Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP)

What is it?

- £1.6bn programme of public funding for Rural Development 2007 to 2013
- Buying benefits for the people of Scotland
- Key outcomes;
  - Business Viability and Competiveness
  - Environmental improvements;
    - Water
    - Climate change
    - Landscape and Biodiversity
  - Thriving Rural Communities

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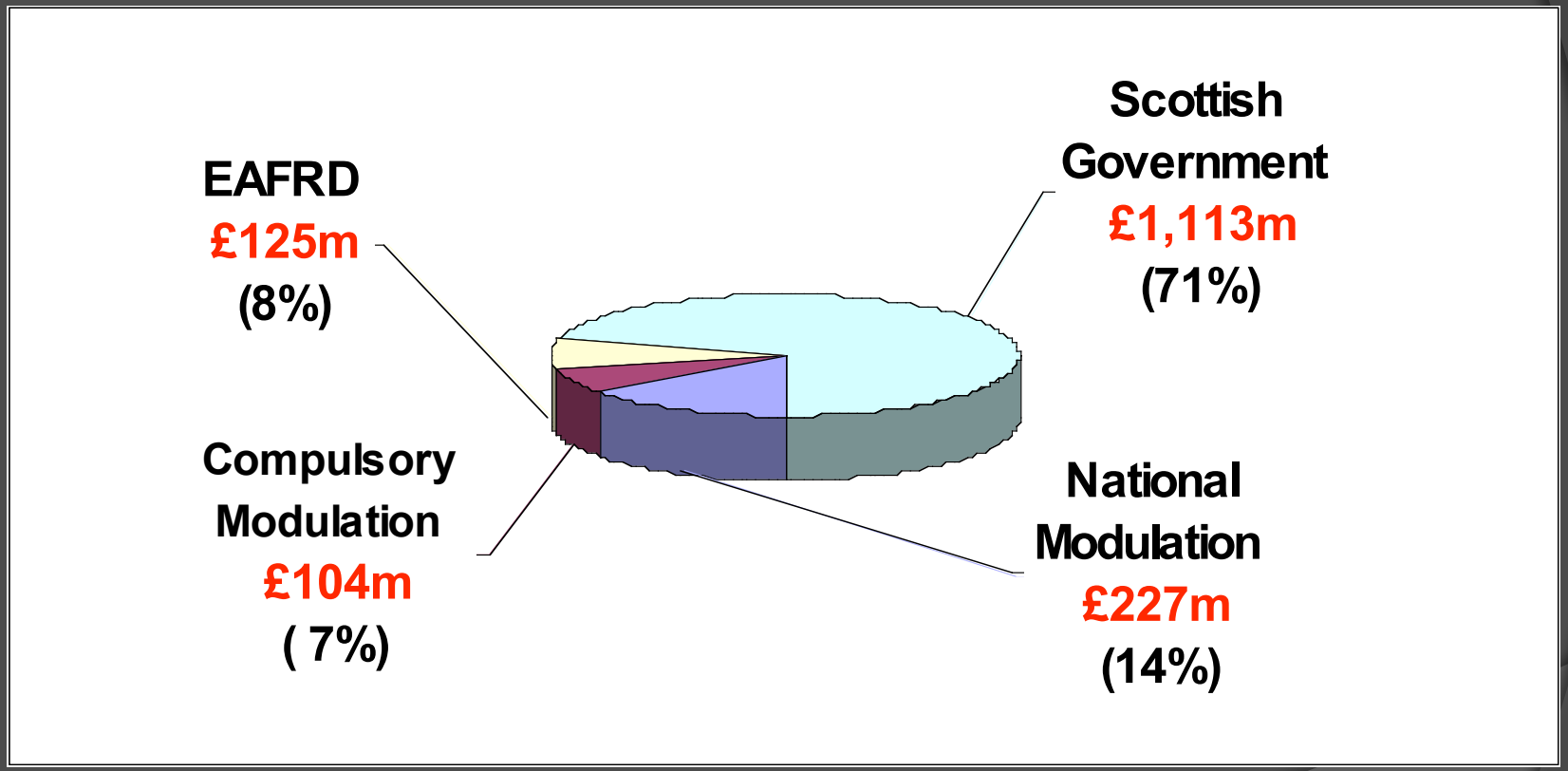
How is it funded?



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What is different?

