

# 2021-22 Quarter to December 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	Full deal was signed virtually in December 2021. The projects are now progressing towards Full Business Case and then delivery as outlined in the growth deal programme.	50%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2a	We will progress the Moray skills investment plan and complete review the current plan	31-Mar-2022	5	The Skills Investment Plan and a review of the previous SIP actions remain on hold with Economic Recovery work taking priority. Within the Economic Recovery work, actions relating to employability and skills are being progressed with additional funding received as part of the Youth Guarantee Scheme. As part of the review of the Moray Economic Strategy, the skills sector will be considered including the need for a skills investment plan in its previous format.	85%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2b	Develop a collaborative approach to employability	31-Mar-2022	5	A collaborative approach to employability is now in place via the Local Employability Partnership. Funding for this partnership has also been confirmed for the forthcoming period.	100%	

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




Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Priority	Latest Status Update	Status Progress	Status Icon
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	31-Mar-2022	2	A revised programme of work has been issued and now needs to be reviewed in terms of timescales and implications.	50%	


	processes as a result of new legislation.					
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**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	The 2021/22 Building Standards Annual Performance Report was submitted to Scottish Government Building Standards Division as planned and is updated on a quarterly basis.	100%	

**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	Masterplan approved following consultation and officers are now progressing with a number of feasibility and design projects. An update report will be prepared for P&RS Committee at the end of May '22 and a Steering Group of key stakeholders established in Q1 22 financial year.	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>Work to support business has continued during quarter 3. A further range of COVID business grants were announced by the Scottish Government (to be administered by LAs) including Business Ventilation Fund, Business Support Top Up, Hospitality &amp; Leisure Business Support Top Up and Public House Table Services Restriction Funds etc.</p> <p>The pop up shop scheme has been severely delayed due to the pandemic and lack of suitable premises however so far over 55 businesses have declared an interest and 2 properties will be available from Quarter 4 onwards.</p> <p>The Scotland Loves Local Moray Gift Card was launched in November 2021. To date, 112 business are now live and listed on the website with 50 more to be included when they have completed card transaction process.</p> <p>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 &amp;</p>	75%	

				<p>shop front improvements / small grants, which on completion will lead to an investment of £3,838,958. However COVID 19 restrictions and sharp increases in construction cost still presents major problems to complete projects. Still waiting for Scottish Government to confirm extension of deadline.</p> <p>Business Gateway have continued to support business post Brexit and have provided 13 SME's with 1-2-1 support over 24 days. 2 SME's with high exposure to EU markets and the local supply chain, have been supported with 1-2-1 procurement consultancy over 4 days. 27 new ventures have also been supported (taking the total between April and December to 90) with a further 166 businesses advised on start-up, diversification and innovation.</p> <p>The Moray Business Start-up Grant was launched in September with 11 grants of £1500 approved and paid during Q3 (taking the total to 17).</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 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%	