



St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan

2018 - 2028

St Helena Government

End of Year Progress Report – March 2021

Background

St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP) 2018-2028 was endorsed by Executive Council in May 2018. In order to ensure that the SEDP continues to be effective, six monthly reviews of the actions were planned, alongside yearly updates of indicator data.

The speed of implementation of the SEDP largely depends upon a number of external factors including funding, private sector initiative and investor interest. Despite this, St Helena Government's Corporate Planning and Policy Unit (CPPU) have been working to an internal implementation plan which assigns responsibilities and timescales. In the first few months after the SEDP was endorsed, the Chief Government Economist delivered presentations to teams within SHG and ESH who were responsible for delivering actions for the SEDP to ensure that the actions were well understood. Thereafter, CPPU's performance manager have been monitoring progress.

The SEDP presents many actions required to achieve the SEDP goals. In order to avoid overloading the reader with information, this update only reports progress against actions pegged to be started or achieved within the 2019-20 year. The report also considers global impacts on the economy and how these have influenced the achievements of the SEDP vision.

The actions outlined in this report are important because they reduce barriers or open up opportunities to economic development and help to achieve the SEDP vision. The SEDP vision is to achieve development which is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable and this vision will be achieved by increasing standards of living and quality of life; not relying on aid payments from the UK in the longer term; whilst affording to maintain the island's infrastructure; achieve more money coming into St Helena than going out and sustain and improve St Helena's natural resources for this generation and the next. The goals, as set out in the SEDP, which will help achieve the vision are as follows:

- 1. Increase Exports**

Selling goods made, grown or caught in St Helena to markets abroad and people from abroad increases the amount of money entering St Helena, which can help raise standards of living.
- 2. Substitute Imports**

Buying and consuming goods and services made, grown or caught in St Helena rather than buying and consuming imported goods and services reduces the amount of money leaving St Helena.
- 3. Attract Visitors and Increase Tourism**

Encouraging the provision of tourist infrastructure required for a variety of visitor needs from hotels, restaurants and attractions serviced by a skilled and customer focused workforce.
- 4. Mitigate impacts of inflation on the lowest income groups**

Avoiding reduction in purchasing power by the lowest income groups by regularly reviewing the Minimum Wage and Social Protection benefits.
- 5. Improve Land Productivity**

Making use of derelict or underused brownfield land and changing use of existing property to provide space for businesses to thrive. Supporting businesses to make the most productive use of land.
- 6. Sustain and improve our Natural Capital**

Maintaining and enhancing St Helena's exceptional environment, landscape, heritage and cultural qualities for this generation and the next.
- 7. Improve Infrastructure**

Using tax revenue and other funding streams for investments to improve health, education, water, electricity, transport, risk management and other infrastructure.
- 8. Develop, Maintain and Attract a Skilled Workforce**

Ensuring that local people develop skills which will contribute to the growth of St Helena's economy. Providing the wages and incentives for St Helenians to come back to St Helena and stay on St Helena. Supporting inward migration particularly in sectors where there are skills or labour shortages.
- 9. Develop the Digital Economy**

Open up St Helena to new economic markets by investing in broadband services and infrastructure, work towards delivering a fibre optic cable for the island.
- 10. Reduce Leakage of Income**

Provide investment opportunities for people living on St Helena to buy into, as an alternative to investing abroad. Ensure some of the returns on overseas investment is kept within St Helena.

Indicator Data Performance

Indicator	Reporting	Baseline Data	Data available in 2021	Progress
Annual imports and exports of goods	Statistics Office	2017/18 imports: £17.1m (£19.9m including airport construction) 2017/8 exports: £348k	2019/20 imports: £19.8m 2019/20 exports: £354k (£295k fish, £59k coffee)	Imports were similar in 2019/20 compared to 2017/18 baseline figures, however when airport construction is removed, overall imports increased.
Average (median) employee income	Statistics Office	£8,9700 in 2015/16 (2019/20 prices)	2016/17: £9,180 2017/18: £9,070 2018/19: £8,460 2019/20: £8,690	The real median wage from employment (inflation-adjusted) rose steadily during airport construction, fell slightly afterwards, but rose slightly in 2019/20.

