

Regional Economic Partnership and Joint Committee

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Report by the Ayrshire Executive Group

COVID-19: AYRSHIRE-WIDE BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to summarise the approach being taken across Ayrshire by the three local authorities, Scottish Enterprise and VisitScotland to support local businesses during the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and in the adjustment period following the UK's exit from the European Union. This report builds upon the previous update which was considered by the Committee on 22 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Regional Economic Partnership agrees to:
 - (i) Note the continuing economic downturn resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdown, and the early impacts of the UK's exit from the European Union on businesses;
 - (ii) Note the response of the Scottish Government to the economic impacts of the pandemic, and in particular, the implementation of a range of business grants, many of which are being implemented by local authorities;
 - (iii) Note the efforts being made by Council business support teams to build the resilience of the local business base, helping to ensure their immediate survival, and in the longer-term, their return to profitability;
 - (iv) Otherwise, note the contents of this report.

BACKGROUND

3. The magnitude of the economic recession caused by the Covid-19 outbreak is unprecedented in modern times. Whilst economic activity actually increased over the spring and summer months of 2020, reflecting the gradual opening up of the economy and pent-up demand from the lockdown period, by October 2020 the UK's GDP was 8% lower than it had been prior to the pandemic.
4. Despite the roll-out of a mass vaccination programme, the autumn and winter environment is proving to be ever more challenging. Covid-19 infection rates have increased, new variants have emerged and lockdowns have been introduced again across the UK to reduce the spread of the virus.
5. The UK Government estimates that the measures taken to support businesses, workers and household incomes in 2020 will cost around £280 billion. With the

furlough scheme extended until April 2021, this figure is likely to increase considerably. Despite these measures, there is likely to be a serious toll on individuals still to come, with unemployment likely to rise significantly as the furlough scheme is rolled back.

6. In the midst of this health and economic crisis, the UK's departure from the European Union took place at the end of 2020. Whilst the longer-term economic impact of Brexit is impossible to predict, we have already witnessed disruption to the flow of goods and services between the UK and Europe. This has had a particular impact on the Scottish seafood industry, with many firms reporting considerable delays at ports as a result of new administrative controls.

THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

7. Recognising the severity of the impact of lockdown on Scotland's economy, the Scottish Government has put in place the Covid-19 Strategic Framework Business Fund. This provides grants for businesses that are required to close by law or significantly change their operations from 2 November 2020 as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. Applications to this fund are being made via local authorities.
8. On 9 December 2020, the Finance Minister announced the launch of a number of new funding schemes. These schemes have either already went live or are expected to do so by the end of January 2021. Specific support announced included:
 - £15 million for the wedding sector and its supply chain, including photographers.
 - One-off grants totalling £15 million for mobile close contact services such as hairdressers.
 - Relaunch of the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund providing a hardship relief grant payment of £2,000.
 - A £19 million fund and one off grants for taxi drivers.
 - £5 million for travel agents.
 - £6 million for coach companies and tour operators.
 - £1.5 million for visitor attractions.
 - Additional one off payments to hospitality businesses to help them deal with the traditional post-Christmas fall in demand.
9. On 23 December 2020, the Scottish Government advised local authorities of their proposals to roll out a number of sector funds from CoSLA. Indicative criteria for sector specific support would be applied to parallel the Strategic Framework Business Funds currently being administered to local businesses via the Level 4 Strategic Framework. This support is expected to target the wedding sector; travel agents; inbound tour operators; outdoor tourism; mobile close contact services; coach companies; live music and cultural venues; the arts sector; indoor football centres and the food and drink sector.
10. Each Council is undertaking a mapping exercise to identify any gaps in funding provision to our local businesses, thus ensuring that we can provide support to those in greatest need via the proposed Discretionary Fund. It will be of vital importance that each Council has an overview of all business grant support provided and further, will seek to share data in relation to grant awards before new funds are awarded to businesses. The more information we have from the Scottish

Government on the grant criteria for the forthcoming funds will enable targeted support to ensure key businesses survive during the ongoing lockdown.

