

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE 2017/18 HOW ARE WE DOING?

In 2013, we published our Corporate Plan, with eight priorities to work towards over a five year period. This summary provides an overview of performance during 2017/18, under each of the 8 Corporate Priorities. We continue to make significant progress across a number of key areas such as the economy and education, but recognise that there are ongoing challenges to face in the coming years. Reviewing performance information regularly is a vital part of ensuring we stay focused on what is important; *ensuring the best quality of life for everyone in the Scottish Borders, prosperity for our businesses and good health and resilience for all our communities.*

KEY

100,491

phone interactions were

(down from 103.761 in 16/17)

logged by our **Contact**

Centres in 2017/18

A mixture of performance information is provided under each priority:

The top half of each page contains high level performance indicators that show, for example, the general health of the economy. For comparison we have included last years figure and any Scottish data (where applicable). While the Council may have influence over these indicators, they are largely contextual in nature, and the information is displayed within a grey box.



The bottom half of each page contains performance indicators that we have more influence over, for example, how quickly we process planning applications. Information for each indicator is displayed within a white box above a coloured section. This coloured section (where applicable) will be either Green, Amber or Red and shows where performance has improved or reduced against the **previous year**.

green - improved performance amber - a minor change in performance red - area for improvement grey - for information





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01 **ENCOURAGE** SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

CLAIMANT COUNT

(18-24YR OLDS)

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CLAIMANT COUNT

(16-64YR OLDS)

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New Enterprise Agency for South of Scotland

A key outcome from the Council's Economic Development activity in 2017/18 was the successful lobbying of Scottish Government to create a new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency. This was the realisation of a long-term approach, driven by the Council through the South of Scotland

6.7 weeks

weeks for householders

(Q3 16/17 7.4 weeks)

Enterprise, offers a tremendous opportunity to transform the area's economy, building on its significant strengths and traditions. It is a once in a generation opportunity to secure a more prosperous future for the region. A South of Scotland Economic

Consultation on a new **Enterprise Agency for** the South of Scotland



2018, to be delivered

ENVIRONMENT AND VOLUNTARY

	of people aged between 16-64 now in employm		are now	3% ing age people out of work and g benefits	3.43% of young peop now out of wo claiming bene	l e are rk and	1,307 received duri 2017/18	ng	Alliance econom busines the Sou	e, to highlight the nic challenges faced sses and communitie ith of Scotland.	by as an es in to de econ and p	nership has been se interim arrangeme liver a fresh approad omic growth in the a pave the way for the	et up th ent P ch to area h new e	economic-po	Economic ult.gov.scot/ olicy-unit/	
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	(down from 231	in 16/17)		(up from £71.2	k in 16/17)	(abov	e target of 128)		(Q3	3 16/17 0.0 weeks)						
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	supported in 20	-	-	33 successful a	applications to the	78	%		(Q3	16/17 6.9 weeks)				COMMUN	ITIES	
				Scottish Borders Business Fund		on av	on average were paid within 30					F	NVIRONMENT		NTARY	

PLANNING

on average were paid within 30

(down from 91% in 16/17)

days during 2017/18

APPLICATIONS

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(down from £131.5k in 16/17)

Correct at time of publication: 12 June 2018.

(up from 1,085 in 16/17)

April 2017 – March 2018:

EMPLOYMENT RATE*

74.5%

Unadjusted data, awaiting information from Scottish Government.

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	Indicator is:	Indicator is:	Indicator is:	🜌 Indicator is
	 On target and as forecast, or In line with national trend, or Showing a long term positive trend 	 Just off target /off forecast, or Showing longer term trends that need to be watched 	 Off target & not as forecast, or Out of line with national trends, or Showing longer term negative trends 	 For information or context only, <i>or</i> Difficult to set a target, due to factors out with our control

Priority 1: Sustainable Economic Development – Executive Quarterly PIs

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Working age population (16 - 64) employment rate	CP01-P001aP What percentage of people aged between 16-64 are in employment? 80% 77.5% 75% 74% 74.1% 74.1% 74.7% 74.5% 74.5% 74.1% 74.1% 74.1% 74.1% 74.5% 74.5% 74.5% 74.5% 74.5% 74.5% 74.5% 72.5% 70% 65% 65% 60% 20.15% 20.15% 60% 20.15% 60% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15% 20.15%	74.5%	Observations: The number of people in work is now 53,500 (74.5%), which is 200 more than in Q2 of 2017-18. The Scottish Borders rate remains higher than the Scottish rate (74.3%), but is below the UK rate (74.9%). Note: Red line indicates national rate, and one quarter lag in data	②	Bryan McGrath
Working age population (16 - 64) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	CP01-P001bP Working age population (16 - 64) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	1.63%	Observations: The average rate of people aged 16-64 claiming out of work benefits was 1.62%, lower than the Scottish rate of 2.5%. At the end of March 2018, there were 1,150 people claiming out of works benefits, which is 115 more than at the end of the previous Quarter, but 130 less than at the same time last year. <i>Note: Red line indicates national rate</i>		Bryan McGrath

