

## SUSTAINING PROGRESS

### SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARD ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT NO.6 (MARCH 2006)

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Specific Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Progress Achieved</b> <i>(a no should be indicated where the deadline has passed without the action being achieved)</i>	<b>If not achieved or did not meet commitment date please provide further details</b>
<b>Customer Service*</b>				
All CEBs will be required to commit publicly to service standards for their customers by publishing a charter of service standards and report on performance against these standards in their annual reports	Publish a Customer Charter	By Q1 2004	Fully completed as reported in Report No 1 October 03	
	Introduce and operate a new Formal Complaints Procedure	By Q1 2004	Fully completed as reported in Report No 1 October 03	
	Report on performance against Charter commitments in Annual Reports	By Q3 2004	Fully completed as reported in Report No 3 September 04.  The 2004 annual report contained a further report on charter commitments (attached)	

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<b>Efficient Use of Resources**</b>				
All CEBs will ensure the efficient use of resources by co-operating fully with the modernisation and change required to ensure that maximum value is achieved from all public expenditure in terms of defined outputs and outcomes	Develop initial management reports, facilitating decision making and resource allocation	By Q4 2003	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04	
	Establish CEB performance indicators to be incorporated into management reports	By Q4 2004	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04  New performance indicators have been chosen in line with the objectives and actions of the new Business Plan 2006-2008 (see plan document attached)	
<b>Business Planning**</b>				
Create and maintain a specific business plan to include financial projections for the year ahead	Draft an annual business plan	Q1 Annually	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04.  A new reporting template has been devised to reflect the 2006-08 business plan outcomes (sample attached)	

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	Financial projections should include budgets, cash flow projections, projected balance sheets and funding requirements		The Board has adopted a new Business Plan for the years 2006-2008, subject to the budget provision allocated to it by the Dept. (attached)	
<b>Annual Performance targets**</b>				
Where not already in place CEBs will introduce appropriate Annual Performance Targets to support implementation of the Business Plan	Establish annual performance targets for the Board. Performance will be evaluated against these targets	Q1 Annually	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04. Performance against targets is reported to the Board at each meeting, as evidenced by the attached Business Plan graphical progress report	
<b>Performance Management**</b>				
CEBs will introduce performance management	Design and agree a role profile for each employee setting out the key result	Q1 Annually (subject to a mid-term review)	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04. Job descriptions (revised in Jan 2005) were attached to Report No 5	

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systems for all grades within their organisation	areas and the objectives/standards required		together with our Roles and Tasks matrix, which shows how each of the roles interrelate with each other.	
<b>Human Resource Training and Development Plan*</b>				
CEBs are committed to continued training and development for all staff  CEBs will ensure that they develop and maintain a human resource strategy	Development of a training plan to provide targeted training and development.  Utilise the performance management systems to help staff identify training needs.  The training plan should relate directly to the business plan and should address all categories of employees	Q1 Annually (subject to a mid-term review)	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04. Training Plans for each staff member for 2005 were written. And were attached to Report 5  Training plans are written as part of the performance review process and are being implemented and monitored.  The training plan forms part of the business plan and relates to the skills needed to meet objectives. Training reviews were carried out in mid 2005 to assess the extent to which training plans are being carried out.	

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<b>Annual Review Mechanism**</b>				
CEBs will introduce an Annual Review Mechanism for all employees	Such a review must take account of agreed role profiles and annual performance targets.  CEBs must introduce individualised feedback on a one to one basis for all employees	Q4 Annually	Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04. The latest reviews for all staff were carried out in Jan/Feb 2006  Fully completed as reported in Report No 2 April 04 – see above	
<b>New Technology and eGovernment**</b>				
Where necessary CEBs should undertake systems analyses and/or Business Process Reviews to identify changes in work practises required to	Implement any changes in processes and/or work practices identified by Business Reviews, where appropriate  Continuous	Q4 2003 – 2005  Monthly	The review of backup procedures identified by our on-going review of processes and work practices has been completed. A new server (hardware and software) has been specified and will be installed by the end of October. An employment law compliance audit was commissioned and the report has been received.	

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ensure that the benefits of new technology systems are maximised	improvement of CEBs website		Updates are posted several times weekly. The new branding has been implemented throughout the site .	
	Continue to provide targeted training and development addressing the development and business needs of individuals and groups of staff, utilising e-learning systems where possible	Monthly	Fully in place and ongoing, as reported in Report No 1 October 03  Training reviews have been carried out at as part of the annual performance appraisal to provide a basis for 2006 training plans.	

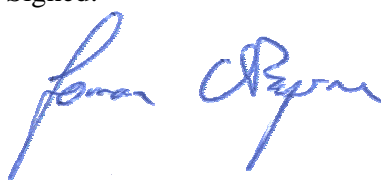
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<b>Performance Management System**</b>				
CEBs agree to input all data, as specified in Departmental circular 14/2002 at both project and county level in a continuous and timely manner	Previous months data must be inputted by the CEBs on or by the last day of every working month	Monthly	Fully in place and ongoing, as reported in Report No 1 October 03	
<b>Equality**</b>				
CEBs agree to continue to work to promote equality of opportunity for all staff	Continue to promote existing diversity and gender equality policies	On-going	Fully operational on an ongoing basis as reported in Report No2 – April 04	
<b>Partnership**</b>				
The CEBs are committed to building upon the structures that have already been established in order to deliver real	Working through the CEO Executive Committee and the various CEO Sub-Committees the CEBs will continue to promote internal and national	On-going	Fully operational on an ongoing basis as reported in Report No2 – April 04. The Chief Executive is Chair of the IT Committee of the Assoc. He is also a member of the E-business strategy group and the SME Round table. Staff continue to be kept fully	

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improvements in performance at organizational and national level	dialogue and continue to consult with staff on key issues in the process of change and improvement		informed of external administrative and policy developments through weekly staff meetings	
<b>Recruitment**</b>				
All CEBs will continue their commitment to open transparent recruitment	<p>All posts should be advertised and a short list of applicants, based on agreed selection criteria should be compiled</p> <p>An interview panel of at least three persons should be appointed</p> <p>Appointments and salary scale should be endorsed by each Board and be in line with Departmental guidelines and Government pay policy</p>	On-going	<p>Fully operational on an ongoing basis as reported in Report No2 – April 04</p> <p>No vacancies have arisen and therefore no recruitment has taken place</p>	<p>Signed:</p>  <p>Loman O'Byrne Chief Executive</p>

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