

BANFF REGENERATION VISION AND ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Mar-19

Status Key:

Complete (green)
Action initiated: Delivery phase (blue)
Action initiated: Development phase (yellow)
Not started (red)

ACTION THEME 1 - DIVERSE ECONOMY					
AIM:	Building a more diverse and resilient business base and higher wage economy.				
OUTCOME:	Incomes are increased and the business base is increasingly diverse with more opportunities for growth.				
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1.1 More vibrant Banff Harbour and Marina	Provision of showers (green)	This was part of the Banff Harbour Business Plan to improve the utilisation of the harbour & marina. Showers completed and installed	Corrie McCall		• Improved customer experience
	Marina 10 year celebration (green)	A celebratory event was held to help promote the harbour's contribution to the community. Complete.	Corrie McCall	£5,603.00	Actual: • Events held (1) • No. of participants (300)
	Marketing (blue)	Plans are underway to develop and maintain harbour marketing and promotions materials inclusive of Website improvements and social media. Welcome Packs in progress and will be developed with a rebranding effort. Newsletters are produced quarterly to inform customers of recent developments. Ongoing.	Corrie McCall		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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1.1 More vibrant Banff Harbour and Marina	Ongoing Repairs (blue)	<p>The scope of the repairs to the Railway Jetty expanded to include repairs to the East Pier and North Pier. BBAC approved funding of up to £1.5mil for the combined repairs. BBAC also approved the appointment of AMCO as principal contractor for the works through a direct award. AECOM's appointment has been extended to provide consultancy services in the design and supervision of the repairs to the East and North Piers as well as the Railway Jetty. A ground investigation was completed in March 2019 and the results of this will inform the detailed design of the repairs to the Piers and Jetty.</p> <p>Projected project start: June 2019 Projected project end: November 2019</p>	Corrie McCall		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Slipway Extension and Boat Hoist (blue)	<p>NESFLAG funding application successful for the Slipway Extension and Boat Hoist. Grant value £85,011.38, 38% of overall project cost. NESFLAG have confirmed the project should be completed no later than March 2020.</p> <p>Project start: April 2019 Project end: June 2019</p>	Corrie McCall	£137,500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage / match - public (£85,011.38) • No. of New products, processes or services enabled or supported (Target 1) • No. of historically significant buildings improved (Target 1)
	Compound Extension (yellow)	On-hold whilst emergency repairs take priority.	Corrie McCall		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Food provision	Mobile food provision is being explored.	Suzanne Rhind / Jan Emery		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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1.1 More vibrant Banff Harbour and Marina	Wi-Fi (yellow)	Work is ongoing to explore the potential to make wi-fi facilities available at Banff Harbour for users of the Harbour in order to improve the customer experience. The most economic option is likely to be potentially piggy-backing on current arrangements which might be in place already with Aberdeenshire Council.	Jan Emery		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.2 Develop new, niche craft and creative businesses: build on Banff's heritage	Silversmith Project Development (green)	Complete. The success of this phase led to the larger project below.	June Burnett / Jan Emery	£7,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage / match - public (£203,540.11) • No of community projects/initiatives supported (1)
	Silversmith Operational Support (blue)	<p>Vanilla Ink (VI) opened their doors in Banff at the end of September after securing their full funding package, with a civic opening on 21st September and an open day to the general public the following day. On the evening of 22nd September an invite only launch was also held. Workshops/courses commenced w/c 24th September. Their Make a Ring workshop/course has been their most popular to date.</p> <p>In addition to their commercial element, workshops, commissions etc., they have been involved with the Meet Your Maker project in conjunction with Historic Environment Scotland/Duff House working with pupils from Banff Academy.</p> <p>VI are further developing their Social Enterprise element of the project, having secured funding for Make in Metal where they are working with young people on a 6 month project to develop skills and boost confidence for the participants.</p> <p>Project start: July 2018 Project end: April 2020</p>	June Burnett / Jan Emery	£42,750.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage / match - public (£74,624) • No. of new jobs (2) • No. of potential entrepreneurs supported to be enterprise-ready (Target 6) • No. of participants (Target 80)

