

6. Executive Director (Economy and Communities)

The Executive Director of Economy and Communities has overall responsibility for the following services: -

- **Economic Growth** including Business Support and Development; Regeneration; Planning; Protective Services and Employability.
- **Connected Communities** including Community Learning and Development; Information and Culture; Libraries, Sports and Activity; Community Empowerment and Asset Transfer, and Tourism and the Coastal Economy.

Employability and Business Development

1. To authorise and apply for grants that support the economic development of North Ayrshire.
2. To authorise grants and loans to support growth, sustainment and development of local businesses and organisations and in accordance with the objectives of the North Ayrshire Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy.
3. To manage the Employability Services of the council, including entering into contracts with third party providers and potential employers and to offer employment related advice and assistance.
4. To manage the Council's programme for recruitment of Modern Apprentices and Skillseekers, whether by the Council or other employers.
5. To manage the Big Lottery funded programme – Better Off North Ayrshire, including entering into contracts with third party providers and to offer money and household budgetary related advice and assistance.
6. To authorise and provide grants within budget parameters to support business start – up, Growth and sustainability
7. To manage the Councils business loan programme via West of Scotland Loan Fund and Business Loans Scotland
8. To manage and deliver the Councils approved International Strategy

(The further paragraphs relating to the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) will require to be re-numbered, but the duties remain unaltered. Once Council approves the overall Scheme of Delegation each Member will be issued with an updated version.)