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Gross value added by sector	Statistics Office	2017/18 (18/19 prices) Agriculture and Forestry: £220k Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, Water, Sanitation: £3,200k Construction: £1,985k Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles: £4,902k Transportation: £1,531k Accommodation and Food Services: £380k Finance, Insurance, Information, Communication: 5,332k Real Estate: £1,482k Other Service Activities (excluding Government): £1,169k	2018/19 (18/19 prices) Agriculture and Forestry: £282k Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, Water, Sanitation: £3,386k Construction: 1,410k Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles: £4,967k Transportation: £1,400k Accommodation and Food Services: £343k Finance, Insurance, Information, Communication: 5,021k Real Estate: £1,549k Other Service Activities (excluding Government): £1,124k	There has been an improvement in GVA in Agriculture and Forestry; Electricity, Water, Sanitation; Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles; and Real Estate sectors between 2017/18 and 2018/19.
GDP and GDP per capita,	Statistics Office	2017/18 in 18/19 market prices GDP: £39.050m GDP per capita:£8,490	2018/19 in 18/19 market prices GDP: £38.600m GDP per capita: £8,230	GDP decreased in 2018/19 by -1.1%, largely due to the expected impact of the end of airport construction activities. It is important to note that large aid-funded projects have a have significant influence on GDP growth on St Helena.
Annual Inflation	Statistics Office	5.1% (Annual Average 2017 calendar year)	1.1% (Annual Average 2020) 3.3% (Annual Average 2019 calendar year) 3.8% (Annual Average 2018 calendar year)	The inflation rate has steadily decreased over the last three years. Prices are still rising, but they are not rising as fast as they did in the previous two years.

Indicator	Reporting	Baseline Data	Data available in 2021	Progress
Unemployment allowance claimants	Statistics Office	Average monthly claimants: 13 (2017/18)	Average monthly claimants for 2020: 46 (calendar year) 2019/20: 42 2018/19: 23	The number of claimants has increased in both of the previous two years.
Working Age Population	Statistics Office	2,792 (as of Feb 2016, aged 19-64)	2,569 (as of Feb 2021; provisional estimate)	There has been a decrease of working age population of around 220 persons, between 2016 and 2021.
Number of visitors arriving by all means of transport (of which are for tourism or holiday)	Statistics Office	4,266 (1,350 tourism or holiday) (2017)	2,071 (855 tourism or holiday) (2020) 5,135 (2,485 tourism or holiday) (2019) 5,091 (2,363 tourism or holiday) (2018)	Number of holidaymakers in 2018 and 2019 have increased more than 80% compared to 2017, but the 2020 figures are much lower due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial year 2020-21 only had 250 arriving for tourism or holiday.
Number of visitors arriving by air (of which are for tourism or holiday)	Statistics Office	917 (394 tourism or holiday) (2017) Note that the commercial air service started on 14 October 2017	1,687 (831 tourism or holiday) (2020) 4,261 (2,450 tourism or holiday) (2019) 3,816 (2,051 tourism or holiday) (2018)	The number of holidaymakers arriving by air has increased by almost 20% in 2019 compared to 2018, but the numbers in 2020 have fallen due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Number of rooms for tourists	ESH	122 rooms (as of 2018)	141 rooms (as of 2019/20)	There was no increase in rooms registered with St Helena Tourism. Throughout the year, accommodations de-registered and new accommodations registered.

