

Action from ED&I on 15 November 2022**Agenda Item:** 11**Responsible Officer:** Chris Muir**Information Sought:**

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to approve the publication of the Economic Development annual Review for 2021/22.

NB Chris Muir to provide Councillor Warren with further information from the Chamber of Commerce in relation to the Kick Start Scheme.

Response:

As discussed at the ED&I meeting on 15th November, please find below the extent of the data we have available on the Kickstart programme.

Kickstart was a one year programme which completed at the end of 2021/22. There was a £2billion allocation for the programme across the UK, with no set amount allocated for Moray.

The Kickstart programme was administered locally by DWP and Moray Chamber of Commerce. DWP did not make information on the programme available for the public domain and we were advised it is unlikely this will be made available in the future as it has not been released to date. Therefore, the only mechanism that was available for recording Kickstart data at a programme level locally was via the Moray Chamber of Commerce.

Without the full Kickstart data it is not possible to accurately quantify the amount of funding utilised locally. However, over £875k was paid out to local businesses for Kickstart placements via the Moray Chamber of Commerce.

There were 161 Kickstart placements filled through Moray Chamber of Commerce members in total, across a total of 57 businesses. 65 of the placements did not complete the full 6 months.

	<p>Unfortunately, the Moray Chamber of Commerce do not have data on the number of people who were kept on at the business following completion of their placement.</p> <p>I hope that helps provide some further information following the discussions last week. It is frustrating that we do not have additional information on the full scale of the programme.</p>
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