

Veg, Visitors & Vibrancy for Papa Westray

Area – Papa Westray

Summary

This project has been developed by Papay Development Trust (PDT) to provide a springboard to establish a market garden and a seasonal ranger service which will drive tourism on the island whilst demonstrating the island as a high-quality place to live and work.

It will generate significant economic activity in the context of the island, provide an exemplar of local food production, reduce food miles, promote health, reduce waste, bring the community together and help secure the ongoing improvement in the prospects for this remote island.

The project has learnt from a Coastal Communities Fund funded trial of some of its elements. This experience, driven by community input, has allowed development of a new project for which there is local enthusiasm, and confidence in its long-term viability. The need for the project is demonstrated by the levels of island support, the priorities in the Papay Development Plan and the wider policy context.

A summary of project aims are:

- To generate economic activity which has long-term viability and benefits all residents and visitors.
- To develop the profile of the island as a place to visit, live and work, whilst offering an outstanding visitor experience.
- To provide fresh local food, engage people through satisfying, mutually-beneficial volunteering and encourage healthy eating.

The proposed project includes the following elements:

Financial Information	£	%
Total Project Costs	117,896.51	
Total Eligible Costs	114,296.51	100
LEADER	57,148.25	50
Papa Westray Community Council	10,000.00	8.75
Papa Westray Coffee Morning	1,000.00	0.88
Papa Westray community Association	3,000.00	2.62
Group's own funds	43,148.26	37.75