# Economic Growth and Development

Service Description

## **Development Management**

Determine applications for planning permissions • listed building consent • conservation area consent • advertisement consent • condition monitoring and high hedges • Statutory and non-statutory advice • planning enforcement and appeals

#### Strategic Planning and Development

Preparation of statutory Local Development Plan and associated Guidance • delivery of Action Programme • master planning • development briefs • infrastructure co-ordination • management of Developer Obligations • planning for future sites for housing and jobs • planning for town centre regeneration • safeguarding our natural and built environment • reducing carbon emissions to mitigate and adapt to climate change

## **Community Safety**

Covers a range of issues including anti-social behaviour, fire and home safety, road safety, violence reduction and alcohol as a cause of community safety issues.

## **Building Standards**

Ensure that buildings in Moray comply with building regulations and deals with dangerous building enquiries.

111.79 FTE

BUDGET

£3.56m

#### **Trading Standards**

Ensure fair trading to protect consumers and business from unfair and unsafe trading practices.

#### **Environmental Health**

Provides advice and guidance to businesses and consumers and enforces minimum standards and requirements through legislation, including inspection, education and regulations.

## **Economic Growth and Regeneration**

Our role in Economic Development is guided by the Scottish Government's priorities and strategies. In partnership with organisations across all sectors, we work on the strategic plan and operational level to maximise economic benefits through its strategies, decision making, investment and services. Includes Business Gateway and the Employability Team.

# Key Facts

- 3,105 number of small and medium enterprises
- 1,343 food premises
- 922 number of planning application
- 333 number of enforcement cases
- 33 number of criminal convictions
- 843 building warrant applications
- 99.87 Ha effective employment land supply

# **Priorities**

- Developing a community wealth building approach to Economic Growth and Development.
- Supporting business and economic recovery.
- Employability addressing barriers to employment, job creation and skills development.
- Creating places that promote health, quality environment by considering climate change and biodiversity

# Issues / Risks

- Resourcing associated with multiple external funding streams
- Business continuity (staffing), turnover, recruitment, development and career progression
- Improving performance levels using technology to facilitate hybrid working model that enables high performing teams