- Amalgamates and replaces most of the other schemes for agri-environment, forestry & Capital Grants

- SRDP includes;
  - LFASS - £427m
  - Leader - c£80m
  - Rural Development Contracts – LMOs – c£90m
  - Rural Development Contracts– Rural Priorities – c£500m
  - Processing & Marketing - £70m
  - Crofting Counties Scheme – £35m
  - Forestry Challenge Fund (WIAT & Woods for People) - £14m
  - Training Scheme – £12m
  - Legacy scheme payments (RSS, CPS, SFGS etc.)- £330m

- Doesn't include;
  - Single Farm Payment – Pillar 1

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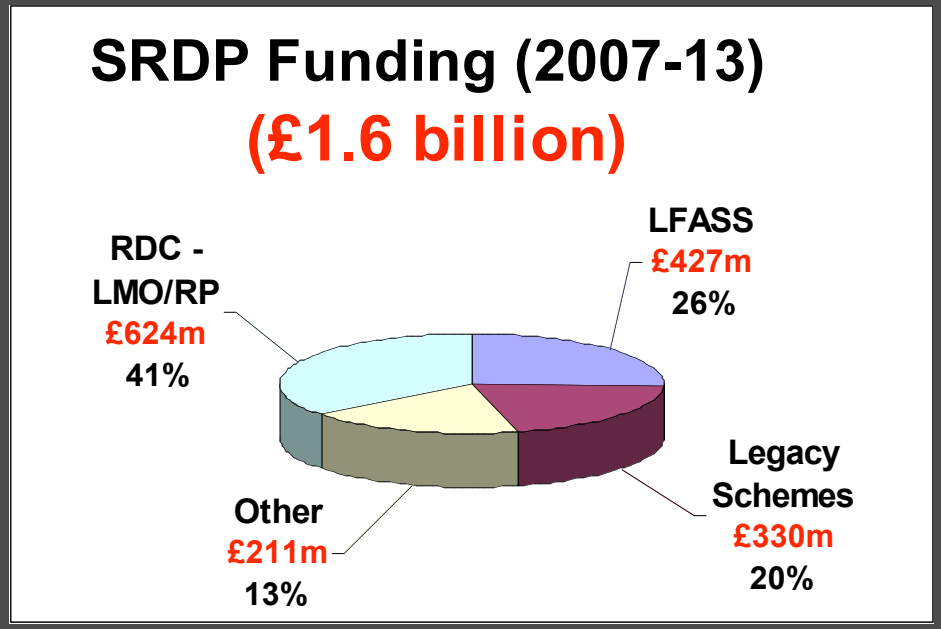
Where is the Cash going?



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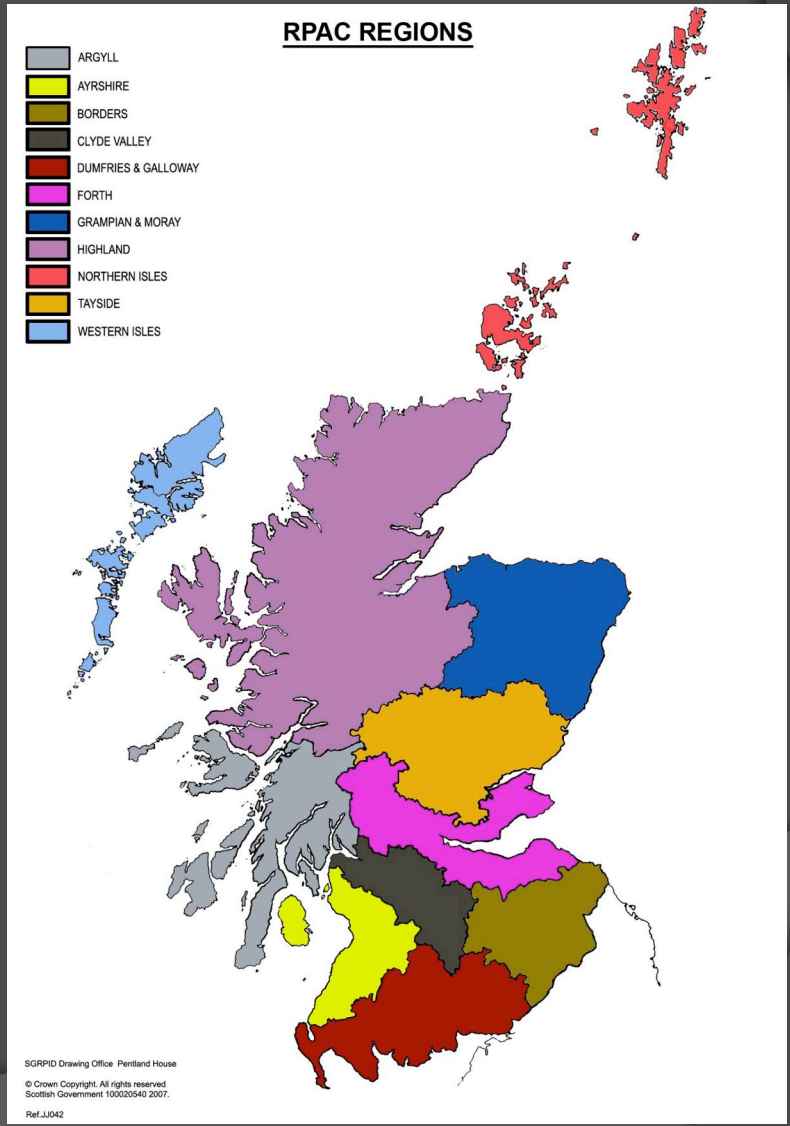
Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities

- 11 regions
- Each region has a Regional Proposal Assessment Committee (rPAC)
- National PAC (August 08)
- Budget not Regionalised



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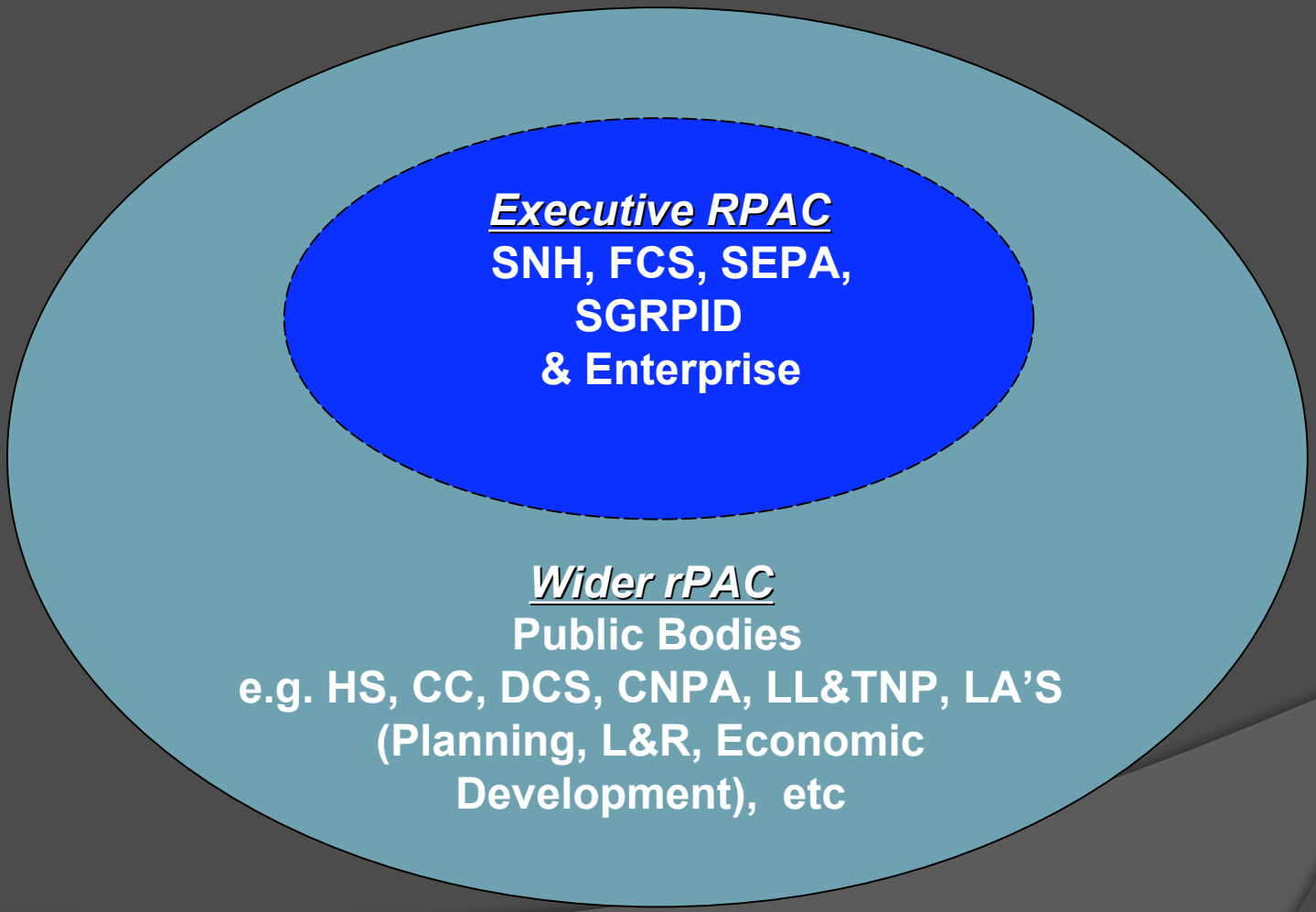