Indicator	Reporting	Baseline Data	Data available in 2021	Progress
Number of local and foreign investors secured by ESH	ESH	1 (as of 2017/18)[1][1]	5 (as of 2019/20)	The number of investors secured by ESH increased from 1 in 2017/18 to 5 in 2018/19. It is noted however that other investors proceed without support from ESH and these are not captured in this data.
Capital investment generated (£) by ESH (FDI and local private sector only)	ESH	£400,000 (as of 2017/18)[2][2]	£1,109,756 (as of 2019/20)	The amount of capital investment generated continue to grow year on year. This excludes investments taking place outside of ESH engagement and support.

^[1] Note that the SEDP baseline was 12 (as of 2015/16). This, however, captured the 3 years prior to 2015/16. The baseline has now changed to reflect better data. In 2015/16 4 investors were secured. In 2016/17, 2 investors were secured. In 2017/18, 1 investor was secured and in 2018/19 5 investors were secured.

^[2] Note that the SEDP baseline was as of 2015/16. The baseline has now changed to reflect better data. The time series statistics are £535,000 (as of 2015/16), £97,512 (as of 2016/17), £400,000 (as of 2017/18) and £1,058,000 (as of 2018/19)

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Individuals completing accredited training courses in SEDP related fields and achieving first year objectives	SHCC	New data to be collected	Increase in individuals trained effectively across all sectors (gender & disability disaggregated). <u>Achieved:</u> 68. (51(M), 17(F)). The provision of vocational skilled training has now largely switched to the St Helena Community College, and ESH no longer resources a bespoke Hospitality Training Manager. One-off training in key business areas such as polytunnel production continues to be delivered through partnership with others, in this case Agriculture and Natural Resources Directorate. No training took place in January to March 2020.	Increase in individuals trained effectively across all sectors

Economic Outlook

St Helena: The State of the Nation in 2021

Like the rest of the world, St Helena's economy has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst St Helena's community has so far been COVID-19 free, the St Helena Government has not avoided the costs related to prevention, preparation, and economic support. In 2020-21, an additional £2.5m was provided by the UK Government, which has been committed to support quarantine costs, PPE, additional medical staff requirements, repatriation flight costs, and a business support scheme. A two-week quarantine requirement has been in place for all arrivals to the Island since March 2020. However, since that time, testing resources have been delivered to St Helena, over 95% of the adult population have been vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine, and decisions will soon need to be made about how to continue to keep the population safe whilst enabling visitor movement. As a first step, the decision was taken to operate a travel corridor with Ascension Island from May 2021, which allows passengers to travel between the two COVID-free islands without entering quarantine.

It is estimated that visitors to St Helena would usually spend around £6m on their St Helena holidays (SHG Statistics Office, 2019/20), whilst it is estimated that there was a reduction to approximately £2m in the 2020/21 year. The number of nights spent by short term arrivals reduced from 52,869 in 2019/20 (of which 13,175 were by pure tourists) to 20,752 in 2020/21 (of which 1,891 were by pure tourists). There has been continued demand for diving holidays and Napoleon History related tours linked to the bicentenary. However, due to the lockdowns in the UK, France and South Africa, and the restricted movement which has ensued, St Helena this demand has not yet translated to many actual visits to the Island and the main economic income for the year is being forfeited. The primary exception is yachting visitors. While yachting visitors have been in lower numbers than usual, many have stayed longer than they usually would, finding the Island a safe haven. However, the temporary closure of the Tourism Office in April and part of May 2021 whilst it transitions to the Visitor Information Service after the closure of Enterprise St Helena has significantly but temporarily reduced the service usually available to them.

SHG had provided business support during the 2020 – 2021 financial year with the aim of avoiding job losses and helping businesses pay their utility bills. More detail on this was provided in the SEDP mid-year progress report for 2021. This support ended in March 2021 as the additional COVID-19 aid funding has ceased. However, the UK Government has provided St Helena with enough AstraZeneca vaccine doses for its population which has made a significant difference to the community's morale and confidence.