11. On 11 January 2021, the Finance Secretary announced a significant top-up to the grant support available for hospitality, retail and leisure businesses across Scotland. In addition to the grants businesses receive through the Strategic Business Framework Fund, eligible businesses will also get a one-off grant of:
 - £25,000 for larger hospitality businesses on top of the weekly £3,000 (rateable value of £51,001 or more)
 - £6,000 for smaller hospitality businesses on top of the weekly £2,000 (rateable value of £51,000 or less)
 - £9,000 for larger retail and leisure businesses on top of the weekly £3,000 (rateable value of £51,001 or more)
 - £6,000 for smaller retail and leisure businesses on top of the weekly £2,000 (rateable value of £51,000 or less)
12. The Scottish Government is investigating the possibility of delivering funds for businesses who do not have a property (and do not pay non-domestic rates) as a single scheme. Potentially, this could be outsourced to the private sector, which would ease pressure on local authority business support teams.
13. The Scottish Government has written to Chief Executives and Directors of Finance this week to launch the Taxi Driver Support Fund. Finalised guidance was received on 20 January and councils have been asked to inform all eligible driver licensees as soon as possible, with the £1,500 payments to be made within four weeks.
14. The Pivotal Event Business Fund (managed by EventScotland) is currently open. There are three stages to this application process. A call for Expressions of Interest was issued, with a deadline of 18 January. Without an approved EoI, applicants will not be considered for the next stage in the process.
15. The Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group (SLAED) is also seeking guidance from the Scottish Government on the further announcements made by the First Minister on 13 January, regarding increased restrictions to businesses. The new restrictions, which took effect on 16 January, prohibit non-essential 'click and collect' retail services and introduce timeslots for the collection of goods. Takeaway food businesses will have to operate on a 'non-entry basis', meaning customers cannot enter the premises when placing or collecting orders.
16. Looking further ahead, a number of funds are due for launch in February (Tour Operators Fund, Visitor Attractions Fund, Ski Centre Support Fund, Visitor Accommodation Hostels Fund, Large Self-Catering Grant and Exclusive Use Self-Catering Grant). A full list of Scottish Government funds and funding intentions is provided at Appendix One to this report.

BUSINESS SUPPORT IN AYRSHIRE

17. The three Ayrshire councils continue to support their local economies by delivering a range of business support activities. The assistance provided has been crucial in building the resilience of our business base, helping to ensure their immediate survival and in the longer-term, their return to profitability.

18. The section which follows highlights the various funding programmes that have been delivered by the three local authorities. It should be noted that whilst the details for each council are broadly the same, particularly in relation to the national schemes, there are some differences in terms of local programmes and individual reporting systems within Councils.

East Ayrshire

19. The Council has put in place a range of online application mechanisms to administer and process the Scottish Government's and its own business support schemes. As at 14 January 2021, the following grants had been paid via the main business support programmes:

Business Grants	Number paid	Amount	Status
Business Grant Scheme	1,872	£20.111m	Closed
Grants for newly Self-employed	206	£0.335m	Closed
Grants for newly Self-employed (B&B)	5	£0.015m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund	180	£0.474m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund (contingency)	5	£0.095m	Closed
Furlough Top-Up	69	£0.114m	Closed
Strategic Framework Business Fund	1,082	£1.236m	Open
Other Grants	Number paid	Amount	Status
EA Hardship Grants	93	£0.256m	Closed
Winter Hardship Fund (SG)	3,797	£0.380m	Closed
Winter Hardship Fund (EAC)	395	£0.040m	Open
Self-Isolation Grants	144	£0.072m	Open
Total	7,848	£23.128m	

20. In terms of the **Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF)**, since 24 December, the Council has received a further 149 applications which are currently being processed. It is anticipated that these will all be processed and ready for payment by the end of January.
21. Looking at **hospitality, retail and leisure top ups**, grant offer letters with guidance were issued on 14 January. An eligibility table will be included which has been developed by the Project Group to provide greater detail to enable Councils to make payments. These payments will be incorporated in the January payment of the SFBF where possible.