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Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities

- Competitive Scheme
- 32 National Priorities with slight regional amendments
- Regional priorities → packages & options = Outcome Plan
- *Anyone/Any body* who can deliver the outcomes is eligible
- Assessment by the RPAC

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Rural Development Contracts – Rural Priorities

32 Priorities

- contribute to improving the competitiveness of rural land based businesses (7)
- biodiversity (5)
- landscape (2)
- built & cultural heritage (1)
- water & soils (5)
- adaptations to climate change (4)
- public access (1)
- diversification of rural enterprises (5)
- thriving rural communities (2)

Scotland Rural Development Programme
How to apply?

- All applicants will require a Business Reference Number (BRN)
- Apply on line
- First Stage is Statement of Intent (SoI)
  - Must contain the 5W's

    Who, What, Why, Where & When

The 5 W's

- **Who:** What kind of applicant are you (i.e. agricultural business, forester, new entrant, young farmer, family member, community group etc)? This will affect which options you may be eligible for.

The 5 W's

- **What:** What is it that you want to do? In the Case Summary box, you should provide a clear (but brief) description of the project as a whole. This description should be linked back to the regional priorities, packages and options you select. If it is a collaborative project, you should also highlight this in the Case Summary box and list the other collaborators.

The 5 W's

- **Why:** Say in the Case Summary box how your proposed project will contribute to the regional priority or priorities selected. If you have chosen options that require specific justification, any additional information you give in the Option Justification box(es) should link back to what you have said in the Case Summary box.

The 5 W's

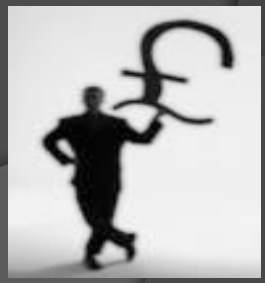
- **When:** For **actual cost capital items**, you should specify the **calendar year** that the claim will be submitted.

- If you think the cost of the project will be over £20,000 then indicate the estimated total cost (to the nearest £10,000) in the Case Summary box.

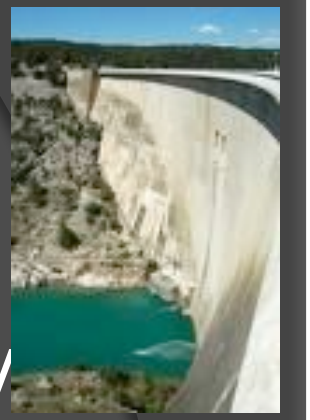
The 5 W's

- **Where:** The option(s) that you select will dictate whether a map is required or not. The system will prompt you to send a map (if required)

- Overall Plan Costs – include all capital and 5 years management costs.



