

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: Environmental Services		
Service: Development Plans/Economic Development		
Income	(£000s)	
Income from Grants	509	
Description:		
<p>Development Plans and Economic Development service produce the Development Plan and Economic Strategy, Supplementary Planning Guidance, monitor development, lead on climate change, carbon management, biodiversity, sustainability, regeneration, conservation, environmental projects, European and other external funding, business gateway etc.</p>		
Function	Current Level of Service Statutory Minimum/ Statutory Plus/ Discretionary	Comment
Development Plan and associated policy guidance and monitoring.	Below statutory minimum	The Development plan should be reviewed every 5 years, however we have fallen behind that timetable. Whilst this is not seen as a major issue it does demonstrate that the level of resources is stretched.
Biodiversity, Climate Change, Sustainability, environmental projects.	Statutory Minimum	See note above regarding stretched resources.
Economic Development	Statutory/ discretionary	The economic development service delivers good value for money in terms of attracting external funding and investment in Moray. Implementation of the Moray Economic Strategy will require a review of structure and resources to ensure effective implementation.
Outcomes / impacts:		
<p>Provides a service to maximise the council's contribution to the economy and development industry in Moray, but at the same time protects its best environmental features.</p> <p>1. Healthier Citizens Through the development plan biodiversity, and sustainability work the service</p>		

provides for the land use, infrastructure, leisure and environment to encourage healthier and sustainable living.

2. Adults living healthier, sustainable, independent lives safeguarded from harm.

Through the development plan and associated design principles the quality of life is accounted for in future development and master planning.

3. A more prosperous and fairer Moray

The work of the service associated with Moray Economic Strategy is essential to ensure a prosperous and fairer Moray, the team work in partnership with numerous organisations to implement the associated action plans.

4. Employability and employment skills.

Through the partnership working developed as part of the economic strategy, the team provide support, advice and links to align employability to need to that of local industry.