22. In the aftermath of the UK's exit from the EU on December 31, the Council's EU Exit Preparedness Group remains active. A number of risks have been identified, including some relating to business support. Our **Environmental Health and Trading Standards** Team are working with Food Standards Scotland to ensure continuity of supply and access to markets for those businesses exporting into Europe, particularly in light of the difficulties now being faced by the seafood sector. All of our approved premises have been contacted and information provided on the likely position that exports to EU will require an Export Health Certificate. At present, none of the businesses contacted have indicated that they export into these markets.
23. In terms of **economic development**, Brexit is likely to impact on employment, investment, relocation and growth generally. The Council continues to engage with our local business community and is providing support and guidance where required. With a need to keep goods and services moving and ensure that the supply chain remains unaffected, our contract administrators continue to engage with our contractors and suppliers with the impact of potential disruption currently assessed as low. There is ongoing engagement with Scotland Excel and Scottish Procurement and this will continue to be kept under review.

South Ayrshire

24. The Business Support Team has delivered a wide range of supports to the local business community in South Ayrshire during the pandemic, helping to ensure that businesses are aware of the various funding and support packages available to them. A new online application mechanism has been established to administer and process the various business support schemes put in place by the Scottish Government. This mechanism has been amended and updated for each different phase of the business grant scheme.
25. As at 21 January 2021, the following grants had been paid via the main business support programmes:

Business Grants	Number paid	Amount	Status
Business Grant Scheme	2,107	£23.388m	Closed
Grants for newly Self Employed	119	£0.024m	Closed
Grants for newly Self Employed (B&B)	7	£0.021m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund	182	£0.474m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund - contingency	9	£0.195m	Closed
Furlough Top Up	63	£0.104m	Closed
Strategic Framework	821	£3.377m	Open

Business Fund (SFBF)			
SFBF: Leisure, Retail, Hospitality Top Up	689	£4.781m	Open
Strategic Enterprise Fund Grant (SAC)	15	£0.383m	Open
Strategic Enterprise Fund Expert help (SAC)	20	£0.009m	Open
Total	4,032	£32.756m	

North Ayrshire

26. North Ayrshire's Economic Recovery and Renewal Approach, 'Building Back Better, Fairer and Greener' represents their framework for responding to the impacts of Covid-19 and the challenges of Brexit. Underpinned by the Community Wealth Building Agenda, the assistance for business reflects the six key pillars and also includes support for the Digital and Green agendas.
27. The Council is responsible for the local administration and processing of grant funding schemes and has made the following payments:

Business Grants	Number paid	Amount	Status
Business Grant Scheme	2,236	£24.160m	Closed
Grants for newly Self Employed	147	£0.294m	Closed
Grants for newly Self Employed (B&B)	6	£0.018m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund	193	£0.504m	Closed
Break Restrictions Fund - Contingency	4	£0.085m	Closed
Furlough Top Up	99	£0.164m	Closed
Strategic Framework Business Fund	742	£2.487m	Open
SFBF: Leisure, Retail, Hospitality Top Up	603	£4.092m	Open
Total	4,052	£30.767m	
Other Grants	Number paid	Amount	Status
Hardship Payments	4,737	£0.474m	
NAC Hardship	90	£0.045m	
Total	8,879	£31.286m	

28. In May 2020, the Council redesigned its own business support to better align with the needs of businesses during the pandemic, and this has resulted in the approval of over £418,000 of grants and consultancy support (including European Regional Development Funds/ERDF).

Digital

29. In response to the pandemic and the potential impacts of Brexit, many businesses have had to adapt or diversify, and a significant number have required support with the development of digital solutions. Since May 2020, approximately £20,000 of one-to-one consultancy support has been specifically targeted at digital solutions and 45 new digital projects totalling £0.135m in grant support. This commitment has leveraged £0.4m of additional business investment.
30. In an effort to further support our business base, the Council has partnered with the University of the West of Scotland, Ayrshire College, Open University and Microsoft to develop a Digital Programme (digiTALK) which aims to upskill advisors' digital skills and develop bespoke local support mechanisms for our business base.

Green Economy

31. The Council approved an £8.8m investment fund to help support their ambitions for an inclusive and green economic recovery. A programme of climate change and economic projects is being developed. Engagement with growth businesses identified that half of them had no awareness or limited understanding of the Green Economy and the opportunities it can deliver.
32. A proposal to develop a £0.5m Green Jobs Fund to support local businesses is being developed as part of this Investment Fund. The fund will aim to encourage and support local businesses to adapt their processes and business models to support industrial decarbonisation and meet net zero carbon targets. Subject to the relevant approvals being put in place, this scheme will be available from April 2021.

