

# **Corporate Priority 1: Encourage sustainable economic growth**



Short Name	Trend Chart	Current Value	Commentary	Compared to same time last year	Status against Target	Managed By
Working age population (16 - 64) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	CP01-P10aP Working age population (16 - 64) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and J5A) 7% 6% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9% 9%	1.83%	<b>Observations:</b> With the introduction of "Universal Credit", a new dataset has been produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to track the headline level of unemployment. The "Claimant Count" includes individuals who are claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and those unemployed people claiming or transferring on to Universal Credit. The latest Scottish figure has been used as a target. The Borders average rate for Q4 is lower than the Scottish rate, although there has been a recent rise in the rate, bringing Borders back to the same level as Q4 last year. The Scottish rate has reduced slightly since Q4 last year.			Bryan McGrath
Working age population (18 - 24) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	CP01-P11aP Working age population (18 - 24) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	3.9%	Observations: New data set, as outlined above. This measure looks at the % of young people, aged between 18 and 24 who are out of work and claiming benefits. The latest Scottish figure has been used as a target. The Borders average rate for Q4 is higher than the Scottish rate and just slightly lower than Q4 last year. The Scottish rate has reduced since Q4 last year and at 3.27%, is now lower than the Borders rate.	ŗ	•	Bryan McGrath

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### Short Name Trend Chart Status Managed Current Commentary Compared against By to same Value time last Target year CP01-P27 Scottish Borders Business Loan Fund - Number of loans How many loans to local businesses did 4.5 we award? 4 Observations: 3.5 3 -2.5 4 loans were approved out of 4 applications in 2 Bryan **ر**اً] this Quarter, worth £72,000 in total. Both the 1.5 McGrath number and value are higher than Q3, and the 1 0.5 same time last year. 212015/16 042015116 022015115 032015116 As reported to SBC'S Executive Committee on 10th May, the 2015/16 Business Loan Fund Ouarters — Family Group (previous vr) - Av, — SBC (previous vr) - Av (started a few months into 2015/16) approved Scotland (previous vr) - Av 7 loans with a combined value of £129,504. CP01-P28 Scottish Borders Business Loan Fund - Value of loans How much money £70,000.00 did those loans add This differs from the annual figure shown within £60,000.00 up to? this report (9 loans approved with a combined £50.000.00 value of £162k). This is because 2 loans from £40,000.00 the 2014/15 Fund were submitted and £30.000.00 Bryan ¶\_∃ £72,000 approved in Q1 15-16 and are therefore McGrath £20,000.00 included in the total for 15/16 (last year's Fund £10.000.00 was allowed to run on a few months, due to the £0.00 22015115 CA2015116 delay in starting the 15/16 Fund) Quarters — Family Group (previous yr) - Av. — SBC (previous yr) - Av. Scotland (previous vr) - Av



### Short Name Trend Chart Status Managed Current Commentary Compared against By Value to same time last Target vear CP01-P52 Number of Planning Applications Received Observations: How many planning 350 -The number of applications received has been applications do we 300 receive? broadly in line with the previous guarter at 300. 250 -As the number of application is dependent on 200 market conditions and actions by third party, 150 Brian 300 the planning service has limited impact on 100 Frater increasing the number of applications received. 50 n 212015116 Q22015116 32015116 Ouarters — Family Group (previous vr) - Av, — SBC (previous vr) - Av - Scotland (previous vr) - Av CP01-P54aP How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning How lona in weeks How are we performing: applications for major developments? 175.0 does it take on 150.0 average to process There were no major applications determined in 125.0 the last quarter. Over the longer term, there all planning has been a significant improvement in times applications for 100.0 taken to determine major applications. The maior 75.0 figure of 5.4 weeks can be read against a developments? 50.0 Scottish average of 35 weeks in Q3 (note one 22.0 25.0 14.4 5.4 quarter lag in adjusted data) 0.0 0.0 0.0 022015116 Actions we are taking to improve/maintain []€] Ian 0.0 performance: Aikman - Family Group (previous yr) - Av. - SBC (previous yr) - Av Quarters - Target (Quarters) Scotland (previous vr) - Av. Provisions of the Development Management Improvement Plan, such as the greater use of processing agreements, project management approach to determine major applications, better case management and monitoring of applications and the introduction of new processes for concluding legal agreements have all contributed to this improvement in performance.

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How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning applications for non-household developments?	CP01-P55aP How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning applications for non-household developments?	17.1	How are we performing: There was an improvement in processing times with a reduction in the average number of weeks in this category from 19.2 weeks in the preceding quarter to 17.1 weeks in Q3. The Scottish average for the period was 11.7 weeks. SBC performance is influenced heavily by the number of legal agreements required under the developer contributions policy. However, whilst further action is required to move towards the Scottish average it should be noted that there is has been a progressive improvement in performance in comparison to previous years from 26.8 weeks in 2013/13 and 22.7 weeks in 2014/15 (note one quarter lag in adjusted data) Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: As above			Ian Aikman
How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning applications for household developments?	CP01-P56aP How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning applications for household developments?	6.5	How are we performing: There has been a reduction in the time taken to determine householder applications from 6.9 weeks to 6.5 week. This reflects well against the Scottish average for that quarter of 7.4 weeks for quarter 3. This reflects a progressive downward trend in time taken to determine applications from 8.6 weeks in 2013/14 and 7.5 in 2014/15. (note one quarter lag in adjusted data) Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: As above			Ian Aikman

#### Short Name Trend Chart Status Managed Current Commentary Compared against By Value to same time last Target vear CP01-P25 % of Invoices paid within 30 days How many invoices, How are we performing: 95% The Service has had a number of resource received by us, 90% were paid within 30 challenges over the last number of months, 85% davs of receiving 80% which has adversely affected performance. 75% the invoice? 70% Actions we are taking to improve/maintain 65% performance: Ģ Lvnn 60% 90% These have now been resolved and it is Mirlev 55% expected that the indicator will show a 50% Q12015116 Q22015116 0.32015116 significant improvement for the next reporting period. Overall the indicator is 92% for the year Ouarters — Family Group (previous vr) - Av, — SBC (previous vr) - Av which is more indicative of general Scotland (previous yr) - Av. performance. CP01-P33P How many additional homes were provided last year that were affordable to How many Observations: people in the Borders, based on our wages? additional homes 225 -Over the 4 year period 2012-2016, a total of 200 467 new affordable homes have been delivered were provided last 175 vear that were (averaging at 116 units per annum exceeding) 150 the Council's target of 100 new affordable affordable to people 125 113 homes per annum. Of the 220 homes delivered: in the Borders, 100 based on our - 184 homes were for social rent and mid-72 75 market rent by Registered Social Landlords wages? 50 Cathie ĽЭ 220 - 13 for mid-market rent via the Council's 25 Fancy National Housing Trust (NHT) Local Authority 0 2012/13 PLANS DELLO Variant initiative - 12 via the Scottish Government's Open Years — Family Group - Av. — Family Group (previous vr) - Av. — SBC (previous vr) - Av. - Scotland - Av. ---- Scotland (previous vr) - Av. Market Shared Ownership mechanism. The remaining 11 homes were individual house purchases by Registered Social Landlords. Current estimates see the delivery of 107 new affordable homes for 2016- 2017