

## EDS Progress Tracker Jul24-Jan25

Policy	Priority	Progress	RAG	Progress Notes
Industrial	Invest and support projects linked to 'clean growth' including clean energy, green finance, sustainable transport and innovations in the circular economy.	Ongoing	Yellow	This sector was given priority status in round 3 of the IRF, but no projects from this sector were supported in this round.
	Invest and support projects linked to new digital and data innovations, such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and drone technology.	Ongoing	Yellow	This sector was given priority status in round 3 of the IRF, but no projects from this sector were supported in this round.
	Support the development of the Future Flight Innovation Zone centred on Exeter Airport.	Ongoing	Red	The Future Flight Innovation Zone initiative (led by Somerset Council) is continuing, albeit with significant underspend. An extension into 2025/26 is being requested.
	Invest and support projects to promote East Devon's renowned food and drink sector, including events and exploring specialist workplace provision.	Ongoing	Green	This sector was given priority status in round 3 of the IRF, with 8 projects from this sector being supported in this round. East Devon Food Festivals & vineyards were featured in the newly published Cultural Tourism Map.
	Invest and support projects linked to East Devon's Tourism Strategy to promote improved quality, collaboration, sustainability and accessibility across the sector.	Ongoing	Green	Cultural Tourism map and beach matting projects delivered. This sector was given priority status in round 3 of the IRF, but no projects from this sector were supported in this round.
	Invest and support projects linked to our most rural businesses, including farm businesses seeking to diversify.	Complete	Green	This sector was given priority status in round 3 of the IRF, with 5 projects from this sector being supported in this round.
Workspace	Lead the delivery of the Enterprise Zone programme by investing in the delivery and effective marketing of new commercial space.	Ongoing	Green	Units at Skypark are currently in development.
	Explore the viability of developing small start – up units on vacant Council – owned land.	Ongoing	Yellow	Proposals are currently being explored for the Hayne Lane site in Honiton and Cloakham Lawns site in Axminster.
	Support the viability of employment allocations by exploring the use of Local Development Orders and working with partners to ensure their development.	Ongoing	Yellow	No LDOs adopted in 2024. But progress made on LDOs for Skypark and Science Park.
	Ensure employment and skills plans are produced for larger residential and commercial developments.	Ongoing	Green	One ESP supported for a plot on the Exeter Logistics Park. More will be supported once the emerging Local Plan is adopted.
	Maintain an online platform to help inform growing businesses about available workspace and link them with relevant commercial agents.	Starting soon	Yellow	The Commercial Property Register is currently down, but will relaunch in 2025 with a new bespoke platform.
Environmental	Provide training and specialist one to one support for organisations seeking to decarbonise, reduce waste and become more resource efficient.	Ongoing	Green	Being delivered through the Carbon Action Programme and Prosper.
	Provide decarbonisation grant funding to those organisations in most need.	Complete	Green	Delivered through the Carbon Action Fund, supported 28 projects – 12 businesses (including 3 tourism businesses) and 16 community organisations.
	Support the reskilling and upskilling of residents into retrofitting and other careers linked to clean growth.	Ongoing	Green	23 people supported to gain a qualification. Being delivered by Exeter College through the Retrofit Programme.
	Ensure that large scale employment development is coupled with sustainable travel options.	Ongoing	Yellow	Development of cyclepath between Cranbrook and Mosshayne to start in Spring 2025 with additional options being explored.
	Provide retrofitting grants to households in poverty who cannot access support from other schemes.	Starting soon	Red	5 households receiving support through EDDC Action on Poverty Fund against a target of 100. Future work to be delivered by Exeter Community Energy.
	Support projects which seek to directly link climate action and nature recovery with our local culture and tourism offer.	Complete	Green	7 projects aimed at climate action and nature recovery through the Creative East Devon Fund.

Social	Develop bids to support high streets and regenerate town centres, focusing on sustainable retail and an attractive social offer.	Not started	Red	No town centre bids developed to date.
	Lead on the delivery of town centres for our new communities to improve pride in place.	Ongoing	Green	Delivery of Cranbox project to start in 2025. Other recent completions include the town centre new retail units and Morrisons opening in December 2024.
	Fund cultural and leisure projects targeted to improve the lifestyle offer for young adults and promote the existing offer more widely	Complete	Yellow	9 projects aimed at young people supported through the Creative East Devon Fund. No specific projects targeting young adults.
	Explore the viability of innovative projects to provide housing for young professionals in our coastal and market towns.	Not started	Red	No progress made on this to date.
	Help coordinate employment support for economically inactive residents of all ages, including specialist support for those with disabilities.	Ongoing	Green	77 people receiving support to gain employment through the Honiton Employment Hub. 44% of those were economically inactive
	Facilitate and promote voluntary and mentoring opportunities for those at or near retirement age.	Starting soon	Red	No specific volunteering/mentoring scheme for those at or near retirement age has been established to date. Existing opportunities through the ACED Network continue.
Resource	Produce a Business Charter committing the Council to providing quality public services to local businesses which offer value for money	Starting soon	Yellow	Early scoping work has commenced. An opportunity to integrate with or align with the emerging Customer Charter.
	To ensure a responsive and efficient planning service for businesses and commercial developers.	Ongoing	Yellow	No specific or targeted progress made on this to date.
	Continue to provide an agile and approachable inward investment service to land high-value, aspirational employers.	Ongoing	Yellow	No specific inward investment opportunities have been facilitated since 2024.
	Create a networking group of local businesses to share best practice, connect and collaborate.	Starting soon	Yellow	Early scoping work has commenced. The network is likely to focus on relationship building between EDDC and major local employers.
	Ensure that East Devon businesses and start-ups can access free and professional business support services.	Ongoing	Green	84 businesses supported and 37 entrepreneurs assisted through the Business Support Programme (including Prosper).