

Emergency Notice of Motion - Moray Council 17th June 2020

Moray Council Business Support

Coronavirus has created a range of challenges for local businesses over the last few months. For some, especially within the tourism sector, the impact has been great. The UK and Scottish Government have helped support businesses during this time with the UK Government already having spent more than £10billion in Scotland as a response to Coronavirus.

Sadly some businesses have slipped through the safety nets implemented by national governments. Whilst some of these can rely on savings and bank loans to keep their business afloat there are a handful which without some form of financial support risk closure or significant job losses.

Our local economy is vital. With a growth deal in place worth £65million to Moray, a new TBID in place and major developments at RAF Lossiemouth we believe it is vital we offer help to businesses which might face closure and ensure we are doing what we can to allow business to recover as quickly as possible.

This motion is submitted for approval as an emergency given the fast moving pace of the recovery process and the need to show support to our business community.

With this in mind the council agrees that -

- As part of wider impact assessment and action planning relative to economic recovery in Moray through Moray Economic Partnership, the Head of Economic Growth and Development works with partners on a local grant scheme which would help businesses that otherwise could not access grant support, an example of which is large hotels. Where the grant scheme is tailored to help those in most need.
- The grant scheme proposal is brought back to full council for consideration as soon as reasonably possible along with officer recommendations on how the cost could be set-aside to fund it.
- The local grant scheme also gives thought to providing support for marketing within the tourism sector and investment in town centres to create appropriate social distancing and more outdoor seating and business space to encourage safe footfall.

Signed

Cllr Tim Eagle

Cllr James Allan