Scottish Enterprise and VisitScotland

33. During 2020, Scottish Enterprise led on the delivery of the Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund (PERF) on behalf of the Scottish Government. This fund provided bespoke grants and wraparound business support to 'viable but vulnerable' SMEs, who are considered vital to the local or national economy. Over £8 million has been released to Ayrshire businesses via this programme, as follows:

Council area	No. of companies	Amount
East Ayrshire	43	£2.84m
North Ayrshire	40	£2.66m
South Ayrshire	36	£2.78m
Total	119	£8.28m

34. VisitScotland has confirmed that a number of tourism and hospitality businesses have been amongst the recipients of PERF funding. 2 successful applications were made by East Ayrshire businesses, totalling £0.293m; 9 successful applications were made by North Ayrshire businesses, totalling £0.578m; and 3 successful applications were made by South Ayrshire businesses, totalling £0.264m.
35. SE also managed the Creative, Tourism & Hospitality Enterprises Hardship Fund in 2020, with support from Creative Scotland and VisitScotland for small and micro creative tourism companies not in receipt of business rates grants up to £25,000. Approximately £1.3 million was released to Ayrshire businesses via this programme, as follows:

Council area	No. of companies	Amount
East Ayrshire	18	£0.16m
North Ayrshire	38	£0.50m
South Ayrshire	46	£0.68m
Total	102	£1.34m

Project Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

36. PACE was established by the Scottish Government to provide redundancy support and also includes DWP, local councils, Citizens Advice, colleges and training providers. In January 2021, the PACE operating model was redesigned into 5 regional teams working across Scotland. The three Ayrshire councils have been included within the South West and Borders Regional Team along with North & South Lanarkshire, Dumfries & Galloway and Scottish Borders.

37. Employability Teams in the three councils continue to work with Skills Development Scotland and their PACE Team. Between April and December 2020, the PACE Team engaged with eight companies across Ayrshire, and 556 individuals. Of those 556 individuals, 122 are continuing to receive support via PACE.
38. 'No One Left Behind' is the Scottish Government's approach to the delivery of employability services. Via this framework, additional funding has been allocated to the three Councils for provision of Key Worker support and Single Point of Contact (SPOC) which has allowed them to enhance the services provided via PACE.

RECOVERY AND RENEWAL: A REGIONAL RESPONSE

39. The winter period has seen a large increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, which has been exacerbated by the identification of new and faster moving variants of the disease. Recognising this, the Scottish Government has put in place a range of new measures designed to reduce the spread of the virus. Clearly, the country remains in the grip of a health emergency, and this is likely to be the case for some months to come.
40. During this ongoing health emergency, the priority of Council Business Support Teams must be to ensure the survival of our business base. Nevertheless, we must also look beyond the short-term towards recovery and renewal. A broad consensus has emerged amongst policymakers that there is an opportunity for more radical transformation of service design. Tangible evidence of this is beginning to emerge within Ayrshire.
41. Most notably, the signing of the **Ayrshire Growth Deal** on 19 November 2020 represents a tremendous opportunity to improve the wellbeing of communities and the economy, and will allow partners to progress their plans for recovery and renewal from Covid-19. A range of projects will be delivered across Ayrshire, with a clear focus on stimulating innovation, boosting productivity and reducing inequalities. Already, progress is being made with a number of keynote projects, including HALO Kilmarnock, the National Energy Research Demonstrator (NERD) and the Working for a Healthy Economy Project.
42. The role of the **Ayrshire Regional Economic Partnership** will be crucial to the economic recovery of this area. Working together, the three Councils and Scottish Enterprise are developing a shared vision for business support services based on the principles of place, community wealth building and focussing on needs. Whilst still a work in progress, this activity has identified 200 Ayrshire businesses that are considered strategically important to the region. The new classification scheme will allow us to better determine the level and nature of support to be provided on a pan-Ayrshire basis. A detailed progress report on this activity will be presented as a separate item on this agenda.
43. The Partnership's approach has also been pivotal to the establishment of a network of **sector-based recovery groups** in Ayrshire, comprising of cross-sector representation to provide a regional dimension to the recovery process. Eight key priority areas have been established as follows:
 - **Aerospace/space sector** - sector recovery and reform

- **Clean Growth** – capacity development, recovery and opportunity window
- **Visitor Economy** – sector recovery and reform
- **Food & Drink** – sector recovery and reform
- **Business** – recovery, resilience, regional support functions, supply chains
- **Digital** - capacity development, recovery and opportunity window
- **Skills** - complement the responses in place across the region to address the immediate and emerging challenges of COVID-19.
- **Community Wealth Building** – Need to provide mechanism for supporting RES principles through recovery and capacity building to build a fairer economy.