Looking beyond tourism, the outlook in FY 2021-22 is far more positive than the year previous, largely due to the progress of the cable project, expected to deliver super-fast connectivity from 2022. The airport brought St Helena into the 20th century, whilst the cable will bring St Helena into the 21st century. The modular cable landing station, built in the USA, arrived in St Helena and was fitted into place in March 2021, and preparations are being made for the physical cable landing in July-August of 2021. Several months of connections and testing will ensue, with the present due date of the cable going live for the Island likely to be in March or April 2022.

The existing public telecommunications licence, currently held by Sure South Atlantic, will naturally come to an end on 31 December 2022. This has allowed the St Helena Government an opportunity to launch a procurement competition for a licence holder from 2023 considering a very different communications environment compared to when the last procurement occurred ten years previous. The procurement exercise is already in full swing and the preferred bidder will be announced, likely to be August 2021.

After political endorsement of our new Earth Station Licencing Policy earlier this year, SHG's registrar has already licenced two earth station providers. We have been working on a number of shortlisted sites to progress them to the planning stage which will enable further earth stations to set up on St Helena.

We also developed and consulted upon a Company Registry Policy. St Helena already administers a Company Registry but we are in the process of modernising the registry, bringing it in line with international obligations. This will be one of the focuses of 2021-22 for the St Helena Government's new Sustainable Development Team.

The Economic Development Investment Programme continues. The primary focus has been on development of the port facilities in Rupert's Valley. Moving cargo operations from Jamestown to Rupert's will allow the Jamestown waterfront to eventually be cleared and refurbished. Public consultation, design works and planning permission have completed for the works in Rupert's and construction has begun.

In the fish processing sector, large reform is ongoing. The newly formed Saints Tuna Company (STC), which is made up of shareholders who are all fishermen, has signed a lease on the fish processing factory in Rupert's Valley and will begin operations from June 2021. The interim arrangement will allow for the local market to continue to receive fish whilst the refurbishment goes on to prepare the fish processing factory to support export once again. An exploratory fishing licence for bigeye tuna shall enable a new science programme which will provide useful marine data from the sea mounts.

The annual Minimum Wage review occurred in early 2021, with an increase of 7p agreed to take effect on 1 July 2021. This will increase the Minimum Wage from £3.18 to £3.25 for persons over 18 and from £2.23 to £2.30 for persons aged 16 or 17. This year, Executive Council also approved a new Minimum Wage Policy that sets out the principles for establishing a longer-term path to a more ambitious Minimum Wage that will benefit workers and provide time for businesses to plan and adapt. The primary rationale underlying this policy is the idea that the compensation for the lowest paying full-time job on St Helena should be sufficient to support a socially acceptable standard of living. In late 2020, an exercise was undertaken to review and update the basket of goods and services considered when valuing the Minimum Income Standard (MIS). This exercise was based on international-standard methodologies that consider the MIS as a socially acceptable minimum level of income rather than as a poverty line associated with receipt of benefits. The new basket also reflects the wider range of goods and services available on St Helena since the MIS was introduced in 2013 and changing expectations for what constitutes an acceptable standard of living. The revised MIS will be used to inform future increases to the Minimum Wage. In addition to work on the Minimum Wage and MIS, Income Related Benefits are being reviewed. This will ensure the well-being of St Helenians living below the poverty line.

Inflation in St Helena is largely driven by external factors. As such, inflation forecasts have been revised in light of global events. The 2019 annual rate of inflation was 2.9%, lower than the previously forecasted rate of 4.2% and the 2020 annual rate of inflation was 1%, lower than the previously forecast rate of 2.2%. We have revised the forecast for future year inflation to reflect the continuation of this trend and the relative changes in forecasts in the UK and South Africa due to lower than expected inflation in the near term and increased inflation in future years.

