



**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 4 DECEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MORAY
2017/18**

**BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Committee the Draft Annual Report providing holistic information about Economic Development in Moray during 2017/18 in which the Council is a lead or principal agency.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (F) (2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the exercise of functions that promote economic development.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) **considers the draft annual report on economic development in Moray, as set out in Appendix 1; and**
- (ii) **agree its publication as set out in paragraph 3.1.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 25 August 2015 (paragraph 9 of the minute refers), the Council agreed broad headings for the annual report on economic development in Moray. The intention of this annual report (**Appendix 1**) is to bring together the broad span of economic activity undertaken across the Council but currently reported across a range of committees including skills development and employability work with Education, the supply of Council housing and employment land within Housing and Property Services and the provision of infrastructure within Direct Services. The report is a broad health check as to the vibrancy of the local economy across a range of indicators, reflecting the Council's role in developing that economy. Members are asked to consider the draft report, and note that following that consideration, the final report will be formatted for publication in pdf and on the Council website.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The report sets out what was contributed by Council services and partners in 2017-18 in relation to the corporate plan priority to promote economic development and growth, also the LOIP priority of a growing and sustainable economy.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council considers support for economic development issues on their merits, against the objective to facilitate sustainable economic growth and the desired outcomes of the Ten Year Plan and Corporate Plan.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications.

(e) Staffing Implications

This report has been compiled within existing staffing resources

(f) Property

There are no property implications.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

(h) Consultations

The Corporate Director (Economic Development Planning & Infrastructure), the Head of Development Services, the Head of Legal and Democratic, the Equal Opportunities Officer, Paul Connor (Principal Accountant) and the Lissa Rowan (Committee Services Officer) have been consulted and comments received have been incorporated into the report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The annual report on Economic Development in Moray provides the Council with a periodic overview of the Council's role in developing the Moray economy. This overview will be of assistance in making decisions relative to economic activity driven, financed or otherwise supported and encouraged by the Council.**

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Background Papers:	None
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