

Moray Business Resilience Meeting

Monday 11 May 2020 (Skype call)

Action Points

Attendees:

Cllr Graham Leadbitter – Moray Council
Michael O'Donnell – Moray Council
Jim Grant – Moray Council
Douglas Ross - MP
Stephen Sheridan – SDS
Sarah Medcraf – Moray Chamber of Commerce
Clare Lock - MBWC
Stuart Black - HIE
Fiona Robb - HIE
Craig Robertson – Business Gateway
Gill Neill – Elgin BID
Laurie Piper – Moray Speyside Tourism
David Groundwater - FSB
Jane Cumming – SCDI
Fraser Grieve – SWA

Apologies:

Richard Lochhead – MSP
Scott McKnockiter – HIE

1. Stuart Black opened meeting and thanked everyone for their time, round table introductions followed
2. Actions from previous meeting.
 - a. Moray Council produced returns for SG on a Tuesday
3. Public Sector Update
 - a. PERF applications coming through and HIE staff working over the weekend to appraise applications. Announcement from SG for fund to double to £90M. Likely to be more demand
 - b. BG have had a steady increase in self-employed grant applications and working through them
 - c. Transportation and commuting will be a challenge and Moray Council working to resolve this
 - d. Moray Council to check all approved applications have been paid out
4. Private Sector Update

- a. Moray Chamber aware of businesses receiving rejection letters but can understand why and signposting towards other funding. Guidance and support for businesses being offered
 - b. Comparison of businesses being rejected on retail grounds – eg. a car wash/funeral directors where a service is being provided
 - c. BG and HIE hosting webinar on Wednesday for HR advice
 - d. Free media advertising up to £3,000 being offered by FSB and Mail Metro Media
 - e. Guidance on re-opening tourism premises and sourcing appropriate PPE
 - f. Reports that the level of financial information requested by Moray Council to support Business Grant applications is too detailed. Moray Council are consistent with assessment guidelines
5. AOB
- a. Press release in P&J and Mail on Sunday – Communities funding £228k approved, £196k paid out
 - b. Next meeting Thursday 14th May but further meetings to be arranged for once per week.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 14th May 2.00pm – 3.00pm