



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 18 APRIL 2019**

**SUBJECT: LOIP PERFORMANCE REPORT – GROWING, DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY PRIORITY**

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

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work being done to progress the growing, diverse and sustainable economy priority in the LOIP including work to reframe the Delivery Plan for this priority.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **The Community Planning Board is asked to consider and scrutinise the work being done to progress this priority and to develop a revised Delivery Plan.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 8.11.18 the board considered a report on progress on performance management arrangements for the LOIP. Also circulated was a draft Delivery Plan on the growing, diverse and sustainable economy priority which conformed to the Performance Management Framework for the LOIP agreed by the Board in April 2018, but which, while being a good start, was acknowledged to be too complex and cumbersome in its content. It was agreed that early in 2019 agency leads for each priority would work to craft more user friendly Delivery Plans which still met the objectives of the Performance Management Framework and would meantime provide a report to the next board meeting on progress (paragraph 4i and ii of the minute refers).
- 3.2 An update on progress with the economic development priority is produced as **Appendix 1**. Since the LOIP was framed, Moray Economic Strategy (MES) and the Moray Skills Investment Plan (MSIP) have been revised. Moray Growth Deal has also evolved (ref **item 9** on the agenda) and these three strategic approaches together with the

Employability Strategy form the new strategic context within which the LOIP economic priority will be delivered. In light of this, the review of the LOIP to be undertaken in 2019 presents an opportunity to reframe the priority slightly, looking at the overall objectives within the LOIP which are around reducing inequalities and supporting those furthest from the workplace, what will be delivered through MES and MSIP and the gaps which this leaves to be addressed through the LOIP Delivery Plan. Some early thinking about the interplay between these strategic documents is produced as **Appendix 2**.

- 3.3 It is anticipated that a proposal for slightly revised wording in the revised LOIP relative to this priority along with a revised Delivery Plan will be developed by the Employability and Skills Group, reported onwards for consideration by Moray Economic Partnership and then reported for consideration and approval by the Community Planning Board later in the year. Ideally this process would be part of a wider review and performance update in terms of the LOIP, as was agreed at the November meeting of the board. Priority leads may be able to provide verbal updates on this matter at the board meeting.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 **Work to reframe the LOIP economic development priority in light of the revised strategic context set out in the report is ongoing, as is work to identify gaps in activity to address inequalities and support those furthest from the workplace. This will lead to proposals for a revised economic development priority for the LOIP and a new Delivery Plan for consideration by the Board later in the year. Meantime the Board is invited to consider and scrutinise progress.**

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Background Papers:  
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