44. Virtual Teams, working closely with industry representatives, have been set up to take forward a range of sectoral recovery activities. These teams are now meeting regularly and have developed specific and outcome-focussed recovery plans for their respective sectors. As well as working closely with industry, the groups will work closely with each other, recognising the inter-dependencies which make up our economy.
45. A central feature of our economic recovery activity is **Community Wealth Building**, with Ayrshire continuing to play a prominent role in shaping the national agenda in this area. The pan-Ayrshire CWB Commission launched its Anchor Charter, which sets out a number of key pledges, in October 2020.
46. The three Councils and Scottish Enterprise are working together to identify projects that will be taken forward to progress the CWB agenda. Themes emerging at this stage include the identification of community benefits from Ayrshire Growth Deal projects; providing greater opportunities for local companies to tender for public contracts; and the importance of public space and consideration of planning, climate and active travel.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

47. Changes to service delivery and the impact of Covid-19 on the local economy will have a significant impact on the budgets of the three Councils, including loss of income and additional expenditure. Finance Teams have been working closely with business support services to understand and quantify the budgetary implications of the pandemic.

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

48. There are no human resource implications arising from this paper.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

49. There are no legal implications arising from this paper. Steps have been taken within each of the three Councils to ensure appropriate governance of the issues arising from this paper.

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APPENDIX ONE

LIST OF SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND FUNDING INTENTIONS		
Fund	Announced	Description
Small Business Bonus Scheme Grant	18 March	A £10,000 grant for eligible businesses that operate from Non-Domestic Rates paying premises with rateable value below £18,000 or in receipt of rural rates relief.
Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant	18 March	Grants of up to £25,000 for businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors that operate from premises with a rateable value between £18,000 and £51,000.
Sea Fisheries Hardship Fund	25 March	Fund providing payments to operators of Scottish-registered fishing vessels which have lost their source of income due to markets collapsing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and have no other source of income to support them.
Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund	27 March	A £2m fund to help sustain freelance creative professionals who had lost earnings due to the cancelation of work as a result of COVID-19.
Screen Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund	27 March	A £1.5m fund for freelance or self-employed screen practitioners who had lost income from their work due to COVID-19.
Scottish Seafood Processors Support Fund	13 April	£10 million fund for fishing and seafood processing businesses.
Creative, Tourism & Hospitality Enterprises Hardship Fund	29 April	A £30 million Fund to support small companies in tourism, creative industries and hospitality experiencing immediate hardship, due to ineligibility for other COVID-19 Government. The focus was to help companies who could demonstrate a negative cashflow position over three months and those furloughing staff were eligible to apply.
Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund (Phase 1) 29 April	29 April	£34 million fund providing non-repayable hardship relief grant payments of £2,000 to those unable to access the UK Government's Self-Employed Income Support Scheme by virtue of being newly self-employed.
Pivotal Enterprise Resilience Fund	29 April	£45 million fund providing grant to businesses that can play a critical role in supporting Scotland's recovery but need some immediate support. It might be to

