SRDP SCHEME UPDATE TABLE

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2014-2020 Scheme &	Revised Indicativ e Budget (£m)*	Total App's Received (H&I)	Total Approvals (H&I)	Total Value committed (£m) (H&I)	App's unsuccessful (H&I) (includes rejected incomplete & ineligible app's)	Scheme Progress
Environment Climate Scheme	Total Agri- env budget £289m	2015: 943 H&I: 345 2016: 1247 H&I: 572	2015: 542 H&I: 234 2016 870 H&I: 458	2015: 38.7 H&I: 16.0 2016: 54.1 H&I: 23.7	2015: 401 H&I: 111 2016: 377 H&I: 114	RAG status reporting no change, still some concern with the IT system but progress has been made with required functionality largely in place. A total of £198 million has been committed since 2015 to over 2,900 projects for a range of agri-environment and organic activities that help to maintain and enhance our rich and varied natural environment. See
A		2017: 905 H&I: 469 2018: 761 H&I: 383 2019: 662 H&I: 337	2017: 659 H&I: 370 2018: 487 H&I: 250 2019: 448 H&I: 235	2017: 40.0 H&I: 18.25 2018: 32.41 H&I: 11.87 2019: 32.83 H&I: 13.96	2017: 246 H&I: 99 2018: 274 H&I: 133 2019: 214 H&I: 102	Annex B for more details. The delay to the UK budget and thus the SG budget meant that there was a delay in informing 2019 applicants on the outcome of their application. The number of agri-environment applications exceeded the budget with management related to designated sites and organics being prioritised. AECS 2019 - 505 contracts have been issued, 449 have been agreed with 33 still to accept the offer and 23 have withdrawn and will not take up the contract offer made. The link below is an example of AECS funded river restoration project, stopping river erosion with natural materials to protect farmland. https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/case-studies/river-margins-enhancement-project An example of communications on AECS can be found below Area article - Perthshire Advertise At present a project monitoring the scheme is underway and due to report

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						There is no application round open in 2020, instead those application which were due to end on 31 Dec 2020 will be offered a 1 year extension allowing for continuation of agri-environment activities on farms and crofts.
AECS Slurry Stores	Within the £289m agri-env budget	2016: 4 H&I: 0 2017: 62 H&I: 4 2018: 62 H&I: 4 2019: 62 H&I: 4	2016: 4 H&I: 0 2017: 51 H&I: 3 2018: 33 H&I: 0 2019: 49 H&I: 1	2016 0.16 H&I: 0 2017: 1.85 H&I: 0.06 2018: 1.35 H&I: 0 2019: 1.96 H&I: 0.03	2016: 0 H&I: 0 2017: 11 H&I: 1 2018: 29 H&I: 4 2019: 13 H&I: 3	RAG status reporting no change, scheme is making good overall progress and has little to no concerns. The uptake of the scheme is essentially in line with anticipated demand. Funding has been prioritised so demand has been largely met Since launching in 2016, 137 applications have been approved committing £5.3m to rural businesses. Five contracts offered have not been taken up by applicants. These are included in the App's unsuccessful column. The 2019 application round has now closed and 49 have been offered a contract.
AECS peatland restoration	Within the £289m agri-env budget		2015: 45 H&I: 20 2016: 73 H&I: 24 2017: 56	2015: 0.37 H&I: 0.11 2016: 0.60 H&I: 0.13 2017: 1.04		RAG status reporting no change, some overall concerns remain however successful progress is being made to overcome these issues. The uptake of the options for peatland restoration remains lower than originally anticipated. This is offset to some extent by the Peatland Action Scheme operated by SNH which funds capital works for peatland restoration.