Options under Axes 1 & 3



1. Renewable Energy– Agriculture/Forestry
   - Small scale up to 250kw
   - Improve business efficiency
   - Reduction in Carbon emissions
   - 50% of eligible costs

3. Renewable Energy – Non land based
   - Communities<3000
   - Rural businesses <10 people, € 2m

The Next Stages

- Proposal Stage
  - Expands on your SOI
  - Specialist input if required
- Assessment and scoring by Case Officers

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Scotland Rural Development Program

Proposal
Business Outcome Plan

Enter your Business Reference Number	
Enter your case number	e.g. 20019986

Enter the title for the application (this is the same title as for your SoI)	

This outcome plan will compliment the information you have provided in your on-line Proposal. In this outcome plan you should identify **how** and **why** the options (activities) set out in the online Proposal will deliver the selected regional priorities. You must address any issues identified in the Statement of Intent feedback, include any specialist input identified by the Case Officer and provide evidence against the assessment criteria that will be used by the Case Officer to judge how well the Proposal meets the outcomes of the Rural Development Contract – Rural Priorities Scheme.

You should complete the following sections;

Section 1 – Further Information. Provide further detail, if necessary, of **how** the options, described in the online Proposal screens will be carried out by the business, or on the property, identified in your application.

Section 2 - Specialist Advice Insert any specialist advice you have received and ensure this has been reflected in the detail provided in Sections 1 and 2. specialist advice is required;

- Where the option guidance does not prescribe in sufficient detail how you should implement the activity on your property, or
- where the guidance specifically asks for a specialist management plan, or
- where you have been advised by your Case Officer to seek specialist advice.

Section 3 – Proposal Assessment If necessary, use this section to provide additional evidence to that entered into the online Regional Priority Supporting Statement of **how** and **why** the assessment criteria will be met.

Section 4 – Consents and Approvals Insert references to any specific approvals, licences, quotes and consents you have been advised to obtain and attach as appendices to this outcome plan.

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Proposal
Environment Outcome Plan

Enter your Business Reference Number	
Enter your case number	e.g. 20019986

Enter the title for the application (this is the same title as for your SoI)	

This outcome plan will compliment the information you have provided in your on-line Proposal.

In this outcome plan you should identify **how** and **why** the options (activities) set out in the online Proposal will deliver the selected regional priorities. You must address any issues identified in the Statement of Intent feedback, include any specialist input identified by the Case Officer and provide evidence against the assessment criteria that will be used by the Case Officer to judge how well the Proposal meets the outcomes of the Rural Development Contract – Rural Priorities Scheme.

Environment Outcome Plan

You should complete the following sections;

Section 1 – Further Information. Provide further detail, if necessary, of **how** the options, described in the online Proposal screens will be carried out by the business, or on the property, identified in your application.
Section 2 - Specialist Advice Insert any specialist advice you have received and ensure this has been reflected in the detail provided in your online proposal screens and sections 1 and 3 of the outcome plan.
Section 3 – Proposal Assessment If necessary, use this section to provide additional evidence to that entered into the online Regional Priority Supporting Statement of **how** and **why** the assessment criteria will be met.
Section 4 – Consents and Approvals Insert references to any specific approvals, licences, quotes and consents you have been advised to obtain and attach as appendices to this outcome plan.

1. Further Information

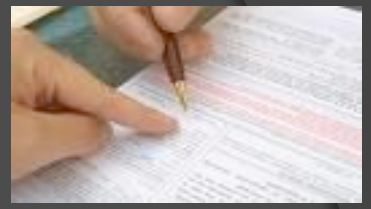
In this section you should, where applicable, detail **how** the options, described in the online Proposal screens, will be carried out by the business, or on the property, identified in your application.

Ensure you cross-reference the information you provide to at least one relevant regional priority you have selected in the online proposal by using the appropriate regional priority coding. If the information is relevant to all your selected regional priorities state 'relevant to all selected regional priorities'.

1.1 Designations

If applicable list any designations relevant to the land, property or species to be managed. This includes designations that are of a nature conservation, environmental sensitivity, land use, landscape, archaeological, built heritage or cultural nature. Site boundaries should be clearly indicated on an accompanying map.

Specific Consents



Planning Permission

Building Warrant

A Licence if in a designated site e.g. SSSI

Feasibility Study

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What will be funded?