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Working age population (18 - 24) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA)	CP01-P001cP Working age population (18 - 24) Claimant Count (including Universal Credit and JSA) 3.5% 3.5% 3.6% 2.5% 2.5% 2.5% 0.5% 0% Current age (Quarters) — Family Group (previous yr) - Av. Sothand (previous yr) - Av.	3.43%	Observations: The average rate of people aged 18-24 claiming out of work benefits was 3.43% in the last Quarter, lower than the Scottish average of 3.5%. At the end of March 2018, there were 280 young people claiming out of work benefits, which is 35 more than at the end of the last Quarter and 20 less than at the same time last year. <i>Note: Red line indicates national rate</i>	©	Bryan McGrath
Number of new Business Start Ups -Through Business Gateway	CP01-P001dP How many new businesses has Business Gateway help create?	63	Observations: Business Gateway start-up Advisers assisted a total of sixty three start-up businesses in the fourth quarter of 2017/18. Historically there is a higher number of start- ups in Q4 of each year, and this year would confirm that It is encouraging for the region to be producing this level of start-up activity in the current climate and it is hope d that this can be sustained through the next quarter.		Bryan McGrath



Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Scottish Borders Business Loan Fund - Number of Ioans	CP01-P001fP How many loans to local businesses did we award? 4 3.5 3 2.5 2 1.5 1 0.5 0 0 0 0.5 0	3	Observations: Three loans were approved in this Quarter from four applications. The businesses benefiting from these loans are in the retail, leisure, and construction sectors. The local business loan fund continues to be		Bryan McGrath
Scottish Borders Business Loan Fund - Value of loans	CP01-P001gP How much money did those loans add up to? £50,000.00 £40,000.00 £41,148.00 £40,000.00 £41,148.00 £41,148.00 £40,000.00 £41,148.00 £41,148.00 £30,000.00 £40,000.00 £41,148.00 £30,000.00 £41,148.00 £41,148.00 £30,000.00 £41,148.00 £41,148.00 £30,000.00 £41,148.00 £41,148.00 £20,000.00 £50,000.00 £50,000 £50,000 £10,000.00 £0,00 £60,00 £60,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £60,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00 £0,00 £0,000 £0,00 £0,00	£41,148	marketed and is aimed at businesses where projects would not meet the criteria for the Business Loans Scotland scheme. Note - The local Scottish Borders Business Loan Fund offers loans up to £20k with no interest. Business Loans Scotland (BLS) offers loans of £25-100k with 6% interest		Bryan McGrath

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Scottish Borders Business Fund - Number of grants	CP01-P001hP How many grants to local businesses did we award?	7	Observations: The number of grants awarded in this Quarter was unchanged from the previous Quarter with 7 grants approved from 8 applications. The £24,353 awarded in		Bryan McGrath
Scottish Borders Business Fund - Value of grants	EP01-P001iP How much money did those grants add up to? £35,000.00 £26,671.04 £25,000.00 £26,671.04 £25,000.00 £26,671.04 £20,000.00 £26,671.04 £20,000.00 £26,671.04 £20,000.00 £26,671.04 £20,000.00 £20,395.40 £15,000.00 £19,367.25 £10,000.00 £0.00 £0.00 £20,011 ^{NB} 20,001 £2,20 ^{NNB} 20,001 £2,20 ^{NNB} 20,001 £2,20 ^{NNB} 20,000 £2,20 ^{NNB} 20,001 £2,20 ^{NNB} <	£24,352.94	this Quarter is expected to create leverage of £32,866 in private sector project spend. It is predicted that 27 (FTE) jobs will be created and 23 jobs safeguarded as a result of these projects. Sectors supported include tourism, retail, and food and drink.		Bryan McGrath

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Number of Planning Applications Received	CP01-P001/P How many planning applications do we receive?	312	Observations: The total number of planning applications received in the first quarter of 2018 was 312 a reduction 73 (or 19%) on the same period in 2017.		Ian Aikman
Av.time (wks) taken to process all planning apps - Maj Dev ADJUSTED (cumulative)	CP01-P001kP How long in weeks does it take on average to process all planning applications for major developments? 40.0 35.0 25.0 20.0 15.0 15.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	11.0	Observations: Figures received from Scottish Government show an adjusted position of 11.0 weeks for Q3. All major developments are now subject to processing agreements.		Ian Aikman



Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
% of Invoices paid within 30 days	CP01-P001rP How many invoices, received by us, were paid within 30 days of receiving the invoice?	82%	Observations: The consistency of the indicator level has improved, however remains lower than expected. Further analysis is ongoing to better understand and determine the accuracy of the metrics behind the reporting functionality.		Kathryn Dickson
How many additional homes were provided last year that were affordable to people in the Borders, based on our wages?	CP01-P001tP How many additional homes were provided last year that were affordable to people in the Borders, based on our wages?	145	Observations: A total of 145 homes were delivered over the financial period 2017-18, higher than the 83 envisaged in Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2018/2023, and above our target of 128. Of these, Registered Social Landlords have delivered 112 units through new build, remodelling and acquisitions. 33 individual home purchases have been assisted via the Scottish Government's Open Market Shared Ownership mechanism. The 112 RSL delivered units included: . 18 at Roxburgh Street, Kelso . 16 at Easter Langlee, Galashiels . 19 at Sergeants Park, Newtown St. Boswells . 16 at Todlaw, Duns . 21 at Chris Paterson Place, Galashiels		Cathie Fancy