making process, was published for consultation on 31 January 2002. Approximately 200 responses were received and they were all considered in the analysis. The Minister for Environment will be making a statement in October 2002 on how to take the proposals forwards.
	<b>11.3</b> Publish Wales Spatial Plan	<b>Assembly Government</b>	End 2002	* Wales Spatial Plan consultation document published March 2002 Consultation September - December 2001 (purpose, issues and delivery). Consultation workshops held across Wales. Business seminar held. Report to EPT Committee June 2002.
	<b>11.4</b> Improve understanding of relative growth rates	<b>Assembly Government</b>	2002-2003	*Awaiting new figures from ONS on sub-regional performance
<b>12. Targets</b>	<b>12.1</b> Develop coherent targets in all areas	<b>Assembly Government</b>	2002-2003	*Baselines established for all targets *Work is currently underway to develop milestones.
	<b>12.2</b> Establish milestones to measure progress	<b>Assembly Government</b>	2002-2003	See above
	<b>12.3</b> Develop complementary measures	<b>Assembly Government</b> Partners	2002-2003	*Research Project to develop economic-environmental indicators approved. *Sustainable development indicators for Wales published March 2002 *Ongoing work on developing complementary measures.

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13. Research	13.1 Publish progress against the targets in an annual report	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Annual	*Strategy officially launched 28 January 2002 and Project Group established to oversee implementation. First Annual Progress Report to be published early Summer 2003
	13.2 Develop a research programme	<b>Assembly Government</b> WDA ELWa	2002-2003	*Economic Research Advisory Panel's proposals for economic research programme for 2002-2003 approved and commissioning action underway. *Research Capacity Development Fund established to build up research capacity in areas of strategic importance to the economy, culture & society of Wales: Science Research Investment Fund (SRIF) established to strengthen the physical research infrastructure: £6m in additional research funding made available in 2001-02 on non-recurrent basis, and QR allocations increased to reward sector's improved performance in 2001 RAE; *HEFCW is working with Higher Education Wales, WDA & the Assembly Government to develop a new research strategy for Wales; *HEW has to re-appoint a Research Facilitator to consider opportunities for HEI research collaboration; * ELWa(HE) Structural Change Fund is also supporting collaborative research developments
	13.3 Establish an Economic Research Advisory Panel	<b>Assembly Government</b>	Apr-02	*ERAP was appointed in April 2002 and met for first time on 7 June. Panel will meet in October to consider 3 year rolling programme of research work.
	13.4 Improve capacity for economic analysis	<b>Assembly Government</b> HEIs	2002-2003	*Economic Research Unit created to manage the economic research programme.

Lead organisation for each action is shown in bold type