- **High Quality** applications that meet one or more of the Regional Priorities.
- **Three groups** of assessment;
  - **Fit with Regional Priority**
    - Quality — High/Low — Evidence
    - Quantity
    - Collaboration
    - Integration
    - Multiple Outcomes
    - Innovation
    - Contribution to National targets
  - **Value for money**
    - Additionality
    - Added value
    - Long term benefit
    - Leverage potential
  - **Risk Management**
    - Meeting demand
    - Minimising impacts
    - Feasibility

For EACH Group	Good Fit	5 or more Highs
	Partial Fit	3-4 Highs
	Poor Fit	0-2 Highs

1-Quality

- Score High if:
  - Includes ‘particular importance’ in the Regional Priorities
  - Regional Priority selected supports any of the 4 National Targets

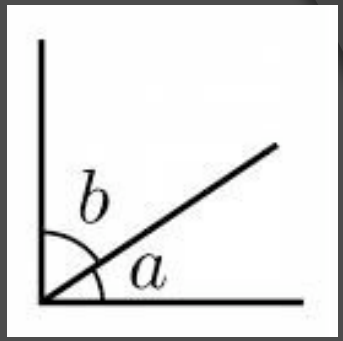
1-Quantity

- Score High if:
  - Show that you commit as much of available resources
  - Not just a token area

1-Collaboration

- Score High if:
  - Collaboration with neighbours etc
  - Must be RDC RP applicants

1-Integration



- Score High if:
  - Separate options chosen complement each other
  - Micro Hydro project/ New community build
  - Habitat Networks/links

1-Multiple Outcomes

- Score High if:
  - Option delivers >1RP
  - Native Woodland
    - Biodiversity(RP 8-12),
    - Landscape(RP 13-14),
    - Amenity(RP 31)

1-Innovation

- Score High if:
  - New and sound ideas for the Region
  - Watch the feasibility side

1-Contribution to National Targets

- Score High if:
  - Encouragement of New Entrants to farming
  - 95% SSSI's etc into favourable condition
  - Woodland to mitigate Climate Change
  - Improved slurry provisions within NVZ

2- Additionality

- Score High if:
  - Demonstrate greater contribution to the Regional Priority
  - More than minimum standards eg UK Forest Standards &forest guidelines

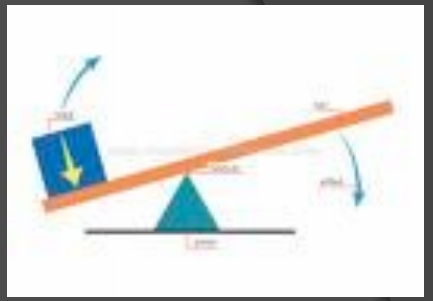
2-Added Value

- Score High if:
  - Proposal secures or enhances existing activity regardless of Public Funding.
  - Previous RSS, SFGS, Natural Care agreements

2-Long Term Benefit

- Score High if:
  - Benefits lasting longer than SRDP
  - Woodland creation/regeneration
  - Hedges, dykes
  - Building/community facility
  - Renewable Energy projects

2-Leverage



- Score High if:
  - Secure other NON-PUBLIC money
  - Cost of SRDP reduced
  - Convert 2 cottages but claim for 1 !!!

3-Meeting Demand

- Score High if:
  - Obvious and immediate market demand
  - Demand for Renewable sources of Energy
  - Market identified by feasibility study

3-Minimising Impacts

- Score High if:
  - Recognise and act to minimise potential impacts on neighbours
  - Beyond statutory consents & licences.
  - Taken on board the advice from Case Officers or specialists.

3-Demonstrating Feasibility

- Score High if:
  - Able to complete project within timescales
  - Show that you have match funding for the proposal – letter from Bank

Group	1	2	3
	Highs		
Good Fit	5-6	3-4	3
Partial Fit	3-4	2	2
Poor Fit	0-2	0-1	0-1

Next Step

- Each Priority scored individually
- Assessment Scoring Table

	Good Fit	Partial Fit	Poor Fit
1-Contribution	10	6	2
2-Value For Money	4	2	0
3-Management Risk	4	2	0

Final Scores

- Priority 1 Priority 2 Priority 3…..

- Score 12 10 14

- What does this mean ???

Who decides?

