

West of England LEADER Programme

Partnership Papers

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Summary including governance issue:

The number of enquires in the current call has been lower than the first, however the quality of enquiry has been higher. Issues still coming forward are;

- levels of match required
- minimum grant level
- length of time for application process

This will be further compounded by general uncertainty following the EU referendum vote (there have been no enquiries since 23rd June).

The last two calls have been 'general' and it is recommended that any future call maintains this general rather than priority approach.

Financial Summary:

No financial implications

Rationale:

As soon as possible following the LAG meeting a clear message needs to be issued to potential applicants.

Recommendation:

The Partnership are asked to;

- Note the applications
- Continue to publicise LEADER Programme within their networks
- Agree on nature and scope of future call

Supporting documents:

- Schedule of current applications

Current Applications

In the **First Call** 51 enquires resulted in 18 outline applications of which 15 were invited to submit full application.

From this first batch we have received one full application (heat collars for dairy cows, B&NES) which is currently awaiting appraisal. We have been working with a number of other applicants and are anticipating completed full applications imminently.

The **Second Call** (open until 11th July) has so far resulted in 26 new enquiries;

- 5 from B&NES
- 6 from NS
- 5 from SG
- 1 all areas
- 1 to be confirmed (awaiting confirmation of site)
- 8 ineligible

Of the eligible enquiries these broke down to;

- 2 of priority 1 (farming)
- 11 of priority 2 (small business)
- 2 of priority 3 (tourism)
- 2 of priority 4 (rural services)
- 1 of priority 6 (forestry)

We have already received 4 new outline applications from this call, two of which have been invited to submit full applications.

- Printing equipment (Priority 2, B&NES)
- High tech milking equipment (Priority 1, SG)
- Wine processing equipment (P2, B&NES)
- Forestry network and market building (P6, WoE wide)