Year	Inflation expectation
2020/21	0.70%
2021/22	2.50%
2022/23	3.40%
2023/24	3.20%

'Brexit' has been another important event for St Helena in the 2020-21 year. The Trade and Co-Operation Agreement released in December 2020 provides some of the detail necessary to fully understand its impact on St Helena. EU freedom of movement ceased at the end of the Transition Period. British Citizen (BC) passport holders resident in the OTs and in the UK are subject to the same guidelines. Visa-free entry to most EU countries have continued for tourists (90 days in any rolling 180-day period) and for short term business visitors/investors. There were changes to the rights of British Citizens living and working in the EU, for example, visas and work permits will be required. The British Overseas Territories (BOTs) could still be eligible for a number of funding programmes but only if the United Kingdom participates in them. However, it is not currently expected that the United Kingdom will participate in the Regional Development Fund, which is the fund that St Helena has drawn most benefit from. The BOTs remain outside of the Single Market and are subject to EU regulatory procedures. As the Overseas Association Decision (OAD) will no longer apply, OT-originating goods exported to the EU will be subject to the EU's Common External Tariff. Information on the tariffs that individual goods will face can be found [here](#). The British Government, however, has allowed tariff-free exports to the United Kingdom from British Overseas Territories. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) made between the EU and other countries have not applied to the Overseas Territories. Now that the UK is no longer a part of the EU, and that the BOTs are not included within the UK and The Union's Trade and Cooperation Agreement as referred to in Article FINPROV.1(2), the BOTs will need to negotiate their own Trade Agreement with Europe, should one be sought.

The next review is due after September 2021. At this time we will see a new cohort of elected members. That gives us an opportunity to do a review of the Sustainable Economic Development Plan in line with fresh thinking. We have progressed significantly since 2018, particularly in the progress of the renewable energy and internet connectivity projects, therefore an update is timely and welcome.

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SEDP Progress Summary

Progress to date: March 2021






The progress within the twelve months of April 2020 – March 2021 are as follows:







- To date, we have successfully kept the community COVID-19 free. New coronavirus testing services were developed, supplies were received and the quarantine, isolation and medical facilities have been up to 100 persons per flight. As of May 2021, over 95% of the adult population have received two doses of the vaccine, with 98% having received one dose. A resources centre has been developed on the SHG website, with information available at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Standard and Poor's (S&P) awarded St Helena an investment grade credit rating of BBB- stable this year.
- St Helena has access to the UK Government economic development capital investment programme of £30 million over 6 years. St Helena's Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) is currently being spent on the micro-projects budget and expansion of the Courthouse, with plans for works to begin on development of the port at Rupert's Valley towards the latter part of the year.
- SHG received the second tranche of EDF 11 funding from the EU amounting to €3.5 million which will be used to fund the St Helena branch on the Equiano cable project. The Cable Landing Station is in situ, and the cable is due to land in July/August 2021, with the connectivity going live in March/April 2022.
- The New Earth Station licensing policy was agreed, laying the groundwork for a new revenue stream made possible through the fibre optic cable. We see two earth station antennas at the Met Office, these are contributing to global monitoring of climate and sea level rise. A further company has purchased earth station licences with the aim to operate after the fibre optic cable is landed.
- The Investment Prospectus has been updated. This includes information on starting up and expanding business <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/invest-in-st-helena/>.
- Saints Tuna Corporation have signed a lease to take over the fish processing factory from June 2021. This supports the modernisation of fish processing on St Helena, which includes a new science programme and factory upgrades.








This progress is on top of the progress outlined in the first End of Year progress report, published in June 2019, and the second End of Year progress report, published in July 2020.








The following section outlines the actions relevant to 2020-21 and specific progress.




