

Working Group Report

Name of Project	Competitive Local Economy
Date	June 11 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Local Procurement: No progress; awaiting outcome of E-Procurement report to June Executive and recruitment of Procurement Officer.</p> <p>Other Items of Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning application received for employment development at Langage Energy Park (phase 1b land) b) Redundant Building grants totalling £90k for South Hams projects worth £360k. Further £ 270k applications in pipeline c) Technology Transfer Project – of the 29 businesses contracted across O2 districts, 12 are in South Hams d) Disabled Entrepreneurs Project - 14 of the 37 clients across the O2 districts are in South Hams e) Other External Funds: £2.4m won for economic projects worth £8.8m across O2 districts (including £1.7m specifically in South Hams district) f) South Hams Economy report 1995 / 2005 publicised in Herald Express 26/05/07 – headline “economic growth gives district a bright future” g) Service Level Agreement with Enterprise South Devon
Issues for the SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) Dartington College of Arts – likelihood of relocation to Falmouth (estimated economic impact £5m) i) Dairy Crest - closure in Totnes announced 14/05/07 (economic impact assessment commissioned 14/05/07) j) Future delivery of business support (SERCO won new contract over BLDC, effective from 12/07)
Action recommended	