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1.2 Develop new, niche craft and creative businesses: build on Banff's heritage	Creative Banff (Yellow)	Discussions are underway with Creative Scotland and local and regional partners to look at how we can develop the concept of 'Creative Banff' - a place where creative businesses are attracted, supported and promoted to have a positive impact on the local economy by encouraging visitors to the area, offering skills and training and improving health and wellbeing.	Suzanne Rhind / Naomi Mason		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.3 Town centre business support: 'Retail Plus 2'	Herald Best High Street Award (green)	Complete. This was a national promotional campaign for town centres.	Naomi Mason	£300.00	• No. of marketing / promotional campaigns (1)
	Enterprise Challenge Fund (green)	Complete. This fund aimed to stimulate business collaboration. CAVA group has become organised and is developing. A successful promotional campaign led to 10,000 leaflets being disbursed and new visitors to Banff.	Naomi Mason	£7,000.00	• No. of businesses supported (financial) (7) • No. of sectors supported (1 - retail)
	Digital Open Days 2017 (green)	Complete. This project raised the profile of the digital sector generally.	Jan Emery		• No of events held (1) • No of Participants (400)
	Business Support Package (yellow)	A business support package to follow on from the Enterprise Challenge Fund is in development.	Naomi Mason		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.4 Banff Digital	Business Skills (blue)	After 4 trial workshops (2 digital) being held in Banff and Macduff in 2018, Business Gateway are adding the towns to the Core Programme of Workshop delivery from April.	Naomi Mason		• No of local consultations held (23) • No of participants (29)
	Focus on the Future Facebook Page	Set up in October 2017, the Facebook shares Regeneration good news stories, along with other key town information.	Naomi Mason		• No. of Facebook Page likes (292)

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	Community Website (blue)	Volunteers have been recruited to update the Community elements of the Heritage Website - including Heritage stories, town events calendar and business directory.	Naomi Mason		• No. of volunteers (5)
1.4 Banff Digital	Library Innovation Network Aberdeenshire (yellow)	The LINA project led by RGU will provide workspace for freelancers and entrepreneurs in Banff library, connecting local businesses to RGU's network of mentors and alumni whilst offering training and support. The project is in the development phase as RGU seek funding for a Project Co-ordinator from LEADER. A final decision is expected in May. This lead-in time is being used to discuss the project with local partners and businesses who have offered positive feedback to the concept.	Suzanne Rhind		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Digital Economy development (yellow)	Scoping is underway to investigate the best options for promoting, supporting and encouraging digital activity in Banff to support diverse jobs and economy. To inform this work officers have begun discussions with schools and colleges, businesses, Developing the Young Workforce and Skills Development Scotland.	Suzanne Rhind		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.5 Attract additional public sector jobs	(green)	The Office Space Strategy has now been agreed which considers consolidation of office locations in Peterhead, Stonehaven, Ellon and Inverurie. In Banff, consolidation is now complete at St Leonards and Banff Town House as well as Macduff Depot. The public sector generally is experiencing an issue with recruitment in outward locations such as Banff, which will continue to work against any progress that is possible.	Stephen Archer		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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1.6 Add more value to food and drink products	Food and Drink project development (yellow)	Progress is underway towards developing a programme of activity to support the food and drink sector. ONE are offering a wide variety of events, training and support across Aberdeenshire but this has only reached a limited number of local businesses. We are working with them to bring more events to the area with the first of these planned for May. Alongside this we will host our own event to promote local produce to the retail/service sector. We have also been scoping opportunities for the sector and have opened discussions with schools, businesses, ONE, Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, Interface and Skills Development Scotland to explore additional support for existing businesses and to explore new markets.	Suzanne Rhind		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.7 Banffshire tourism product development	Heritage Trail Phase 1 (green)	This project aimed to engage young people in the heritage of their town and create digital content. Banff Primary were involved in writing and developing content which developed civic pride and gave an insight into digital skills. Complete.	Naomi Mason	£700.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage / Match - Public (£1400) • No. of young people engaged (50) • No. of New or enhanced Visitor activities supported (1) • No. of Marketing or promotional campaigns (9)
	Heritage Trail Phase 2 (green)	The project aimed to develop interest with residents and visitors around Banff and improve interpretation of the towns heritage. 8 Interpretation Panels were installed in Banff and Macduff in November 2018. A website and 9 tours were developed and are being maintained by local volunteers. A formal launch event will be held in May.	Naomi Mason	£16,243.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New or enhanced visitor activities supported (1) • No. of volunteers engaged (40) • No. of Marketing or promotional campaigns (10) • No. of website hits (8980)