SEDP Sector






Mitigation actions	Progress Comments	Progress status
Common Issues		
Businesses in St Helena need access to a bank account which can pay and receive money online.	Gibraltar International Bank	 done
Sufficient SHG resources are required to respond to investment related requests, namely Planning, Immigration, Agriculture, GIS and Environmental Management.	New Sustainable Development Team is in place. This includes an investor point of contact (Investment Coordinator). Capacity in the Lands Team, however, has not been filled.	 in progress
 Tourism		
Market in targeted magazines, and via journalists and tour operators. Ensure experiences, tours and accommodation are marketed and easily bookable online.	SHG has signed PR contracts with Brighter Group (Finn Partners) and Group Expression in UK and France respectively. The Marketing Manager is due to start in the team in June	 in progress
 Fisheries		
The St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) should seek a renewable energy solution in order to reduce the operating cost of the business.	Renewable energy has been explored, but as a result of the size and strength of roof, renewable energy fitted on the current factory is not feasible at this time.	N/A




<p>The quality and sustainability of St Helena’s fish should be proven by gaining internationally recognised standards. Consistent branding should be established.</p>	<p>Progress could be made after STC is in situ.</p>	<p>Not started</p>
 <p>Agriculture</p>		
<p>Continue to encourage a move towards using a single cooperative for vegetable planning and wholesale to help reduce wastage and to absorb risk.</p>	<p>Whilst ENRP's ANRD Section have set up a Potato Producers Group, the Group are not proactively undertaking activities as a Group to develop local potato production.</p>	 in progress
<p>Work with retailers and suppliers to continue to encourage the purchase of (ideally solar powered) chilled units to ensure vegetables last longer.</p>	<p>ESH grants available 2020. Cannot provide any further update at this time.</p>	 in progress
<p>Provide financial support to producers who are trialling growth of new agricultural products which could substitute imports or be exported.</p>	<p>No applications were received by ESH for financial assistance for new agricultural products and production during the year.</p>	 in progress
<p>Continue to support farmers to collect and store rain water.</p>	<p>Applications were received by ESH for financial assistance for storage and drip irrigation and approved to assist producers.</p>	 in progress
<p>Ensure that land leases are distributed to those who productively contribute to import substitution and maintain lease terms.</p>	<p>Policy changes for the Agricultural Estate has been developed but not yet sought political endorsement until EDIP funding is available to implement reform work throughout the Estate. Expected for mid-2021.</p>	 in progress

<p>Support the importation and growth of disease free species for sale to local farmers. Ensure facilities are in place to transport small animals by plane.</p>	<p>Day old chicks were imported to increase supply of eggs. However, with the ceasing of flights from SA this has no longer been possible. Imports of day old chicks from UK has not been possible due to the model of aeroplane currently being used. Import of eggs and incubation for sale of chicks will be in 2021 until SA flights resume. No imports of small animals able to travel by air until quarantine facility at airport is established.</p>	 in progress
<p>Support the development of infrastructure to collect and convert organic waste to compost.</p>	<p>Composting of chipped forestry waste, piggery effluent and fish waste successfully implemented at HPLS. The public have been taking this compost for use and with positive feedback. This action is now standard operating procedures within HPLS.</p>	 in progress
 <p>Coffee</p>		
<p>Negotiate incentives for exporters which makes exporting more attractive</p>	<p>Tax Incentives became available from 1 April 2019. Reduction on income tax of 10% (corporations) or 5% (self-employed).</p>	 done
 <p>Satellite Ground Stations</p>		
<p>Ensure that funding is in place for the sub-marine cable for a source of cheaper, faster internet.</p>	<p>EU funding for the cable has been secured. A contract has been signed with Google to deliver connectivity via a subsea cable. Cable Landing Station is in situ and connection due to go live around March 2022.</p>	 in progress
 <p>Honey and Honey Bees</p>		