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descriptors		2018: 62 H&I: 22 2019: 64 H&I: 28	H&I: 22 2018: 39 H&I: 14 2019: 41 H&I: 18	H&I: 0.62 2018: 0.41 H&I: 0.21 2019: 0.60 H&I: 0.24	2018: 23 H&I: 8 2019: 23 H&I: 10	Since launching in 2015, 254 applications have been approved committing £3m to rural businesses. 8 contracts offered have not been taken up by applicants. These are included in the App's unsuccessful column. This funding just covers peatland restoration AECS capital work involving specific items under Lowland Bog Management, Moorland Management and Management of Buffer Areas for Fens and Lowland Bogs (there will be additional capital spend and management which is not captured so there is some under-reporting). The number of applications with targeted restoration activity has remained steady through the five years of the programme. In addition, there are many more applications that support management of peatland both upland and lowland bogs. For example £2.5m has been committed to lowland bog and wetland management.
Improving Public Access	Within the £289m agri-env budget	2015: 34 H&I: 13 2016: 64 H&I: 20 2017: 55 H&I: 14 2018: 100 H&I: 19	2015: 16 H&I: 6 2016: 34 H&I: 7 2017: 36 H&I: 7 2018: 49 H&I: 10	2015: 0.72 H&I: 0.19 2016: 1.48 H&I: 0.37 2017: 2.23 H&I: 0.37 2018: 3.43 H&I: 0.90	2015: 18 H&I: 7 2016: 30 H&I: 13 2017: 19 H&I: 7 2018: 51 H&I: 9	RAG status reporting no change, scheme on track, budget committed, successful delivery process and good likelihood of outcomes being achieved. Since launching in 2015, 135 applications have been approved committing £7.9m over 4 annual application rounds. Over 100 miles of new and improved paths will be created as a result of the funding. Following unprecedented demand from the 2018 application round this sub-scheme has not opened in 2019 as the original nominal programme budget has been exceeded.

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		2019: 0 H&I: 0	2019: 0 H&I: 0	2019: 0 H&I: 0	2019: 1 H&I: 1	An example of a recent news release BBC Radio Scotland interview was broadcast (Out of Doors programme) on 15 February 2020 https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000ffdr , highlighting the successes of the scheme and the benefits to a contract holder in Aberdeenshire. Currently a report on IPA is well underway and is due to be finalised by early summer.
Beef Efficiency Scheme	£17.4m total BES budget	2016 & 2017 Application s: 2,185 H & I: 1120	1,520 H&I: 792	12.09 H & I: 2.97	665 H&I: 328	RAG status reporting no change, some overall concerns remain due to the amount of manual processing required in the administration of the scheme. There are 1,410 businesses currently participating with over 134,260 reference animals. The main four breeds in the Scottish herd are well represented and the genotyping process is going well. The geneticist working on the scheme is hugely positive about the results and is content that enough animals are being captured to provide significant results. 2019 saw participants updating their carbon audits, 723 were undertaken with the help of advisors through the Farm Advisory Services with the remaining 669 participants updating their Audits without any assistance. Where a business has failed to meet the scheme requirements to complete a Carbon Audit, a reduction will be applied as required. Participants received their first individual reports from the scheme on the data that they recorded which was benchmarked against others in the scheme. SRN website has a short video about Hundleshope Farm's experience of the Beef Efficiency Scheme. https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/case-studies/beef-efficiency-scheme-hundleshope-farm

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						The advisory services delivered 36 events across Scotland between October and December 2019. They covered two subject areas: technical performance that leads to improved herd fertility and Financial and management benefits of improving herd fertility.
Broadband	£0.04m	5	4	£0.049 M H&I:	H&I: 1	RAG status no change, scheme closed and administrative costs complete. Announcement of the Scottish Government funded R100 programme to deliver broadband to every premise in Scotland led to all community broadband projects in the procurement pipeline to withdraw from SRDP funding prior to or during early stage procurement. No further activity is expected under this scheme.
Crofting Agricultural Grant Scheme	£12m	3869 (all H&I)	2938 (all H&I)	13.55 (all H&I)	818 (all H&I)	RAG status has been changed to red/amber, due to concerns around budget, which is the only issue that will affect delivery. Crofting exists in areas where agricultural production and investment costs are traditionally high, and CAGS is designed to aid and develop that production, thereby sustaining the economic basis of crofting, and helping retain people in rural communities. Funding supports crofters in carrying out individual or collective investments that reduce production costs. Such as Improving stock control, protecting crops from damage by deer, wintering of livestock, storing winter fodder, and improving grassland management. *168 applications are currently under assessment

