









2021-22 Quarter to March Economic Growth & Development Services Performance Report – Service Plan




Action Status	
	Cancelled
	Overdue; Neglected
	Unassigned; Check Progress
	Not Started; In Progress; Assigned
	Completed

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	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	The projects are all in progress working towards full business case with a lot of work being done to get there. All going ahead and hitting the targets on the run up to full business case	80%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2a	We will progress the Moray skills investment plan and complete review the current plan	31-Mar-2022	Skills investment plan, this was put on hold during the pandemic, it has now been overtaken by the review of the Moray Economic Strategy which will provide the direction and action plan for this work	85%	
EG&D20-22.S4.1.2b	Develop a collaborative approach to employability	31-Mar-2022	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



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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	The review of the revised programme of work started in Q3 continues. Planning Development Rights Phase 2 has now been released.	55%	


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	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	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	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	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	£13,423.01 has been paid to 9 businesses from Business Ventilation Fund. 211 businesses received the December / January Hospitality Business Support Top Up; 245 the January Hospitality & Leisure Business Support Top Up; 41 the Public House Table Services Restriction Funds receiving a total of £1,490,850 Part of the Economic Recovery Plan is the pop-up shop scheme to support businesses who would like to try out a High Street presence on a 4 weekly basis. The scheme had been severely delayed due to the pandemic & finding suitable premises in the towns. During this	100%	

		<p>quarter 2 pop-up shops were launched in Buckie with the first businesses having been successfully trading & now seeking permanent basis.</p> <p>The Scotland Loves Local Moray Gift Card has been launched in November 2021. A total of 179 businesses have registered for the Moray Gift Card Scheme, however 17 were unfortunately unable to participate because they didn't have card readers. There are now 113 businesses live and listed on the website with 49 more to be included when they have completed the card transaction process. Council agreed to provide further dedicated support to the scheme for next financial year.</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 & 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 leads on the provision of post-Brexit and Procurement 1-2-1 consultancy (Part funded by HIE). This is delivered as part of the Moray Recovery Plan and helps mitigate impacts of Brexit and enable SME's in Moray to continue to trade in Europe and/or enter new markets. At the end of Q4 - 16 SME's have received 1-2-1 support over 29 days. Within these stats 3 SME's with high exposure to EU markets and the local supply chain, have been supported with 1-2-1 procurement consultancy over 6 days.</p> <p>1-2-1 Procurement support has been delivered 6 businesses in Q4 Local public sector contract opportunities remain limited - although Highlands and Islands wide the numbers of opportunities available are significantly higher and Moray businesses are recognising their value. Uptake for this service comes when contract opportunities present themselves.</p> <p>In Q4 a further 33 new ventures started up with direct interventions from Business Gateway (total of 123 new start form the year – 32 up on 2020-21) with 283 Moray businesses given advice on start-up, diversification and innovation also in Q4.</p> <p>The Moray Business Start-up Grant was launched on 13 Sept and closed on 31 March 2022. In Q4 a total of 33 applications were</p>		
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			assessed, verified and approved. 50 grants of £1500 have now been assessed, verified and approved to year ended 31 March 22 when the grant scheme closed as funds totalling £75K were fully committed. Business Gateway activities and performance are published on a quarterly basis on the Council website. Reports can be accessed at the link below http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_59743.html		
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	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	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	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. 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.	100%	