

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

CAITHNESS & SUTHERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 11 FEBRUARY 2014

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Report No	CS/3/14

Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership Update on Progress against Jobs Targets

Report by the Director of Planning & Development

Summary

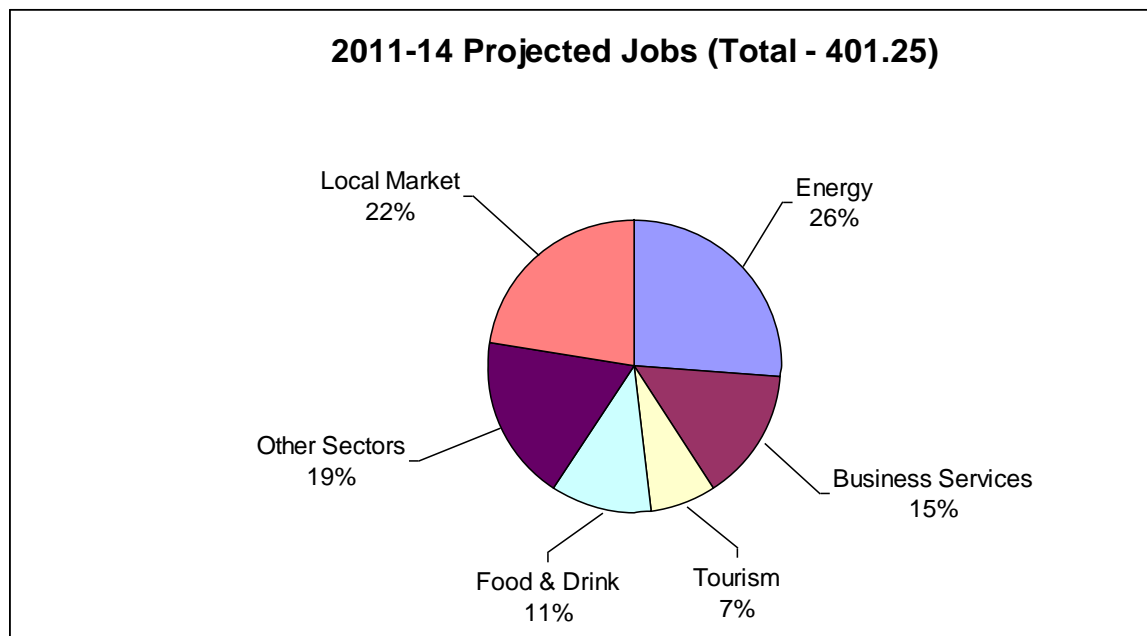
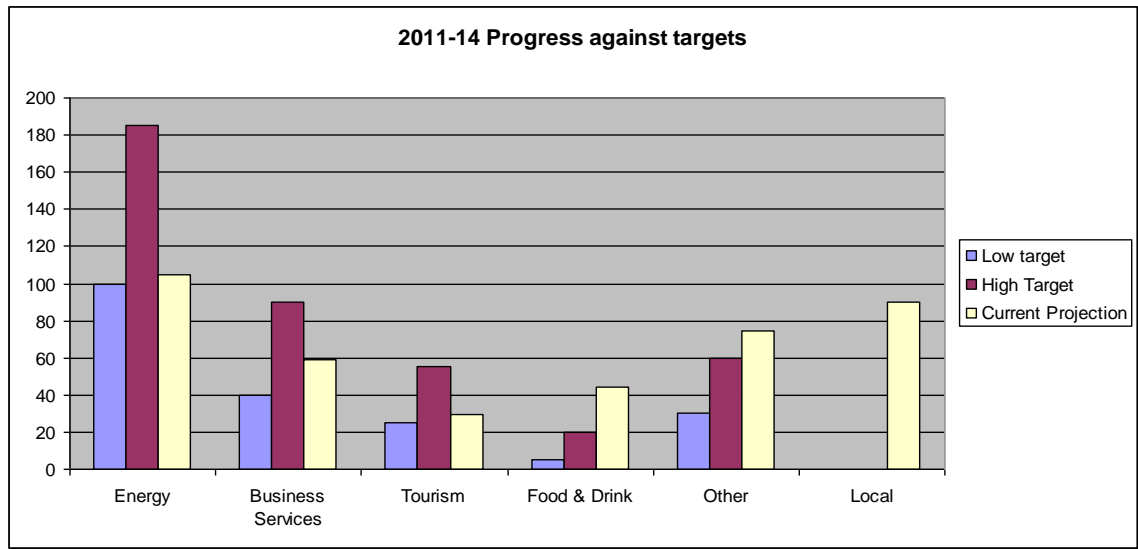
This report provides an update for Members from the Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership on the number of jobs created in each sector against the Partnership's agreed targets. Members are asked to consider and note the information provided.

1. Background

- 1.1 A report was presented to Members at the August 2013 Caithness & Sutherland Area Committee outlining the work of key partnerships operating in the Area, including information about the activities, aims and achievements of the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (CNSRP).
- 1.2 As a result of that report Members requested that update information be provided on the number of jobs created against the Partnership's agreed targets over the period 2011-2014. An update was provided by email to Members in November 2013 giving figures up to September 2013. The current report provides a further update up to end November 2013.

2. Progress against 2011-14 targets

- 2.1 The employment targets set were that by March 2014 the partners in CNSRP would support the creation or retention of :
 - 100-185 full-time jobs in the energy sector (104.5 to date)
 - 40-90 full-time jobs in the business services sector (59 to date)
 - 25-55 full-time jobs in the tourism sector (29.5 to date)
 - 5-20 full-time jobs in the food & drink sector (44 to date)
 - 30-60 full-time jobs in other sectors (74.25 in Other and 90 in Local market to date)



3. Future targets

3.1 Progress will continue to be monitored against targets and work is also ongoing with CNSRP partners to finalise targets for the period 2014-17.

4. Implications

4.1 There are no known resource, legal, climate change, risk or equality implications as a result of this report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and note the employment progress by sector against the targets set.

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