

Item 6: National Sub-Committee Report

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ESI Funds Growth Programme Board

Summary Report from the National Sub-Committees

Purpose:

This paper summarises business at National Sub-Committee meetings held in the last quarter. It lists their current membership and covers:

1. Performance National Sub-Committee
2. Evaluation Sub-Committee

Recommendations:

That the Growth Programme Board notes the report.

Rob Martell
GPB Secretariat, DLUHC
28th November 2022

Performance National Sub-Committee

Membership

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| • Simon Jones (Chair)
DLUHC | • Stuart Scott
GLA | • Katie Dalsgaard
IB network |
| • David Malpass
DLUHC | • Keith Harrison
Action for Communities in
Rural Kent | • Heather Waddington
Core Cities |
| • Clare Bonson
DWP | • Steve Gilson
DEFRA | • John Hunt
College |
| • Steve Spendlove
DWP | • Emily Kent
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly | • Guus Muijzers
DG Regio |
| • Emma Kirkpatrick
DWP | • Helen Milne
Third Sector | • James Newman
LEP Network (transition) |
| • Sean Hughes
DLUHC | • Richard Davies
BEIS | • Carol Vonne
Third Sector |
| • Mary-Louise Harrison
LEP Network (more
developed) | • Richard Powell
Local Nature
Partnerships | • Pernille Kousgaard
MCA |
| • David Pratt
Higher Education | • Paul Green
Local Government (LGA) | |

1. The Performance National Sub-Committee (PNSC) last met on 17th November 2022.
2. Mark Burns and Pete Long (DWP) updated members on ESF programme performance, detailing the progress up to the end September 2022. This included sharing the latest position on PCRs and headlines including a total commitment level of £3.01bn and that the programme had helped over 1.8m participants.
3. Simon Jones (DLUHC) led the ERDF update, providing details on the latest programme performance (running through each priority axis in turn) and a deeper dive around performance under C34 (greenhouse gas emissions) within the Transition areas was presented.
4. Both MAs reiterated their commitment to maximising programme spend and highlighted the significant level of work which remains to be done around project closure given the amount of projects extended / still operating.
5. Members of the PNSC were invited to attend the Evaluation National Sub-Committee meeting which took place on 29th September (see next page for update from that meeting) and have also been invited to attend a briefing session on the ERDF Phase 3 Evaluation final report on 5th December.
6. The next PNSC meeting is scheduled to be held on 2nd March 2023

Evaluation Sub-Committee

Membership

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| • Simon Jones
Chair, DLUHC | • Lucy Townley
DLUHC | • Rob Martell
Secretariat, DLUHC |
| • Tom Wood
DLUHC | • Elyott D'Shap
DLUHC | • Danielle House
BEIS |
| • Nicholas Campbell
DWP | • Hamish Proctor
BEIS | • Peter Wills
Cornwall Council |
| • Tony Pike
DEFRA | • Phil Smith
Business West | • Sue Parkinson
North East LEP |
| • Anthony Mtitimila
Liverpool University | • Anne Lythgoe
Social Audit Network | • Mary-Louise Harrison
Leicester and Leicestershire LEP |
| • Capucine Riom
What Works Centre | • Andy Churchill
Network for Europe | • Peter Matthijs
EC |
| • Robyn Owen
Middlesex University | • TBC
DCMS | |
| • Stuart Merali-Younger
Wavehill | | |

1. The Evaluation National Sub-Committee (ENSC) last met on the 29th September 2022
2. Managing Authorities for each of the programmes provided updates on the various pieces of evaluation work either underway or completed.
3. The ESF presentation, delivered by Nick Cambell (DWP) focussed on progress made since the previous ENSC meeting in May, in particular around the Leavers Survey, which will be completed in 2023 and has already seen almost 3,000 interviews completed. Links to already published evaluation documents were shared.
4. Tony Pike (DEFRA) led the EAFRD presentation, highlighting that three programme evaluations, for RDPE (England only), the European Innovation Partnership Scheme and the National Rural Network had been completed and were set to be published as soon as a slot was provided for them. He also talked through some details and findings from the LEADER evaluation.
5. Tom Wood (DLUHC) introduced the ERDF update, highlighting that the Phase 2 (interim) evaluation, along with two annexes, had now been published on GOV.UK, Stuart Merali-Younger (Wavehill) then presented on the production of the final report for the ERDF national evaluation – now 3 months into a 6 month timescale, running through the six key evaluation workstreams.
6. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled but members of both the national sub-committees have been invited to a briefing session on the final draft of the ERDF Phase 3 evaluation taking place on Monday 5th December.