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Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund	£6m	79 (some revised, resubmitted and approved)	34	5.826	46 (some revised, resubmitted and approved)	RAG status reporting no change, scheme remains on track to meet objectives. There have been 17 PAC meetings to date. 34 applications have been approved with a total value committed of £5.8m. KTIF includes support for the Monitor Farms Programme 2015-2020. http://www.monitorfarms.co.uk/hub/farms The PAC meeting in February 2020 accepted applications which focus on: restoring, preserving and enhancing biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems dependant on agriculture. This is in light of the Climate Emergency and address the need for change in the agri sector. We intend to only accept future applications which focus on this theme. The larger projects such as the Monitor Farm and Farming for Profit programmes are reporting a number of successes and beneficiaries. The Cabinet Secretary has visited both projects promoting and celebrating the work they are doing. Both are likely to achieve a wealth of useful outcomes. Applications are currently being accepted until 11 May 2020. The PAC is due to meet and discuss on 28 May 2020. This date might be pushed back in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Food Processing Marketing & Co-op	£66m	289 applications - 267 Capital,	Total Capital approved: 138	10 million Legacy projects,	Capital Rejected/Withdrawn: 129 (24 – H&I)	RAG status reporting no change, scheme remains on track to meet objectives and allocate budget for 2020/21. Total of 138 projects, £61.5m funding:
G		22 Non Capital	Total Non- Capital	51.5 million Capital 0.25 million Non-Capital	Non Capital Rejected/Withdrawn: 16 (1 – H&I)	Legacy projects - £10m FPMC 2014-2020 Approved capital projects: • 50 Fruit and Veg project, £17 million • 13 cereal projects, £3.4 million

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		(H&I 49 Capital, 2 Non- Capital)	Approved: 6 (H&I 25 Capital, 1 Non- Capital)	(H&I: 3.4 million Capital & 0.05 million Non- Capital)		 12 alcohol projects, £4.1 million 37 meat projects, £20.7 million 11 egg projects, £3.6 million 15 dairy projects, £2.7 million Over 1,200 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs expected to be created with a further 6,570 safeguarded. FPMC Non-Capital cases – 6 projects awarded in total 3 Feasibility Studies (£81,830 grant), 2 Tradeshows (£56,000 grant) 1 Co-operation (£108,300 grant). The final application round has been completed, with all claims due by 31 March 2021. It is not clear yet just exactly how the current COVID-19 restrictions will affect projects, as this is dependent on how long/what type of restrictions are in place.
Forestry Grant Scheme	£287m	5834 (1845)	5576 (1806)	296.8* (94.8)	36 (18)	RAG status reporting no change, the scheme remains open, has budget available for 20/21 and is still approving contracts. As a result it is on track to meet SRDP performance targets.
G					(Figure reduced from Oct 2019 return to correct error in accounting)	There continues to be a good demand for grants within FGS. Figures in the table show the position as of the end on March 2020 and the following gives some highlights of FGS activity: Woodland Creation

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						 Overall 46,035 ha of woodland creation applications have been submitted under FGS, with 41,275 ha approved since FGS opened in October 2015. 10,137 ha was planted in 2018/19. <u>Existing Woodlands</u> £5.6 million of approved capital funding to support 87 projects covering a range of priority habitats and species, aimed at improving the condition of native woodlands, restoring Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites to native woodland and the conservation of non-woodland habitats. Over £2.98 million of support for on-going positive management of 23,841 ha of native woodland through 5 year Sustainable Management of Forest agreements. £1.88 million of approved funding for 105 projects under Harvesting & Processing Grant. £172k of approved funding for 20 projects under the Forestry Cooperation Grant. *The total budget and value committed exceeds programme allocation, as this includes the tail of forestry maintenance expenditure after 2021.
New Entrants: Start:-Up Grant	£1m	113 (59)	50 (19)	0.65 (0.25)	63 28	RAG status remains the same, scheme is on track as the programme comes to an end. The scheme has been closed to new applicants since the end of the fourth round when it was announced on 26 March 2018. The scheme closed because all the budget has been allocated. Figures include applications received and approved after 4 application rounds. Of the 49 successful applicants to date:

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						35 (70%) were genuine new entrants* (applicants who have started a new business and acquired land on the open market); 12 (24%) applicants who started a new business, but the land has been acquired by splitting an existing holding with the help of a relative; and 3 (6%) successor applicant who has taken over as head of an existing business. 49 applications is an equivalent grant commitment of €735,000 *The scoring criteria favours the genuine new entrant on the basis that they are less likely to have collateral to borrow and in most need of the start-up grant funding available.
						**Since the scheme opened there have been payments made of £509,793
Young Farmers: Start-Up Grant	£13m	601 (299)	207 (136)	12.96 (8.48)	394 (164)	RAG status remains the same, scheme is on track as the programme comes to an end. The scheme has been closed to new applicants since the end of the fourth round when it was announced on 26 March 2018. The scheme closed because all the budget has been allocated. Figures include applications received and approved after 4 application rounds. Of the 208 successful applicants to date: 165 (79%) were genuine new entrants* (applicants who have started a new business and acquired land on the open market); 26 (13%) applicants who started a new business, but the land has been acquired by splitting an existing holding with the help of a relative; and

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						 17 (8%) successor applicants who have taken over as head of an existing business. 208 applications is an equivalent grant commitment of €14,560,000 *The scoring criteria favours the genuine new entrant on the basis that they are less likely to have collateral to borrow and in most need of the start-up grant funding available. ** since the scheme opened there have been payments made of £10,960,214
New Entrants: Capital Grants	£9.8m	1106 H&I: 495	873 H&I: 378	12.52 H&I: 4.636	260 H&I: 84	RAG status has been changed to red/amber, due to concerns around budget, which is the only issue that will affect delivery. This scheme provides grants for new entrants to farming to make improvements to their agricultural business and help to promote sustainable development. Funding is used to support capital spend on construction and improvement of agricultural buildings as well as infrastructure such as fencing and drainage. Scheme closed to new applications on 31 August 2018. The programme allocation has been exceeded due to demand and a spike in applications prior to closure. Applications received up to that date have been assessed and payments for those approved and for existing contracts are anticipated to continue into 2020. *Since the scheme opened there have been payments made of £11,500,277

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Small Farms Grants	£0.4m	151 H&I: 93	63 H&I: 44	0.525 H&I: 0.237	61 H&I: 33	RAG status has been changed to red/amber, although this is a small budget concerns on the budget availability may affect delivery. This scheme continues to provide grants for small farms to make improvements to their agricultural business and help to promote sustainable development. Funding is used to support capital spend on construction and improvement of agricultural buildings as well as infrastructure such as fencing and drainage. *14 applications are currently under assessment
LEADER G	82	1703 H&I: 688	1024 H&I: 386	£61.04m* H&I: £21.47m	180 – draft/in process 134 – rejected 365 – withdrawn 679 - Total H&I: 78 – draft/in process 59 – rejected 165 – withdrawn 302 - Total	RAG status remains the same, scheme is on track as the programme comes to an end. This report reflects the position as of 09/04/2020 / the figures in the columns relate to project commitment/contracts only (i.e. do not included the costs related to LAG running costs (see below). Annex C provides a breakdown at a LAG and project level. Communication with LAGS is continuing to assess any impact of COVID-19 restriction on project progression. LAG running costs (admin & animation) require to be taken into account, per regulatory requirement these costs should not exceed 25% of spend, at an LDS level, by the end of the programme. • *LDS areas spent/forecasting total £15m as at 09/04/2020 towards running costs across the 2014-20 programme. The total value as at 26/08/2019: Value of 2014-20 project contracted commitment £61.04m 2014-20 Programme LAG running costs £16.36m Value of 2007-13 Legacy projects payments £4.6m Total £82m

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						* Fluctuation in committed value as projects move from 'on hold' where they are included in the value committed, and then some are withdrawn and are removed from the value committed.
Less Favoured Area Support Scheme	£403m	Around 12,000 annually	Around 11,300 annually	£379.9m	N/A	RAG status remains the same and reflects ongoing stability of scheme in relation to paying against historic data and reliance on legacy IT system. The revised indicative budget was amended in modification 6 to reflect the changes to LFASS as EU rules limit continued LFASS support to 80% for 2019 (payments in 2020) and 40% (or €25/ha) for 2020 (payments in 2021). The Cabinet Secretary's ambition is clear, to maintain funding to the LFA in recognition of the hardship that those farming in our remote and fragile areas face. As such extra money has been made available via the convergence payments.
Farm Advisory Service	£17.16			17.16		RAG status remains the same, scheme is on track to deliver its contractual obligations with a good likelihood of outcomes being achieved. Beneficiary numbers are increasing (c27k as of 2019) and operation is continuing through contingency plans during the Covid-19 period. This includes webinars, greater online material and virtual support from consultants. The work remains within budget and regular engagement with the contractors indicates all work will be delivered on budget with little to no underspend. One to one advisory service: circa 100 advisors trained (they have now received multiple elements of training) and over 983 individual pieces of advice provided or underway through Integrated Land Management

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						Plans, Specialist advice, Carbon Audits and Mentoring. An independent evaluation noted that satisfaction with the service is relatively high. It is perceived to offer high quality, practical advice, 90% of the respondents intend to implement advice they were given by FAS One to many: has delivered to over 27,596 beneficiaries so far through various events including workshops and seminars; focus and discussion groups; and site visits and demonstrations. The FAS website is improving in quality and attracting increasing 'hits' (>70K within the last 6 months). In addition, they have delivered over 850 carbon audits to Scottish Farmers which is an excellent means of tackling the industry's contribution to CC (see Annex A of Annual Strategic Communications Plan 2020/21 for further detail on event and participant numbers)
Total	£1.22bn (includes Technical Assistanc e, some legacy)	21,022 (not including LFASS or FAS) Includes app's that are not yet processed	15,965 (not including LFASS or FAS)	£1.09bn (not including RP legacy spend)	4,215	

ANNEX A - RAG Status Descriptors







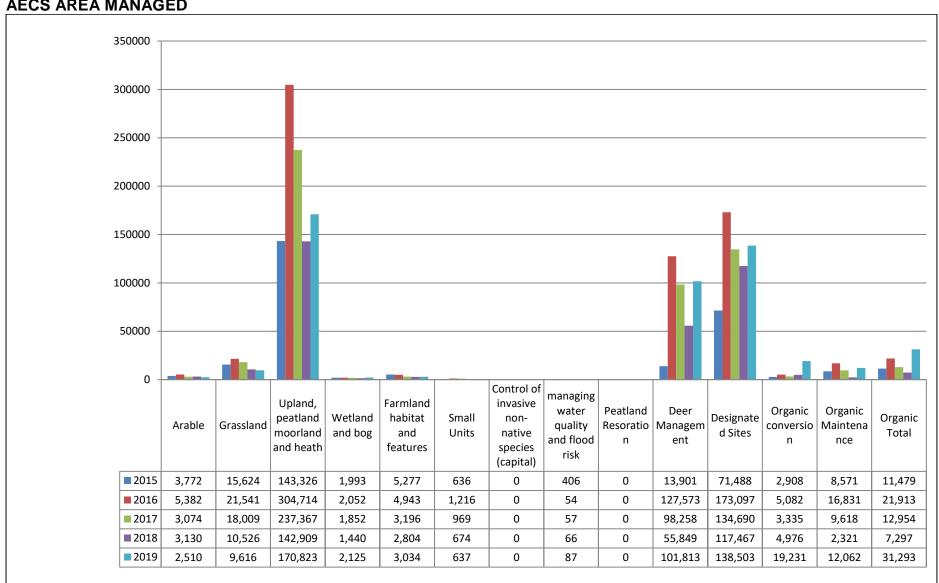




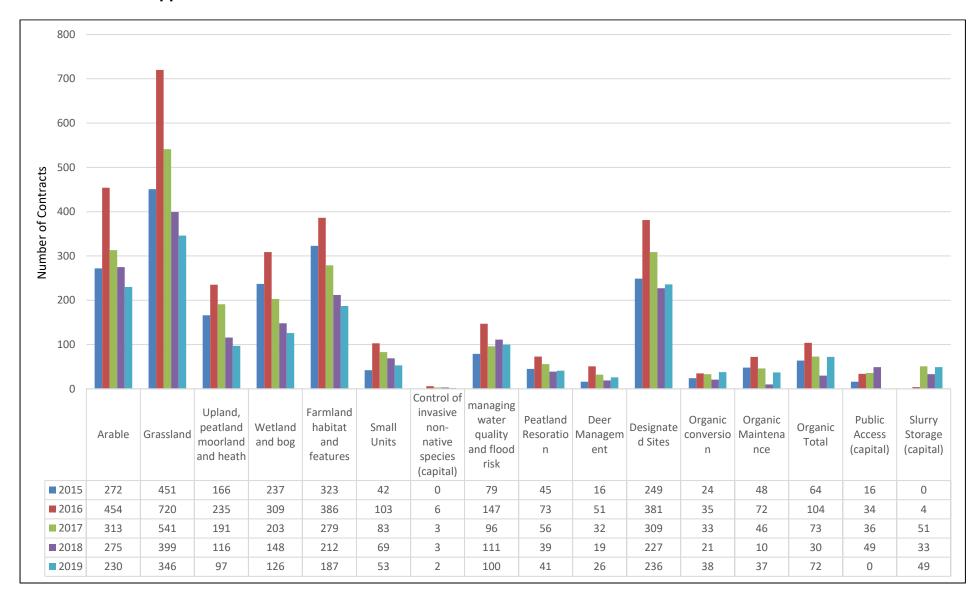
- **1.** Scheme has issues which are seriously concerning and require urgent attention and have a high risk of attracting media interest and Ministerial attention. Issues are having a **significant and direct** impact on delivery and/or likelihood of outcomes being achieved.
- **2.** Scheme has issues that are either beginning to become concerning or persistent, however while progress is being made to overcome them, the progress is not reducing the overall risk to delivery. Issues have a **growing** impact on delivery and/or likelihood of outcomes being achieved.
- **3**. Some overall concerns, however successful progress is being made to overcome the issues. Concerns have a <u>mild</u> impact on delivery and/or likelihood of outcomes being achieved.
- **4.** Scheme is making good overall progress and has little to no concerns. Concerns have **no or minimal** impact on delivery and/or likelihood of outcomes being achieved.
- **5.** Scheme is on track, budget steadily committed, successful delivery process and good likelihood of outcomes being achieved. **No** impact on delivery and/or likelihood of outcomes being achieved.

ANNEX B: AECS GRAPHICAL INFORMATION

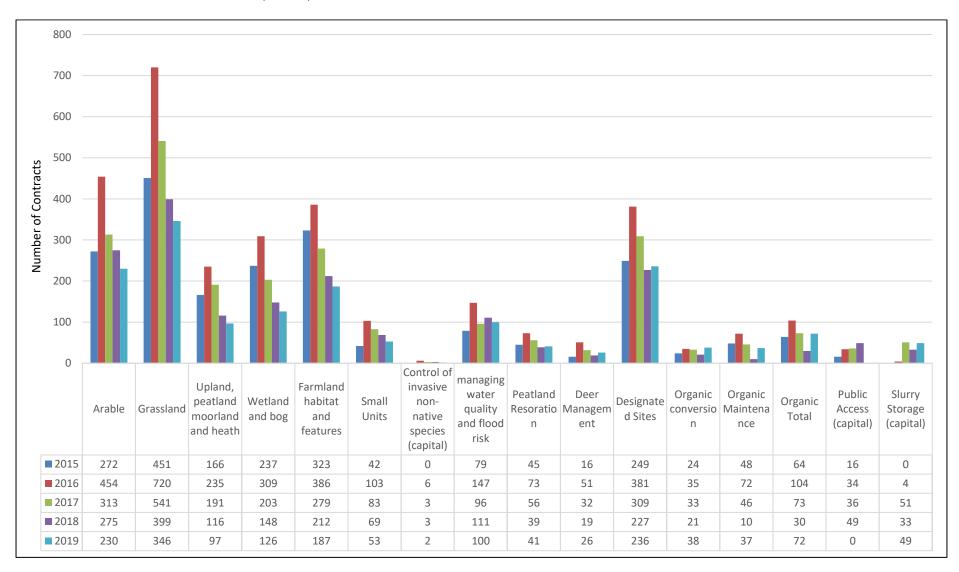
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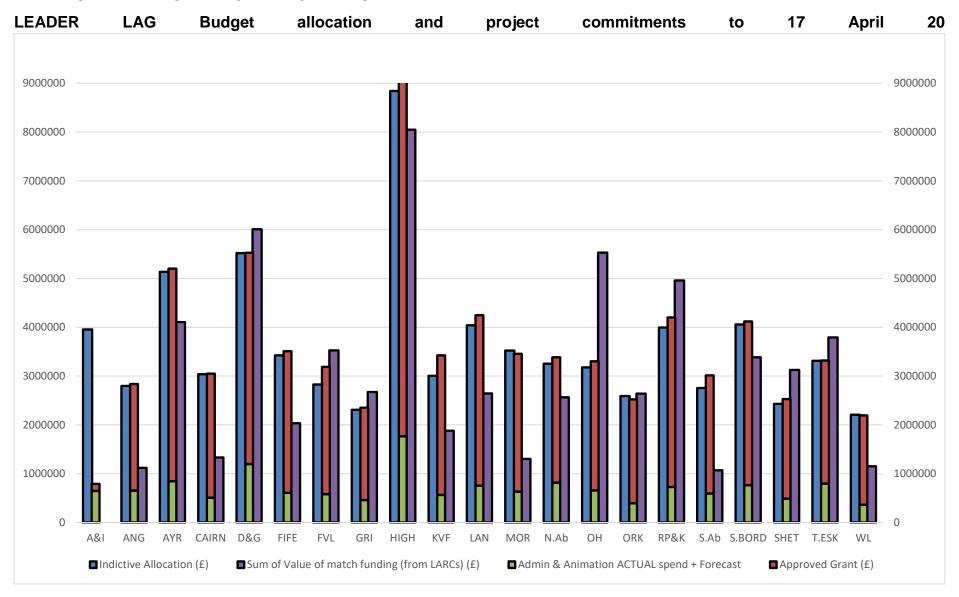
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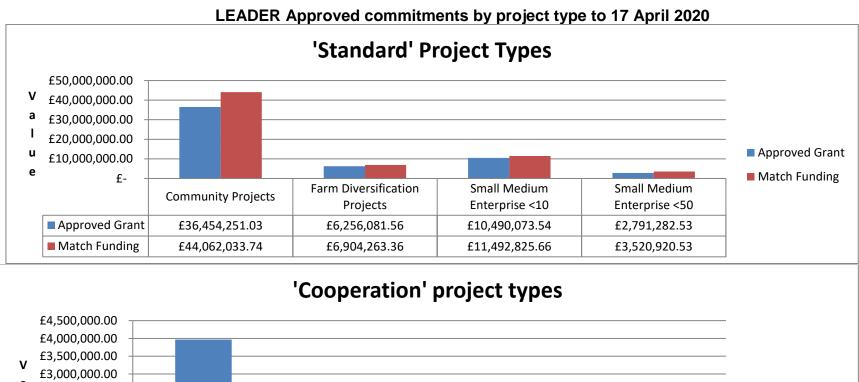


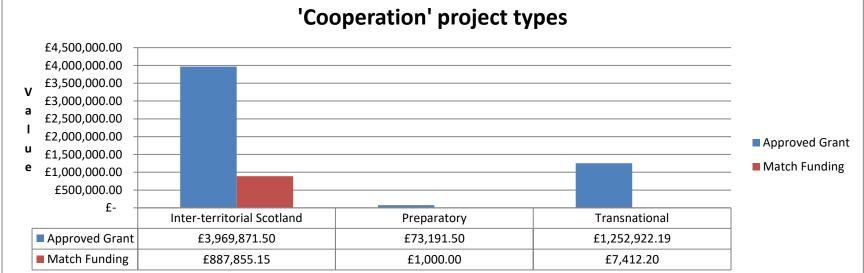
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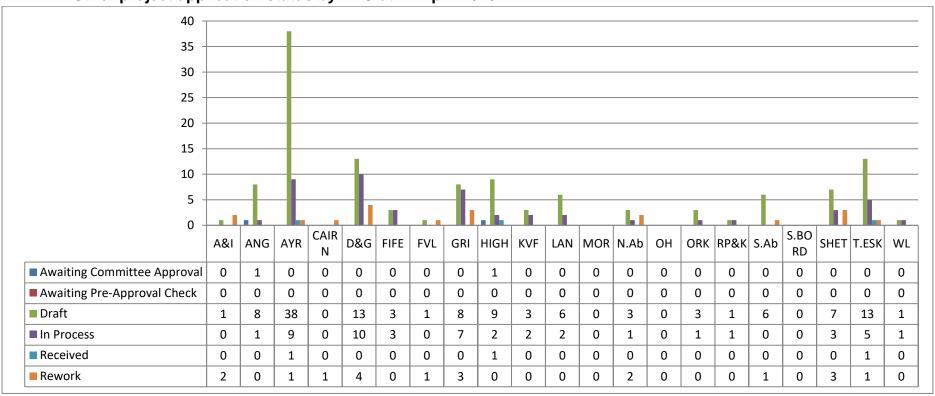
ANNEX C: LEADER GRAPHICAL INFORMATION







LEADER Other project application status by LAG at 17 April 2020



LEADER Approved project types by LAG at 17 April 2020

