

SLIDE 1: Introductory Slide

- **SEEDA Funding on the Isle of Wight**

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SLIDE 2: Regeneration funding before SEEDA

- Major investment by Rural Development Commission
 - for more than 10 years
- Several £ million on new workspace
 - in Newport, Ryde, Cowes
- Redundant Building Grants
- Rural Development Programmes
 - 1983 to 1993 and 1993 to 1999
 - £400,000 - £500,000 per year

SLIDE 3: SEEDA Funding: Single Pot

- Renewable Energy
- Major Sites / Property Development
- Rural Development Area programme
- Business Support programmes
 - Business Links: Sector support
- Rural Community programmes
 - Small Rural Towns Phases 1 and 2 programmes
 - Rural Access to Services Programme
- European RDPE (non Leader)

SLIDE 4: Renewable Energy: Wind Turbines

- Working with Vestas
- Global R&D Centre
 - development of new blades, testing etc
 - next generation offshore wind turbine blades – 75 metres or more in length
- Supported by Government Grants
 - Government Environmental Transformation Fund
 - Matched by SEEDA £5 million

SLIDE 5: Renewable Energy - Solent Ocean Energy Cluster

- Building on significant potential of the Solent for marine renewable energy
 - R&D expertise
 - presence of onshore testing facilities
 - supportive local authorities (IOW Council)
- SEEDA and Envirobusiness developing a marine renewables cluster and centre of excellence for marine current and tidal energy
 - should benefit local industry and jobs

SLIDE 6 World Class Sailing at Cowes - *just photos to introduce next slides*

SLIDE 7: Major Developments: Sites

- Some property inherited from the RDC
 - Eg Ryde Business Park
- Major investment in Cowes
 - to build on the existing facilities to enhance and expand the town's reputation as a world class sailing location
- Cowes Waterfront Project
 - the project was in two parts

SLIDE 8: Cowes Outer Harbour Project

1: The provision of an improved paved area around the harbour and also to provide facilities for yachtsmen through the Rural Development Programme - £100,000

2: The development of a 400 berth marina and the construction of a permanent breakwater for Outer Cowes Harbour - £500,000

- the objective was to create a true sheltered harbour, provide additional flood defences to protect the area long term;
- it included dredging of a new Eastern Channel for small craft

SLIDE 9: Business Support

- SEEDA provided funding for Business Links
 - the island businesses served through Business Link, Hampshire until 2010
- Support for tourism
 - through Tourism South East

SLIDE 10: SEEDA Rural Funding - Rural Development Programme

- The programme ran from 1994 to 2004
- It was inherited by SEEDA from RDC
- SEEDA supported it for 5 years
 - 1999-2000
 - 2000-2001
 - 2001-2002
 - 2002-2003
 - 2003-2004

Spent between £400,000 & £500,000 per year

SLIDE 11: Examples

- Projects relatively small
 - between £10,000 and £70,000

For example:

- Information centre
- Childcare centre
- Community Centres
- Credit Unions
- Citizens advice clinic
- Very small grants through a Delegated Fund

SLIDE 12: Rural Business Support

- Through Rural Redundant Building grants
- Through specific sector support
 - food
 - SEEDA Sector Champion programme

SLIDE 13: Redundant Buildings

Programme also inherited from the RDC

- Projects which converted redundant buildings (not just on farms) into new uses which create new jobs or new businesses in rural areas
- From 1999 and continued until 2007
- then continued under RDP Leader

SLIDE 14: Examples

- 25% grant for eligible costs
 - wide range of different ends uses
 - but always to create new businesses and new jobs on the island
- 20 Grants to non farm buildings
 - £302,701
- 6 Grants to farm building conversion
 - £140,559

SLIDE 15: Isle of Wight Food Group - *just photos*

Will just talk about the creation of a food group and the importance of local produce

SLIDE 16: SEEDA Sector Champions – *just photo to introduce next slide*

SLIDE 17 Dairy Champion

- Part of the SEEDA Sector Champion programme which supported a series of 'champions' from different land industry sectors
- The island provided the 'Dairy Champion' and the project supported educating children in island schools on milk and where it came from

SLIDE 18 (Rural Community Programmes) Small Rural Towns: Phase 1

- Two phases of a programme to revitalize the small towns on the island
 - Phase 1 was limited to the more deprived parts of the region and supported three island towns
 - Sandown
 - Shanklin
 - Ventnor
 - £240,000 each for a series of projects
 - Programme run by local partnership based on needs assessment
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SLIDE 19 – *just a photo to show Ventnor*

SLIDE 20: Small Rural Towns Phase 2

- The second phase was a region-wide programme
 - Programme continues until 2012
 - The island has access to a further £300,000
 - public realm improvements in Wootton
 - major project in Sandown
 - regeneration project in East Cowes under final phase of development
 - heritage and environment project in Brading
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SLIDE 21: *just a photo of Brading to illustrate last slide*

SLIDE 22: Rural Access to Services Programme

- A programme designed to improve the accessibility to services for all rural communities
 - Again managed by local island partnership who chose which projects to support
 - community buildings grant scheme
 - support for Parish Councils and third sector groups
 - training for third sector organisations
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SLIDE 23: SEEDA Non Single Pot / European Funding: RDPE 1

- There are 3 projects being supported through the RDPE programme 2007-13 managed by SEEDA
 1. Farmer Jack's Ltd which was awarded £203,422 to relocate and expand an existing farm shop
 - The project will benefit 30 businesses and create 3.5 new jobs in the farm shop
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2. The construction of a 44,900 cubic metre reservoir at Heasley Farm to irrigate vegetable crops with a grant of £29,304

- It will create 2.5 new jobs and safeguard a further 2 existing jobs

3. The erection of 4 bins for storage and blending of grain with a grant of £209,723 fro Isle of Wight Grain Storage

- It will benefit 53 businesses on the island

SLIDE 25: Conclusions

- SEEDA has spent a considerable amount of the Isle of Wight through its Single Pot money from UK Government
 - it has been a priority are for investment
 - a major part of the grant aid - though not all - has been through specific rural programmes
 - SEEDA has honoured existing commitments
 - The funding from Europe is now the major source of investment to the rural areas of the island through Axis 1 and through Leader
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