

## **Background Information**

A series of changes introduced by the Government will have an impact on the way in which the East Midlands ERDF programme is governed and delivered. From 1 July 2011, responsibility for delivering the ERDF Programme in the East Midlands was transferred from the East Midlands Development Agency (*emda*) to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

As part of its commitment to implementing the Localism agenda, DCLG has confirmed that following consultation with Programme partners, the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC), which has previously overseen the ERDF Programme in each region, will be replaced by new Local Management Committees (LMCs).

The 16 June 2011 PMC meeting was the last formal meeting of the 2007-13 ERDF Programme Monitoring Committee. The first meeting of the Local Management Committee chaired by Mark Carroll, Director of Decentralisation and the Big Society at DCLG was held on 9 December 2011.

The LMC will be responsible for the strategic leadership of the 2007-13 East Midlands ERDF Competitiveness Programme; overall responsibilities will include:

- Consideration and approval of project selection criteria;
- Reviewing progress towards the achievement of programme targets and Priority Axes objectives through receiving and considering performance implementation data;
- Receiving and considering consistent, up-to-date management information for the programme, as required by the Managing Authority;
- Consideration and approval of Annual and Final Reports;
- Consideration and approval of programme evaluations and resulting Operational Programme (OP) amendments; and
- Strategic linkages with other Structural Funds, domestic programmes and wider UK economic policy.

## **LMC Deputy Chair**

For the first time, a post of LMC Deputy Chair is being established for ERDF programme committees in England (excluding London). The new role of Deputy Chair will enable real local engagement at a senior level and help direct the work of the LMC.

Following a selection process the appointment of Rachel Quinn as the East Midlands LMC Deputy Chair was announced at the ERDF Annual Information event at Loughborough on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Rachel is Chief Executive of the voluntary and community organisation One East Midlands.

## **LMC Investment Sub Group**

Whilst the LMC will provide strategic leadership and management for the programme, the detailed approval of projects will be undertaken by the LMC Investment Sub Group. This Sub Group will be a key part of the LMC undertaking responsibilities nominated by the LMC in particular around *consideration and approval of project selection criteria and to consider and approve criteria for selecting ERDF projects/operations and approve any revision of those criteria according to programme need.*

The Sub Group will be chaired by the LMC Deputy Chair, Rachel Quinn, with the Head of ERDF Programme Delivery Team (PDT), Andrew Morgan, acting as the Deputy Chair. This will provide an important link between the work of the LMC and the Sub Group.

Recommendations made by the Investment Sub Group will then be considered by the East Midlands Programme Delivery Team, who as the Managing Authority, will process final decisions on the award of grant and the issue of Offer Letters in line with the East Midlands Operational Programme and EC regulations.

## **Programme Update**

ERDF Programme implementation in the region continues to progress well and, by the end of November 2011, some 150 projects (worth approx. £119m ERDF) had formally accepted or been offered funding agreements. Negotiations were well advanced with a further 51 (requesting £63m ERDF).

The East Midlands 2007-13 ERDF allocation is €268.5m. At the beginning of December 2011 this equated to approximately £232m having fallen back from a high of £261.5m in January 2009 (the lowest Sterling value to date was £177.3m in February 2007):

Programme Value:	€268,500,000
Euro Rate:	1.16
Current Programme Value:	£232,148,142
Priority Axis 1 (PA1) Value:	£100,117,598
Priority Axis 2 (PA2) Value:	£122,739,695
Priority Axis 3 (PA3) Value:	£9,290,849

Panellists from One East Midlands, the ERDF Programme Delivery Team, Lincolnshire County Council and Social Enterprise East Midlands will discuss the ERDF Programme, its delivery and will answer questions from anyone who may wish to find out more or become involved in the 2007-13 ERDF Programme.

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