

RATHLIN ISLAND ACTION PLAN

2010/2012

ACTION	LEAD PARTNER	OTHER PARTNERS	TIMESCALE	COMMENTS/ ACTION	UPDATED POSITION
Objective 1 To develop Islanders' employability.					
1. Encourage and support business initiatives on the Island.	DETI	RDCA INVEST NI DARD MDC	Ongoing	Support, help and guidance available for eligible businesses and potential businesses.	
2. Give Mentoring Support to Islanders involved in enterprises.	DETI	RDCA INVEST NI	Ongoing	Support, help and guidance available for eligible businesses and potential businesses	
3. Assist Islanders to identify suitable training courses to enhance employment opportunities.	DEL	RDCA	By March 2011	DEL / DETI to organise a Careers Information, clinic on the Island and a Business Development Workshop.	
4. Assist Islanders to identify Tourism training and development opportunities.	DETI	RDCA NITB	As required	DETI / NITB organise a meeting to review summer tourism figures and consider future	

				tourism potential on the island.	
Objective 2 To increase the community's capacity to participate in sustainable economic and tourism development, while protecting the environmental and natural assets					
1. Help to support tourism development on Rathlin Island through the delivery of the Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Masterplan 2004-2013.	DETI	RDCA NITB MDC	Ongoing	Interpretation infrastructure projects being developed with project promoters via NITB's Tourism Development Scheme. RDCA encouraged to respond to DOE public consultation on PPS 16 (Tourism)	
2. Explore options to join the Northern Ireland Community & Voluntary Association (NICVA) to access information and relevant training courses.	RDCA	DARD MDC	September 2010		
3. Liaise with Moyle District Council Development Services to ensure benefit from the	RDCA	DSD			

Community Support Plan.					
Objective 3 To ensure a modern affordable Ferry service.					
1. Monitor ferry service frequency to ensure it addresses the needs of Islanders and Tourists.	DRD	RIFL	Ongoing	Winter timetable agreed.	
2. Ensure ferry service statistics are prominently displayed in Ferry Terminal and on Rathlin Development website.	DRD	RDCA RIFL	Ongoing	Date for meeting to be agreed. Anticipated Sept 2010.	
3. Hold an Annual Meeting between Ferry Operator, DRD and RDCA to discuss issues of concern.	DRD	RDCA RIFL	Annually		
4. Options within Small Ferries Project to be considered.	DRD	RDCA	Official launch 29 /9/10	Meeting with RDCA when DRD Minister has considered the Project	
Objective 4 To ensure affordable housing provision in accordance with assessed need and budgetary provision for Islanders and people.					
1. Build on the NIHE Housing Market Profile for Rathlin Island	DSD	RDCA DOE	Ongoing	Housing Association already engaged.	

and progress the Study recommendations.					
2. Hold an Annual Information Day on the Island to inform Islanders about Housing and benefit entitlements.	DSD	RDCA NIHE	Annually	Date to be agreed with RDCA.	
3. Raise awareness of planning issues and communicate these to Islanders by holding a Workshop on the Island.	DOE	RDCA	To be completed by end 2010.	Workshop on 5 October 2010	
4. Clarify consequences of RDCA request to insert a criterion in the draft Northern Area Plan which would prevent the sale of houses on Rathlin for 5 years after they were built.	DOE	RDCA	October 2010	DOE to write to RDCA in relation to objections raised.	
Objective 5 To provide the Islanders with equitable access to health and social care that is of an equivalent standard to that provided for people on the mainland and delivered as far as possible within their community and close to, or in, their homes.					
1. Monitor continuity of provision of 24-hour nursing care for	DHSSPS	RDCA NHSCT	Ongoing	New 24/7 nursing cover arrangements began on	

Islanders.				1/5/2010. Monitoring system to be set up by NHSCT.	
2. Monitor continuity of scheduled GP visits to the Island	DHSSPS	RDCA HSCB	Ongoing	Monitoring system to be set up by HSCB	
3. Re-instate home care provision on the island.	DHSSPS	RDCA NHSCT	March 2011	Position of domiciliary care worker has been re-advertised.	
4. Review provision of trained “First Responders” personnel on the Island.	DHSSPS	RDCA NHSCT NIAS	March 2011	Several islanders identified as First Responders. Training updated every 6 months. Scheme to go live 22/23 Sept 2010.	
5. Review all medical/First Aid training provided to Islanders.	DHSSPS	RDCA NHSCT	March 2011	Training to be reviewed against agreed standards.	
6. Review update and disseminate Emergency Procedures for Islanders requiring medical attention and ensure these are communicated to stakeholders (including General Practitioners, Domiciliary Care Workers, Out-of-hours and Accident & Emergency staff) on the	DHSSPS	RDCA HSCB NHSCT	March 2011	Emergency procedures for Islanders will be included as part of the induction process for relevant new members of staff on an ongoing basis.	