		get back up and running or to maintain or diversify your current operation.
Aquaculture Hardship Fund	22 June	Hardship grants of up to £27,000 are being made available for around 100 businesses which make a full time living from shellfish growing and trout farming.
Performing Arts Venue Relief Fund	3 July	A targeted £12.5 million fund to support Scotland's performing arts venue. Specifically to help venues who cannot yet reopen to their audiences due to the ongoing impact of coronavirus (COVID19).
Grassroots Music Venues Stabilisation Fund	10 July	£2.2 million fund to support grassroots music venues across Scotland.
B&B Hardship Fund	16 June	A £3 million fund specifically for B&Bs operating from a personal bank account.
Museum Recovery and Resilience Fund	25 July	A £4 million Fund to provide support for Scotland's museums and galleries. The fund will aid the return of staff from furlough and the wider reopening of museums and galleries.
Hotel Recovery Fund	29 July	£14 million fund specifically to support and sustain Scotland's larger hotels and to protect sustainable employment within this sector.
Youth Arts Fund	August	£3m Youth Arts Fund to ensure creative opportunities for children and young people continue to exist across Scotland despite the Covid-19 pandemic.
Support Scheme for Self-Catering Businesses	3 August	Fund for self-catering businesses who haven't received any support via other funds. Successful applicants received a one-off grant of £10,000.
Events Industry Support Fund	24 August	A £6 million fund to help the events sector recover businesses in the events industry, particularly those in the supply chain that are facing hardship may be eligible for a one-off grant of £10,000.
Sustaining Creative Practice Fund	3 September	A £5m Fund to support artists to continue developing new creative work that will make a significant contribution to Scotland's recovery from Covid-19.
Independent Cinema Recovery and Resilience Fund	14 September	A £3.5million fund to help secure the survival of Scotland's independent cinemas, enabling them to re-establish and adjust their business models in response to Covid-19.
Cultural Organisations and Venues Recovery Fund	14 September	A £15 million providing emergency support to organisations that provide opportunities for cultural engagement and have been unable to trade due to the impact of Covid-19.

COVID-19 Restrictions Fund – Closure and Hardship	9 October	£28 million fund for businesses in the five health board areas that were closed by regulation or those across Scotland that remained open but were significantly impacted by the restrictions including those in the direct supply chains of firms that must close. This fund was specifically to cover the period between 9 October and 2 November.
COVID-19 Restrictions Fund – Furlough Grant	9 October	£9 million fund to contribute to Furlough Costs and support employees in businesses in the Central Belt that were closed by Regulation between 9 October and 2 November.
COVID-19 Museum Development Fund	21 October	Available to accredited Scottish museums that have NOT been eligible for the Recovery & Resilience Fund. Providing awards of up to £60,000, it will enable these organisations to undertake projects that will help them to build their resilience and start to address some of the challenges brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic.
Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers	26 October	A £5m fund to address the current financial hardship being felt by creative freelancers who normally work in the culture sector, but whose work has been impacted by Covid-19.
COVID-19 Restrictions – Contingency Fund	27 October	For pay to play soft play centres and nightclubs that have been closed by regulation between March and November.
Strategic Framework Business Fund	2 November	Grants of up to £3,000 (depending on rateable value) every four weeks for businesses required to close by law and up to £2,100 (depending on rateable value) every four weeks for businesses specifically required to modify their operations by law.
Scotland's Events Recovery Fund	3 November	£2.75m fund designed to support the restart of events and help organisers meet the additional costs of COVID-19 mitigation in event planning and delivery.
Food and Drink Resilience Wholesale Fund	5 December	£5 million fund to target food and drink wholesalers that sell into the hospitality and contact catering trade and which are experiencing significant financial hardship.
Contingency Fund Plus	January	Additional NDR based support for Travel agencies, coach and tour operators, visitor attractions, and visitor accommodation hostels, brewers and indoor football centres.

Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund (Phase 2) January	January	A re-run of the Newly Self-Employed Hardship Fund launched in April providing non-repayable hardship relief grant payments of £2,000 to those unable to access the UK Government's Self-Employed Income Support Scheme by virtue of being newly self-employed.
Taxi and private vehicle operators January	January	A national scheme has been announced which will provide one-off payments to taxi and private hire vehicle operators.
Wedding Sector	January	Funding has been announced for the wedding sector and suppliers.
Tourism Sector	January	Additional funding has been announced for the outdoor tourism sector, B&Bs and guesthouses (excluded from NDR Scheme), self-catering accommodation, inbound tour operators, snowsport sector as well as a top-up payment for hospitality businesses.
Events Sector	January	Funding will be provided for the events industry including suppliers, strategically important events companies, live music venues as well as travelling show-people.
Mobile Close Contact Services	January	Financial support in the form of one-off grant payments to those who run mobile close contact service businesses as per the definition set out in the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.
Commercial Arts Organisations	TBC	Additional funding for the Museums Recovery and Resilience Fund as well as support for commercial arts organisations most affected by continuing loss of trading.