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 <p>Liquor, Wine and Beer</p>		
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<p>Encourage suppliers to use online market places. Assist producers, where necessary, in making links with niche buyers abroad.</p>	<p>St Helena Distillery will be exporting there first consignment of rum this month (May) to South Africa in partnership with Solomon & Co. They will also be exporting to the UK and which will be sold via online platforms. SHG will continue to liaise with St Helena Distillery to provide assistance/advice on import duties and other general advice.</p>	 in progress
 <p>Academia, Research and Conferences</p>		
<p>Ensure that funding is in place for the sub-marine cable for a source of cheaper, faster internet</p>	<p>EU funding for the cable has been secured. A contract has been signed with Google to deliver connectivity via a subsea cable. Cable Landing Station is in situ and connection due to go live around March 2022.</p>	 in progress
<p>Ensure all open data (e.g. GIS) is downloadable online and process for obtaining other data is clear.</p>	<p>Open source data is available to now download via the link below http://116.203.208.239/</p> <p>Training on accessing the data through the data portal has already started in March 2021 and further sessions will be held in the future.</p>	 in progress

<p>Ensure that there are enough staff resources to swiftly process environmental permits for researchers.</p>	<p>The processing and issuing of environmental research licences now falls under the remit of the St Helena Research Institute (SHRI). The SHRI was set up a year ago and provides the focal point for all research on and about St Helena. Under the Environmental Protection Ordinance, the Chief Environmental Officer issues licences for research that will impact on protected species and or their habitats, but this will be based on a recommendation from the Research Council.</p>	 done
 <p>Ship Registry and Sailing Qualifications</p>		
<p>Strategically allocate land to facilitate vessel surveying. Provide storage and safe access for boats.</p>	<p>A review of the LDCP is underway (Planning under the ENRP Portfolio))and will address land use issues. The plan for land use at the wharf is on hold until funding until wharf operations moves to Rupert’s, which is still under development.</p>	<p>Not started</p>
<p>Ensure SHG communicates new services and markets services overseas. Target specialist publications.</p>	<p>No marketing has been done. This is currently being progressed. However, since endorsing the new Ships Registry Policy, a Maritime Compliance & Policy Officer (MC&PO) Miss Mia Henry has been appointed and a Maritime Authority (MA) has been establishing; due to the impending IMO Audit which is expected. Hence, we need to demonstrate compliance in all areas of the audit and part of this is to ensure procedures are in place for all services which I am now processing to be adopted in consultation with the MC&PO. Once, these have been approved by the MA we will then be advertising our Ship Registry to a wider market.</p>	<p>Not started</p>
 <p>Work from home</p>		

<p>Ensure that funding is in place for the sub-marine cable for a source of cheaper, faster internet.</p>	<p>Cable due to be landed and live in 2022.</p>	 in progress
<p>Ensure that there is a focus on I.T. in schools and training programmes. Expose young people to, and make available studies in programming, computer-aided design (CAD), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and code writing.</p>	<p>A programme of IT courses were made available with enrolment from September 2018. These courses ranged from introductory courses to advanced courses, in programming for example.</p>	 done
<p style="text-align: center;">Bottled Water</p> 		
<p>Encourage development within the private sector sphere.</p>	<p>Discussions were held with two interested investors, however this did not prove fruitful. Further research, promotion and education is required on this topic.</p>	 in progress
<p style="text-align: center;">Timber</p> 		
<p>Forestry department should periodically advertise timber directly to carpenters as well as the sawmill.</p>	<p>Round timber from planned forestry activities when available has been made available to Sawmill Operator and at least one main carpenter able to convert saw logs to sawn timber himself.</p>	<p>Not started</p>
<p>Encourage carpenters in St Helena to learn best practice from those who have successfully used local wood in construction or furniture making.</p>	<p>Currently we offer the opportunity to undertake carpentry through the Building Construction vocational course in PAS.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Film Location</p>		

		
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Develop and market incentives for sector growth. An on island studio would also be attractive.	Not started. Policy required.	
Traditional Products 		
Ensure that traditional craftwork is taught in school or as part of out of school clubs.	This initiative was investigated, however it requires additional funding to be able to ensure that it is consistent. Additional funding will have to be found to support payment of tutors with the necessary skills to undertake this teaching along with the additional materials. With the current budget cuts this was not possible.	Not started

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