mainland.					
7. Maintain currency of the Memorandum of Understanding between the NI Ambulance Service and the Maritime & Coastguard Agency to ensure it accurately reflects Emergency Helicopter service provision for Rathlin.	DHSSPS	RDCA HSCB NIAS	Ongoing		
8. Roll out the Emergency Care Summary Record to Rathlin.	DHSSPS	RDCA BSO	January 2011	Training for nurses on Rathlin to take place in December 2010/ January 2011.	
Objective 6 To develop Rathlin as a carbon neutral island generating electricity from renewable sources.					
1. Monitor progress on European funding application to develop a wind turbine site on Rathlin.	MDC	RDCA	Ongoing	Decision still outstanding.	
2. Participate in training in order to build capacity of Islanders to own and operate a wind turbine business.	MDC	RDCA			
3. Monitor developments in emerging off shore technologies that could contribute to the above	DETI	RDCA	Ongoing	No comments to report at present.	

objective.					
Objective 7 To have a good mains water supply.					
1. Develop and maintain an efficient and economical system of water supply on the Island and ensure compliance with customer standards of service.	DRD	RDCA NIW	Ongoing	Include sewerage disposal on Agenda of next Environment Forum.	
2. Develop, cleanse and maintain an efficient public sewer network on the Island and deal with the contents of the public sewers to ensure compliance with customer standards of service.	DRD	RDCA NIW	Ongoing		
Objective 8 To promote waste management and recycling.					
1. Monitor refuse collection to ensure it is adequate throughout the year to meet demand particularly at the height of the Tourist season.	MDC	RDCA	June 2010	Bin Lorry sited on Island during peak summer months.	
2. Provide additional bins in the Harbour and Mill Bay area for litter and re-cycling.	MDC	RDCA	March 2011	Taken forward under RI Harbour Public Realm Scheme. Anticipated	

3. Identify a suitable designated parking area for the Bin Lorry.	MDC	RDCA	June 2010	completion March 2011. Temporary agreement with land-owner with possibility of a permanent arrangement.	
4. Review options to re-site waste facilities and/or landscape the current site at the harbour.	MDC	RDCA	Ongoing	Subject to further discussion with RDCA.	
<u>Objective 9</u> To actively maintain the Island school.					
Continue to support and maintain the Island school to ensure education provision for resident children.	DE	RDCA	Ongoing	Monitor provision	
<u>Objective 10</u> Ensure Islanders have equitable access to post primary education.					
Ensure that accommodation and transport provision for Island children supports a choice of post-primary education that is equal to all other children in NI.	DE	RDCA	Ongoing	Monitor provision	
<u>Objective 11</u> To enable the community to contribute fully to Island policies which protect and					

sustain its unique rural environment, including the landscape, the natural and built heritage.					
1. Establish an Environment Forum to discuss, review and evaluate environmental issues.	DRD	RDCA NIEA NT RSPB MDC	26/5/2010	First meeting held. Next meeting to be agreed - October 2010.	
2. Progress a Biodiversity Plan for Rathlin through the Forum.	NIEA	RDCA	31/3/2011		
<u>Objective 12</u> To develop agricultural and marine initiatives which develop sustainable farming and fishing and take account of Island circumstances.					
1. Make Islanders aware of the remit of the European Fisheries Fund Facilitator who is available to assist them develop projects which could merit European Funding.	DARD	RDCA	30/9/2010		
2. Acknowledge the uniqueness of Rathlin Island by making appropriate linkages between the development of a Rural White Paper and the Rathlin Island	DARD	RDCA	31/3/2011		

Action Plan.					
OTHER ACTIONS					
ROADS					
1. Maintain Road Network on the Island to an acceptable standard.	DRD		Ongoing	Roads Service to liaise with MDC to see if RI Harbour Public Realm Scheme will bring roads to standard which could be adopted.	
2. Address maintenance of road area alongside harbour.	DRD				
HARBOUR BYE LAWS					
Monitor implementation of the Bye-Laws	MDC	RDCA DRD	Ongoing	Bi-annual meeting planned.	

Glossary of Terms

BSO	Business Services Organisation
DARD	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
DE	Department of Education
DEL	Department of Education & Learning
DETI	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment
DFP	Department of Finance & Personnel

DHSSPS	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
DOE	Department of Environment
DRD	Department for Regional Development
DSD	Department for Social Development
HSCB	Health & Social Care Board
INVEST NI	Invest Northern Ireland
MDC	Moyle District Council
NHSCT	Northern Health & Social Care Trust
NIAS	Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
NIEA	Northern Ireland Environment Agency
NITB	Northern Ireland Tourist Board
NIW	Northern Ireland Water
NT	National Trust
OFMDFM	Department of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister
RDCA	Rathlin Development & Community Association
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds