

2020-21 Quarter to September Economic Growth & Development Services Performance Report – Service Plan



Section 4 - Strategic Outcome or Priority (L) Developing a diverse, inclusive & sustainable economy. (CP) Our Future: Create a vibrant economy


Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Priority	Latest Status Update	Status Progress	Status Icon
EG&D20-22.S4.1.1	We will pursue the Cultural Quarter and other Moray Growth Deal projects led by the council	31-Mar-2022	1	Projects progressing as outlined in the growth deal programme. November 2021 with an expectation of full deal signing in December 2021.	25%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2a	We will progress the Moray skills investment plan and complete review the current plan	31-Mar-2022	5	Skills investment plan (SIP) is on hold as economic recovery is taking priority. Review of previous SIP and SIP actions not yet completed on hold due to COVID-19 actions currently replaced by Economic Recovery Action Plan. The actions related to employability and skills within the economic recovery plan are being progressed with much of it related to additional funding received as part of the Youth Guarantee Scheme.	85%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2b	Develop a collaborative approach to employability	31-Mar-2022	5	The Local Employability Partnership is now established with good network support through the employability consortium, change management plans are underway to consolidate employability into a single service.	50%	

Section 5 - Service Level Outcomes or Priorities Implement the secondary legislation and guidance issued by Scottish Government in relation to the Planning Scotland Act 2019

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EG&D20-22.S5.1	Implement the secondary legislation and guidance issued by Scottish Government in relation to the Planning Scotland Act 2019 - Project plan and manage the expected changes to procedures and processes as a result of new legislation.	31-Mar-2022	2	Planning: A revised programme of work has been issued and now needs to be reviewed in terms of timescales and implications. Building Standards: The Building Standards performance report has been completed is being reported to committee in November 2021. In Addition, the first developers forum has been held.	50%	




Section 5 - Service Level Outcomes or Priorities


Produce a Building Standards Annual Performance Report to be submitted to SG & to be used to promote the service and drive improvements

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EG&D20-22.S5.2	Produce a Building Standards Annual Performance Report to be submitted to Scottish Government and to be used to promote the service and drive improvements	30-Sep-2021	1	Building Standards Annual Performance Report submitted to Scottish Government.	50%	

Section 6 - Recovery & Renewal Outcomes

1. Economic Recovery

Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Priority	Latest Status Update	Status Progress	Status Icon
EG&D20-22.S6.1.1a	We will progress the preparation and delivery of Elgin Town Centre Masterplan and complete the carbon free place pilot projects.	30-Jun-2021	1	Officers are responding to comments received and finalising the Masterplan and are preparing an Action Programme to accompany it. The finalised Masterplan will be considered by P&RS Committee by the end of 2021, then be subject to a further short consultation.	100%	
EG&D20-22.S6.1.1b	We will facilitate high street development through no fee pre application advice and fast track planning and building standards services	31-Mar-2021	1	Starting on 1st Nov 2020 this has now become part of a standard process offering free pre application advice and fast tracking (to high street developers).	100%	
EG&D20-22.S6.1.2	We will support business	31-Mar-2022	1	<p>During Q2 £244,650 of COVID 19 business support grants have been paid with the details below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the SFBF, 222 businesses received a total of £244,650 (Route Map Extension Restriction Fund) due to Moray remaining in Level 1. Through the Town Centre Capital Fund 51 businesses received grants of £1,189,479 for Transforming empty space to living space, altering large Retail Units into smaller ones & shop front improvements / small grants, which on completion will lead to an investment of £3,838,958. <p>However COVID 19 restrictions and sharp increases in construction cost presents major problems to complete projects by end of September 2021. Still waiting for Scottish Government to confirm extension of deadline.</p> <p>Business gateway is leading on the provision of post Brexit and Procurement 1-2-1 support. This is part of the Moray Recovery plan and is to help mitigate impacts of Brexit and enable SME's in Moray to continue to trade in Europe and/or enter new markets to the end of Q2 - 12 SME's have received 1-2-</p>	50%	

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				<p>1support over 23 days. 2 SME's with high exposure to EU markets and the local supply chain, have been supported with procurement processes over 4 days.</p> <p>In Q2 a further 19 new ventures started up with interventions from Business Gateway (at total of 63 new starts to date for Q1 & 2) with 208 Moray businesses given advice on start up, diversification and innovation also in Q2.</p> <p>The Moray Business Start-up Grant was launched on 13 Sept and initial uptake is good - 6 grants of £1500 have already been approved and paid in Q2 with more to be assessed in the weeks ahead.</p> <p>BG targets, activities and performance are published on a quarterly basis on the Council website & can be accessed from the link below for Q2. http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_59743.html</p>		
EG&D20-22.S6.1.3	We will progress employability and skills activities such as kickstart, youth guarantee scheme, parental employability support.	31-Mar-2021	1	This work is now being progressed as part of the economic recovery plan.	100%	

Section 6 - Recovery & Renewal Outcomes
2. A sustainable Council that provides valuable services to our Communities

Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Priority	Latest Status Update	Status Progress	Status Icon
EG&D20-22.S6.2.1	Adapt and reprioritise services to meet new demands of COVID 19 and Brexit, prioritisation will be on Public Health impacts and protecting the economy	31-Mar-2021	1	<p>Environmental Health remain focused on COVID related work, it is unclear how much of this will remain as a permanent service provision as the pandemic declines. There are still concerns in terms of capacity once there is an expectation that normal service provision relating to food hygiene, private water supplies and health and safety resume.</p> <p>The Economic Development team has prioritised business support and economic recovery work and will continue to do so this has meant that work such as finding an alternative delivery model for the Falconer Museum has been put on hold.</p>	100%	