

Rural Development Programme for
England 2007-13

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The emerging/draft South West RIP

- **National consultation closed 22 May**
- **Rural Development Strategy for England**
- **Policy Developments**
- **Government's commitment (ELS, HLS, EWGS, HSF)**
- **Funding the new Programme - Voluntary modulation**
- **Implications for the Region**



Regional Programme

- **Rural Strategy 2004**
- **Governance arrangements**
- **Regional Implementation Plan:**
 - **Guide delivery within the region**
 - **Inform Rural Development Strategy for England**



Regional Implementation Plan

- **Sets out the what:**
 - **Analysis of regional evidence**
 - **Priorities for the programme**
- **Sets out the how:**
 - **How the Rural Development Regulation Measures will be used**
 - **How resources will be targeted**
 - **A delivery strategy, including how the Leader approach in the Region**

Next steps/Timetable

- **RIP in place by the end of the year**
- **Iterative process**
- **Stakeholder engagement**
- **This is an opportunity to report back on where we are with developing the programmes within the region**
- **Interested to hear views on....**



Guiding principles for the South West RIP

- **Support farmers and landowners for contributing to the sustainable development of the region (including enhancing biodiversity, natural resources and landscape) for future generations**
- **Support the achievement of growth in the rural economy through focusing on projects that deliver high added value**
- **Support a sustainable land based sector post 2013**
- **Support a move towards a low carbon economy**
- **Promote activities that encourage innovation**



Guiding principles for the South West RIP

- **Minimise the bureaucratic burden for project applicants**
- **Integrate support across the region to maximise the impact of all funding streams**
- **Support work under each of the axes that seeks to make the maximum contribution to the wider achievement of sustainable development**
- **Exploit and encourage the benefits of links between rural areas and urban centres**
- **Meet the needs of a diverse rural population and ensure equality of opportunity**

Priorities for the South West

- **Improving business efficiency and enabling business transformation**
- **Developing the supply chain**
- **Managing resources efficiently**
- **Making the most of our rural environment**
- **Enhancing landscapes and biodiversity**
- **Maintaining strong and inclusive rural communities**

