

INTEGRATED AREA PLAN FOR THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The development of the Integrated Area Plan followed on from a major social, economic and environmental review of the Isles of Scilly. Its strategic aim is:

"To improve the economic base of the Isles of Scilly through appropriate sustainable development, in order to maintain the Islands communities while protecting and enhancing the unique nature of the Scillonian environment."

The Isles of Scilly IAP concentrates on 3 areas, these are:

1. SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

To develop practical and appropriate environmental management systems and capitalise on the economic opportunities arising from the environment. This includes green tourism, environmental education and renewable energy/waste management.

2. SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

To develop a competitive and diversified business base based that provides a range of employment opportunities for the people of Scilly throughout the year. There are opportunities for this within tourism, horticulture and knowledge-based industries that not only relate to employment, but also efficiency, quality and Scilly The Brand.

3. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

To ensure that adequate social infrastructure is available for community life and citizens have access to services on the mainland. This includes water/sewerage, waste and community facilities and access to health and education on the mainland.

The Isles of Scilly Partnership

The role of this group is to appraise and recommend projects for support under the Isles of Scilly Integrated Area Plan. Successful projects are then forwarded to the Government Office South West for further appraisal. The members of the Isles of Scilly Partnership comprise the key agencies and organisations responsible for the social, economic and environmental development of the islands, these are:

- Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- The Duchy of Cornwall;
- Trenoweth R&D;
- Tresco Estates;
- The Isles of Scilly Steamship Company;
- British International Limited; and,
- The Isles of Scilly Tourism Association.