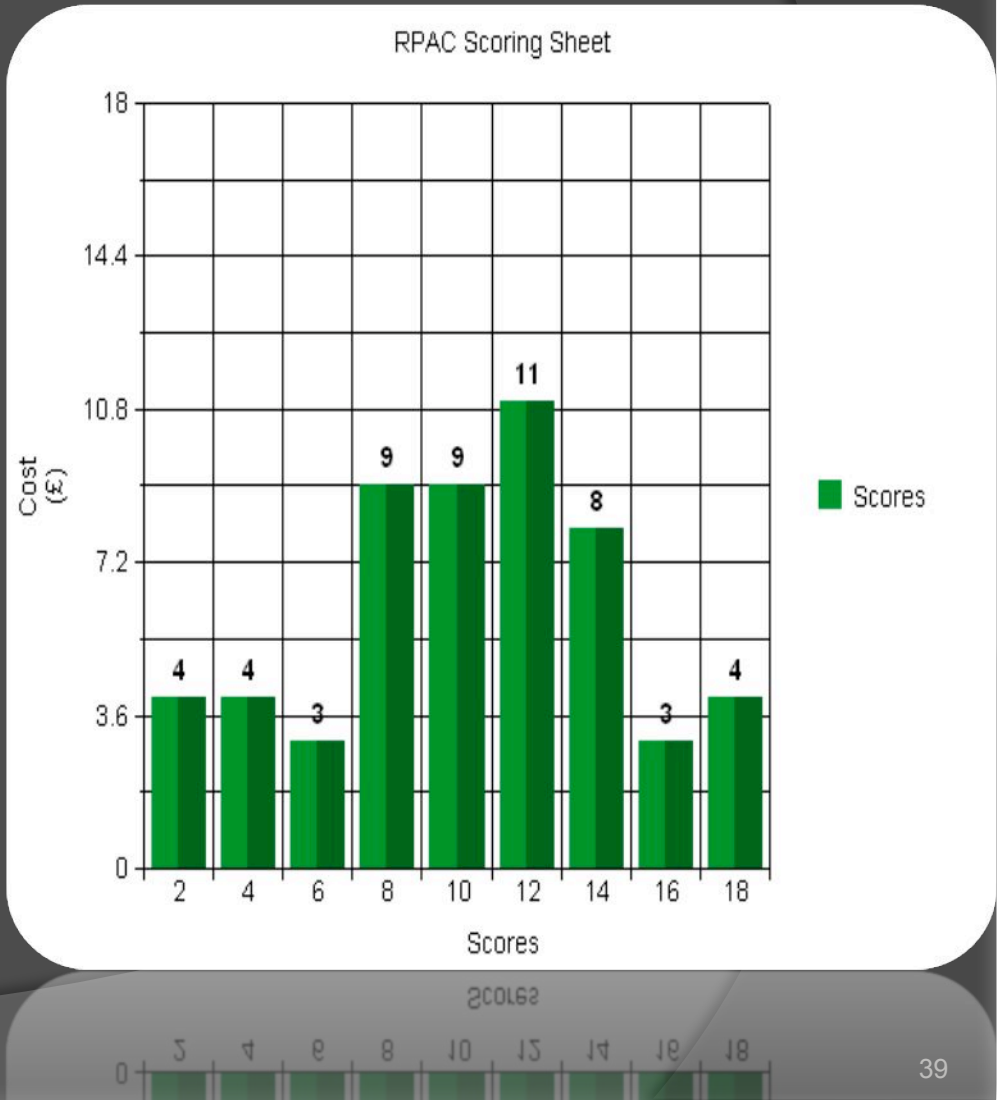
- RPAC's

  Depends on National Budgets
  - Business Development
  - Agri-environment
  - Forestry
  - Supporting Rural Enterprise
  - Supporting Rural Communities

- Winners/losers

Where is the Cut- off?

- Project scores added together
- Budget cut off set – say £ 15m
- Just below/above checked
- Well below- rejected
- Well above - approved



Last Lap

- Successful Projects
  - Cant start until signed acceptance received
  - Management Payments claimed with IACS
  - Capital items claimed as completed

Try Again ?

- Unsuccessful projects
  - Re submit at next round
  - Add or subtract things
  - Give up !!

SRDP/CNPA & Other Projects

- Dee & Spey Catchment Plans
- Cross Estate Collaboration
- Landscape Scale Projects
- Biodiversity
- Access issues
- Group/community projects
- Forest Habitat Network project

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How to find out more

- Guidance is available on-line - SRDP website www.scotland.gov.uk/srdp
- Programme of support in Cairngorms National Park
  - Senior Land Managers – Fiona Chalmers & Colin McClean
  - Experts on Access, Tourism, Biodiversity, Planning issues
- Land Management Support Officers
  - Gordon McConachie
  - Zoe Taylor

Questions ?