

## PILLAR 2: SRDP 2014 – 2020: FACT SHEET

### Key Purpose and Priorities:

The key purpose of the SRDP is to help achieve sustainable economic growth in Scotland's rural areas and the priorities remains broadly the same as the previous programme: The four main priorities are:

- Sustainable economic growth
- Protecting and enhancing our environmental assets
- Adapting to, and mitigating, climate change
- Vibrant and sustainable rural communities

A Partnership Agreement will outline how the SRDP will have a joined-up approach with other European funds in Scotland for economic growth and fisheries.

### The new SRDP will be:

- **Simple** – with a clear list of schemes.
- **Straightforward** – through an improved application process, a common application form for land based schemes with a two tier approval process through a Rural Regional Delivery Partnership.
- **Effective** – through better targeting, support for co-operative action and improved advice, and closer alignment with other EU and domestic funds.
- **Customer focussed** – with improved guidance, better customer support, an expanded advisory service and the Scottish Rural Network.
- **Accessible** – through enhanced support for small farms and an improved application/approval process for grants under £75,000 for land-based schemes.

### Timetable

- The programme document will be submitted to Europe this month and we aim to open the new SRDP to applications in January 2015 [although this is dependent on EC timescales for approving the SRDP].

## SRDP 2014 – 2020 SUPPORT SCHEMES

Scheme/priority	Allocation	
LFASS	£459m	Continued support for less favoured areas. A review of LFASS will start in 2015, a replacement scheme and designation will be in place by 2018.
Forestry	£252m	A range of grants for woodland creation, agroforestry, tree health, woodland improvement, processing and marketing and sustainable management of forests.
Agri-Environment-Climate (AEC)	£350m	Targeted support for land managers to undertake management and capital work for environmental purposes. Includes £10m targeted support for slurry stores and £6m for footpaths
Beef package	£45m	To deliver economic and environmental improvements. This will include £32.5m for support towards genetic resilience, plus targeted support for the beef sector through other budget lines including Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund and the Advisory Service.
New entrants	£20m	Start-up grants for new entrant young farmers of up to 40 years old (as set by Europe) and one to one advice.
Crofting	£14m	Grants to crofters to take forward improvements on their crofts which will help to sustain their business and enable co-operative working.
Small Farms	£6m	Targeted support for small farms that face similar issues as crofters regarding sustainability.
Business support – Food and Drink Support	£70m	Support to the non-primary agricultural businesses in the food and drink sectors who are key drivers of growth and sustainability in our rural areas.

LEADER (local development)	£66m	LEADER will provide opportunities for individuals, business and communities to come together and support rural development and provide lasting benefits to the local area.
Small Rural Business Scheme	£20m	Targeted to small non-agricultural rural businesses (including social enterprises and farm diversification projects).
Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund	£10m	Scotland must take advantage of its strong performance in research and development and ensure that the learning from here and elsewhere can be transferred to on the ground improvement. Will include dedicated support for the livestock sector.
Advisory Service	£20m	This is closely tied to the above and will play a key role in ensuring best practice and learning can be implemented on the ground. Will include dedicated support for the livestock sector.
Broadband	£9m	Budget provision for broadband
Technical Assistance	£15m	Cost of Scottish Rural Network and SRDP implementation, evaluation and monitoring.