

MORAY BUSINESS RESILIENCE FORUM

KEY ACTION POINTS 14TH MAY 2020

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Green = Up and Running

Blue = Announced – Awaiting clarification

Red = issues and gaps raised

1,418

GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1,220 PROCESSED
= £13.58M

[Apply here](#)

Planning for getting back to work including assessing workspace, access, payment methods, etc.

Issues for town centres returning to normal with access and movement along streets and pavements to ensure enough social distancing.



Discussions whether furlough scheme is fit for purpose, consideration for part time furlough, a targeted scheme, a further extension or bringing it forward might be beneficial.

An Economic Impact Assessment report to be published by Moray Council with the options on moving forward. Feedback welcomed.

83 applications received in second phase of grants with 43 approved so far.

Free marketing available for local businesses via Moray Chamber of Commerce website.

124

rejections processed

Concerns from self-catering establishments providing accommodation for key workers and if they are following correct guidance.



Companies that originally applied for CBILS have not had any response, therefore have applied for Bounce Back as an alternative, been declined and having to go through CBILS application process again.

Businesses wanting to get ahead of the game to open, fitting screens, providing stand-alone hand sanitising stations etc but not sure if it is enough.



SDS monitoring trends and expectations of redundancies coming through for a proactive response.

Applications for charities going live on Moray Council website Friday.

HIE in ongoing discussions with SG for supporting local communities. Reaching out to anchor organisations to identify long term support required.

Scottish Investment Bank want to look at the bigger picture for recovery, considering the circular economy and digital connectivity.

More guidance required for the tourism industry and larger companies sharing best practice with regards to checking temperatures.



Issues with furlough payments not coming through and self-employed not receiving grants has had big impact on foodbanks.

Applications for Hardship Fund for newly self employed being processed and paid out. Approximately 20% rejected as do not meet criteria.

England starting to return to work with guidance from Public Health England. Scotland in different stage and can learn lessons from rest of the country.

Warning that NDR bills being issued over next few days as calendarised. If businesses are experiencing hardship, they are to contact Moray Council who will be sympathetic towards circumstances and not chase payments.

Oil industry considering redundancies due to falling activity in the industry.

