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Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

Introduction

CECA Scotland will be producing regular updates to keep member companies updated on new developments relating to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Scottish civils sector. This briefing will be delivered daily and posted on our website. If you would like further information or to share your experiences about how COVID-19 is impacting on your business, contact our Chief Executive, Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or grahame@cecascotland.co.uk.

Construction Procurement Update

A Construction Policy Note has been issued today confirming that guidance in CPN 1/2020 will remain applicable after 30th June and will expire after 30 September 2020. This is in line with the Scottish Government's objective of ensuring a responsible approach to the containment of COVID-19, while being able to respond to both critical and longer-term recovery requirements.

You can read update [here](#) and the full Construction Policy Note 5/2020 [here](#).

Scottish Economy Update

The latest statistics published today by the Scottish Government reveal that economic output fell by 2.5% in the first quarter of 2020. Mirroring results of recent CECA Workload Trends Surveys, output in the construction sector was down by 3.4%. These figures cover January to March, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

New monthly GDP statistics have also been published today for the first time. These are being developed by the Scottish Government to help track the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and are badged as experimental statistics (not national statistics). The new statistics show that Scotland's GDP is provisionally estimated to have fallen by 18.9% during April, after a fall of 5.0% in March. This indicates the direct economic impact of COVID-19 in Scotland during the first weeks and full month of the lockdown phase. Read more [here](#).

COVID-19 Framework for Decision Making Routemap Updates

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Easy Read Version: An Easy Read version of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 Routemap has been published today and can be read [here](#).

Translations: The COVID-19 Routemap has also been translated into Arabic, Gaelic, Polish and Mandarin. These versions can be downloaded [here](#).

CECA Scotland Business Planning Webinar

CECA Scotland are delivering a webinar in partnership with our auditors, Johnson Carmichael: "Business Planning: How to navigate the recovery from COVID-19". The webinar will be delivered on Wednesday 24th June at 11am.

It will cover scenario planning; the importance of robust management information; operational reviews; longer term liquidity and an update on government lending schemes. It will also provide an opportunity to hear from and share insight with other business leaders on these key matters. Sign up [here](#).

Building Certification Schemes - Letter from Kevin Stewart MSP

Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning Kevin Stewart MSP has written to local authorities, in his capacity as Chair of the Construction Leadership Forum on COVID-19 Recovery Planning, providing guidance on the role of certification as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and encouraging increased use of certification schemes. Read his letter [here](#).

Building Standards & Construction Restart

Scottish Government Head of Building Standards, Stephen Garvin, has written today to local authorities about the restart of the construction industry and site inspections. Read his letter [here](#).

COVID-19 - Support for Self-employed: New Rules

Updated guidance published on 12th June, for the second phase of the Self Employment Income Support Scheme states that if you make a claim for the second grant you will have to confirm your business has been [adversely affected](#) on or after 14 July 2020. This second grant is to cover 70% of average monthly trading profits and is paid in a single instalment covering a further 3 months of profits, capped at £6,570 in total.

For more information please contact Grahame Barn on grahame@cecascotland.co.uk

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In summary, the first support grant is for self-employed people whose businesses were impacted by Covid-19 *before* 13 July and the second, which comes in August, is for those impacted by COVID-19 *on or after* 14 Jul'. If impacted before and after those dates, you are due both. More details can be found [here](#).

Low Carbon Energy Project Development Fund

Full details have been published today on how to apply for the Low Carbon Energy Project Development Fund, aimed at helping develop and deliver low carbon heat and renewable electricity solutions. Read more [here](#).

This is part of the Scottish Government's plans for a green recovery, which you can read about [here](#).

Scottish Civil Engineering Awards 2020 Postponed

In light of continued COVID-19 public health guidance and the wider industry landscape, CECA Scotland and ICE Scotland have agreed to postpone the Awards until Spring 2021. All entries received before the 1st June deadline will be carried forward, with a new window for additional entries opening later this year.

For more details, click [here](#).

You can access the Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 Construction Sector guidance [here](#).

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