

Responses to queries raised by elected members on 27 April 2022

Query/Ask	Response
Tay Cities Region Deal	
Local Full Fibre Network When will the connection/fibre “light up” process be complete by?	For the Perth City sites – 29 have already been connected as at end April, with three due to be connected in April, one in September, one in December 2022. For the rural sites the vast majority will be connected by the end of December 2022.
Economic Wellbeing Plan	
Action No. Pe7 ESF Positive Futures Why did Welfare Rights withdraw from the project?	After careful consideration, it was agreed that the Welfare Rights Team would not re-apply for ESF funding. There were a variety of reasons for this, including that we had been successful in securing funding from the Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative. This allowed us to continue to deliver our services in the most accessible way, ensuring best use of existing resources to assist low income households in Perth and Kinross.
Action No. B20 Acceleration of Affordable Housing Investment How does PKC compare to other LA’s?	It is not easy to make simple comparisons, however in terms of our allocation over the last five years we rank 12 of the 32 local authorities. Our performance in terms of delivery is rated positively by the Scottish Government.
Action Nos. Pe2 and Pe3 Adult and Youth Employability Provision People action re recent Skills Academies – numbers and outcome?	HGV/LGV – 10 starts; 3 job outcomes to date; Digital Skills – 8 starts/5 completed all moving onto full-time college courses. STEM/Green 8 starts – no outcomes yet. Hospitality – did not run due to no applicants.

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<p>Action No. PL9 Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund How did we compare in terms of other areas and % funding pot?</p>	<p>£14M was distributed through the Fund to 18 areas across Scotland (16 La's and the 2 National Parks). Perth & Kinross received £914K (6.5%) of the total, and 5th highest allocation. Areas with higher allocations were; Highland (£5.3M), Argyll & Bute (£1.4M), Loch Lomond & Trossachs (£1.03M), and Aberdeenshire (£988K)</p>
<p>Action No. B1 Covid Business Grants Check some details/figures which appear to be missing or incorrect? Also, can a more detailed breakdown be provided of the different types of grant & numbers/values?</p>	<p>In December 21 and January 22, the Scottish Government allocated funding to support businesses affected by the emerging Omicron variant of Covid 19. The funding was to support those in hospitality and leisure sector and that had suffered a loss in trade. A table detailing the various funds paid out in 2020/21 and 2021/22 is attached. In total we allocated £62.5M of grant funding in 20/21 and £24M in 2021/22.</p>
<p>Request to understand the level of funding secured from both Scottish Government and UK Government to fund the actions.</p>	<p>See funding table.</p>
<p>Suggestion to add glossary of terms/acronyms</p>	<p>This will be added to the updated version which will be published on the Council's website.</p>
<p>RAG status Can this be amended to make it more accessible/clearer?</p>	<p>We will revise the table by adding an R, A, or G letter to the RAG box for each action in the updated version that will be added to the Council website.</p>