**RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
STEERING GROUP**

Title:	RDS General Update
Status:	Open
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1. Summary

1.1 A report on progress of the Rural Development Strategy since the last Steering Group meeting held on the 28th May 2015.

2. Recommendations

- **That the RDS Steering Group agree that the Capital Development Grant schemes (Business and Housing) and the Quality of life grant scheme remain unchanged and the related application forms are updated with new dates and contact details.**

- **That the RDS Steering Group note the recent updates detailed in this paper.**

3. Strategy

3.1 Grant Schemes

There is funding available in all the RDS grant schemes for 2015-2016. A total of six applications for the Capital Development Business grant scheme and two applications for the Capital Development Housing grant scheme were approved. There has been one approved application for the Developing Camp Water Systems and two for the Quality of Life grant scheme.

The Developing Camp Water Systems has been reviewed and the maximum grant available has been increased from £1,000 to £2,000, effective 1st July 2015.

For the other available schemes, no feedback have been received that would suggest a need for reviewing them.

It is recommended that the Capital Development Grant Schemes (Business & Housing) and the Quality of life Grant Scheme remain unchanged for 2015/2016 and the related application forms are updated with new dates and contact details.

3.2 Camp Tourist Map

The option of an insert listing contact details has been considered and came out too expensive. Hence, it has been decided to print the maps with all the contact details, as before. A first draft correcting errors noted on the previous version and updating contact details has been received from Studio 52. It has been made available for comments at the FIDC's stall on the Rural Expo during Farmers' Week and no further amendments have been suggested.

After having been circulated to the Steering Group for comments and approval, it is suggested that it will be posted on the RDS Facebook page for a last check before print approval. Copies will then be sent to all the stakeholders included in the map contact list as well as key partners (library, museum, jetty visitor centre, PWD housing officer to include in welcome pack, etc.) It is suggested that the jetty visitor centre is provided with an initial allocation to be determined having checked with other partners for the quantities, they would require; should the jetty visitor need more, they would be responsible for organizing and financing the reprinting.

3.3   Review of Ferry and Coastal shipping service
The Director of Central Services has set up a working group to discuss the results of the review. An interim report has been presented to the working group on the 10th of July and the final report is due by the 7th August 2015. Work on economic costing was still on going and more detailed work on the alternative options and benefits to be gained was required from the consultant in their final report. It is planned to present the conclusions of the report to the Transport Advisory Committee before finally presenting to Executive Council. Following this process, FIG will decide on the future procurement process.

3.4   Training Scheme
Meetings have been held with the recently appointed Director of Education and the Training and Development Manager, who have been designated Chair and Project Leader of the Training Needs Steering Group in charge of providing an implementation plan for the recommendations in the Training Needs Plan. Discussions focused on a coordinated approach for the use of the funding available in the Training Scheme towards the provision of training in Camp. The Training and Development Manager indicated that, based on a questionnaire circulated to Camp residents during Farmers' Week, they have identified areas of interest for training requirements in Camp. We will continue working with the Education Department to agree on a strategic approach for the use of the funds and report back to the RDS SG before any further funding allocations are made.

3.5   Fox Bay REZ
Based on the results of the consultation with Fox Bay residents and the results of the inspection carried out by FIG's Building Advisor, a paper has been drafted with the DCS for submission to Executive Council on the options available for the refurbishment of Fox Bay Old Manager's House. We will report back to the RDS Steering Group and the Fox Bay residents on the decision made and the agreed next steps.
Fox bay residents have been asked to designate a representative to the working group that will focus on the development plan of Fox Bay, based on the proposals that came from the workshop facilitated by Environmental Planning last March. The working group will report back to the RDS Steering Group and the Fox Bay residents before the development plan is finalized.

3.6   Review of waste Management & recycling methods
We have liaised with FIG's recently appointed Waste Management Coordinator who has been tasked with working with relevant FIG departments and external partners to identify opportunities for improved waste management and to facilitate their implementation. They are currently

organising a series of workshops in Camp in August, in partnership with our Rural Energy Advisor, to consult with the Camp community and understand their needs and priorities on improving waste management and recycling. Based on this feedback, we will discuss how best to take this project forward.

3.7 <u>Environmental Awareness Campaign</u>
We have met with Environmental Planning and Falklands Conservation to discuss a possible joined up approach to this project. As a result of this first discussion, possible areas of collaboration have been identified with Falklands Conservation. We will continue the discussions with key partners to agree on a way forward towards the delivery of a Campaign dealing with the concerns of the Camp Community and report back to the RDS Steering Group before any project is agreed.

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