

## Moray Economic Partnership

Thursday 14 December 2023 (MS Teams) – 2.00pm

Graham Leadbitter (Chair)	Moray Council (TMC)
Jim Grant	Moray Council
Michael Kelly	Moray Council
Gary Templeton	Moray Council
Lorna Williamson	Moray Council
Marc Macrae	Moray Council
Sandy Keith	Moray Council
Fiona Robb	Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)
Fabio Villani	tsiMoray
Mike Duncan	Federation Small Business (FSB)
Sarah Medcraf	Moray Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
Stephen Sheridan	Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
Carol Wink (Minutes)	Highlands and Islands Enterprise

### Apologies

David Reid	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Rhona Gunn	Moray Council
David Patterson	Moray College UHI
Andrew Anderson	tsiMoray
Gemma Cruickshank	Visit Moray Speyside (VMS)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> The Chair opened the meeting.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes from last meeting</b> The Minute from 5 October 2023 was agreed.  <b>Update on Actions</b> TMC will provide an update on the School Age Childcare Delivery Framework and National Children’s Charter for School Age Childcare in Scotland.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Main Topics</b>  <b>Moray Growth Deal Update</b> Draft Full Business Cases (FBC) for the Business Enterprise Hub (BEH), Housing Development Mix and Manufacturing Innovation Centre Moray (MICM) were circulated to MEP Board members for consideration as part of the Growth Deal consultation process. The papers are confidential at this stage and not for wider circulation. MEP Board members approved the FBCs and will provide any comments to the PMO. Subsequently, the documents will be taken to the Moray Council in January 2024 for approval, with Rhona Gunn (Programme SRO	

	<p>and Depute Chief Executive Economy, Environment and Finance) being given delegated authority to make any final revisions and to approve final drafts to the projects before entering delivery.</p> <p>The Bus Revolution and Digital Health projects are now up and running.</p> <p>Business Cases for, Moray Aerospace and Advanced Technology and Innovation Campus (MAATIC), Early Years STEM and Culture Quarter projects are due to be drafted by Easter 2024.</p> <p>TsiMoray requested that consideration is given to include Edward Fittell, the recently appointed Social Enterprise Development Manager, onto the BEH Project Board.</p> <p><b>Levelling Up Fund Update</b> A validation period for Round 3 of the Levelling Up fund is now underway. TMC are considering affordability and deliverability aspects of their proposal. Further clarification on the validation process is awaited from UK Government.</p> <p><b>Town Centre Funding Update</b> A formal Town Centre Board needs to be established with a view to developing a plan for submitting to UK Government by August 2024. TMC await clarification from UK Government as to the required make-up and function of the Town Board. To achieve the required timescales, an initial group has been formed with representatives from local business, public sector and community groups to start working on the plan.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Other Topics</b></p> <p><b>Talent/Working Age Population Update</b> The initial meeting of the Talent Attraction Working Group has taken place. HIE will provide an update to MEP members.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>tsiMoray reported on the funding awarded to Moray and Perth &amp; Kinross areas through Scotland CAN B to deliver a pilot programme of training to business advisers and businesses on the latest impact tools and methodologies to measure and manage social and environmental performance. The programme consists of 3 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part 1: to train the business advisers on the latest impact tools</li> <li>- Part 2: to support business advisers to support businesses in using the tools</li> <li>- Part 3: sharing learning with colleagues from Perth &amp; Kinross</li> </ul> <p>Further information on the programme and guidance on how advisers can sign up is available on the Scotland CAN B website:- <a href="https://canb.scot/">https://canb.scot/</a></p> <p>This continues to build on the significant amounts of investment being attracted into Moray by the Third Sector to support local development projects.</p>	

	<p>TMC reported on the significant funding being secured for space development projects around Scotland. Whilst the investment is not coming directly into Moray it will have a major benefit to the local supply chain.</p> <p>The next MEP meeting is due to take place February/March 2024.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	
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<b>ACTIONS SUMMARY</b>		
TMC will provide an update on the School Age Childcare Delivery Framework and National Children’s Charter for School Age Childcare in Scotland.	TMC	
HIE will provide an update on Talent/Working Age Population.	HIE	