

Sustainable Development Action Plan – Progress Report Summary 2008

Organisation: Food Standards Agency

Department Non-Ministerial Department Executive Agency NDPB Other

Report of progress against: Sustainable Development Action Plan - 1 January 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Progress Against Actions

Percentage of actions complete or on target: 86.0%
Average impact rating* of all the actions which are complete or on target: 2.00

*The Impact rating (1-4) is a self-assessment of the contribution to SD priority areas, and is not an indication of performance.

Embedding Sustainability

Self assessment ratings against four themes: To what extent is sustainable development embedded?

Policies	People	Operations	Governance, Monitoring and Reporting
On Course	On Course	On Course	On Course

Sustainable Procurement

Self assessment ratings against five themes of the Flexible Framework: What level has the organisation already reached? (Where an alternative sustainable procurement tool has been used, please provide an appropriate summary.)

People	Policy, Strategy & Communications	Procurement Process	Engaging Suppliers	Measurements and Results
Level 3 - Practice	Level 3 - Practice	Level 2 - Embed	Level 2 - Embed	Level 2 - Embed

Taking Stock

What have been the **highlights** of your organisation's sustainable development progress over the past year?

- Energy use - see NAO report of December 2007. Gas & electric reduction targets in SDAP exceeded.
- Facilities management - see SDC Sustainable Development in Government Report 07. Water use and waste reduction SDAO targets exceeded.

What are the key **challenges** for the future?

- Incorporating Sustainable Development into policy making.
- Developing an integrated travel plan.

What are the key things which have **helped and hindered** progress towards sustainable development?

Helps:

- Setting up Sustainable Development Steering Group and representation from across the Agency.

Hinders:

- Limited staff resources dedicated to SD. This situation was exacerbated by a six month development secondment for one member of the SD team.

What **lessons have been learnt** from the progress report? How will these be taken forward in the next SDAP?

- We have learned that implementing SD into policy making is our biggest challenge and that this should be a priority for the 2008/9 SDAP.
- More resources need to be dedicated to SD. From September 2008, organisational changes will be made in the Agency and a dedicated SD branch set up. The number of full time equivalent staff working on SD will be increased by over 50%.

Please summarise how the SDAP is aligned with and has helped your organisation to deliver its high level strategic objectives, including any Public Service Agreements (PSAs) and Departmental Strategic Objectives (DSOs).

The 2007/8 SDAP was based on the Agency's Strategic Plan 2005/10.

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