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1.7 Banffshire tourism product development	Accommodation Audit (green)	This was to identify opportunities for additional accommodation. A Tourism accommodation audit and report was produced in 2017 covering the Whitehills to Gardenstown area including Banff and Macduff. It is difficult to get real occupancy data from local hotels as this is usually kept commercially sensitive. Visit Scotland prepare occupancy reports for accommodation types. The up to date reports were completed in November 2018. Recent additions of accommodation at the Knowes and Park Hotels will contribute to filling unmet demand. Review the need for further data by March 2021.	David McCubbin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation Audit and Report produced
	Promotion & Publicity (blue)	<p>Banff promoted via the Visit Aberdeenshire website (VA) and social media activity on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and from a corporate side on LinkedIn.</p> <p>Banff was featured in a bloggers/Instagram VA familiarisation visit to the Banffshire Coast.</p> <p>Visit Aberdeenshire (VA) provide opportunities for businesses to advertise their products/services/businesses/deals & offers/competition prizes/events listings free of charge. In addition, where appropriate, specific businesses are invited to be a part of VisitAberdeenshire marketing campaigns dependent on theme/target market.</p> <p>A new Enjoy Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire campaign launched in January across the City and Shire to promote the what's on calendar and encouraging locals to get out and enjoy their local towns/villages and areas at events.</p> <p>A new local business led tourism group have met to explore local opportunities.</p>	David McCubbin		<p>VisitAberdeenshire Website: 1st Jan 2018 – 27th February 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towns and villages – Banff – 2,805 pageviews • What to do – Aberdeenshire Coast –20,115 pageviews* • What to do – Aberdeenshire Coast – Banffshire Coast – 389 pageviews* • Coastal content now sits in 'What to do – Great Outdoors – Coast'. Since launching in December – 914 pageviews <p>* These pages were changed to a new page in December '18 so these stats are only until Dec 2018 before the new pages launched.</p> <p>Products and services in Banff appear in all sections of the VA website from accommodation to food & drink to attractions etc. These figures do not reflect all the individual business and event listings statistics that are achieved for Banff.</p>

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1.7 Banffshire tourism product development	Events (blue)	<p>VA hosted a networking event at Macduff Marine Aquarium on 20 February for Banffshire coast area businesses. The event had a focus on new visitor experiences in the region and delegates heard presentations about the Banff and Macduff Heritage Trail and Vanilla Ink: The Smiddy as well as Brewdog and High Spirit Tours. The event had the important role of allowing networking opportunities with likeminded businesses and featured a literature swap. In addition delegates had the opportunity of a guided tour of the aquarium. 62 businesses attended the evening.</p> <p>Attendance by Macduff businesses at 7 events, covering a wide variety of topics including: Are you travel trade ready? Inbound operators Workshop; Cruise Ready Workshop, VA 'New Products' Networking Event and Commercialising your attraction for the Travel Trade.</p>	David McCubbin		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	CAVA (blue)	Continuing to support group to develop their marketing package.	Naomi Mason		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Partnership Working (blue)	Ongoing dialogue and engagement between businesses in Banff and David McCubbin (VA) through regular business meetings in Banff.	David McCubbin		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Heritage Trail Phase 3 (yellow)	Development of 'add on's to the Heritage Trail, currently in the research phase. Volunteer capacity building.	Naomi Mason		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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1.7 Banffshire tourism product development	Wrack Woodland (yellow)	<p>The project to achieve a greater level of Stewardship at Wrack Woodland is progressing. The owners of the woodland are in the process of commissioning a Forestry Specialist to produce a Management Plan of the wood to submit to the Forestry Commission. Once complete, this will allow the owners to submit an application for a Capital Grant. If awarded, this Grant will fund substantive works within the woodland. Various stakeholder groups, including the Banff & Macduff Community Council, the Friends of Duff House and the Banff Preservation & Heritage Society have all offered to provide volunteers to carry out lower level work. This group will be supported by the Community Woodland Trust, which is instructed by the Forestry Commission as part of their response to the owners application for Capital Grant funding. This all feeds into the overall Management Plan. Next progress meeting, with all stakeholders will take place on 2nd April 2019. It is expected that works can begin, dependent on partners, by August 2019.</p>	Jan Emery		<p>The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.</p>

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1.7 Banffshire tourism product development	Cruise project development (yellow)	<p>A cruise workshop was held on 5th December 2018 by VisitAberdeenshire in partnership with Scottish Enterprise and was open to any business interested in the cruise market including transport operators, visitor attractions, visitor and activity providers, tour guides, retail and catering outlets. The workshop gave businesses the opportunity to learn how to make their product cruise ready and how to get their product in front of shore excursion companies.</p> <p>Some local businesses have chosen to deal directly in regard to taking up Cruise opportunities, which Visit Aberdeenshire are aware of. A new Cruise Project Manager has been appointed.</p>	David McCubbin / Jan Emery		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
1.8 Improve the area profile to attract professional staff such as doctors and teachers	Promotional Video (blue)	An Inward Investment project was initiated by Aberdeenshire Council to attract businesses to locate in the region. A video on Banff and Macduff will be uploaded onto this portal. The draft film was prepared and circulated last year (2018). Partner comments are being factored into the final version and new content has had to be procured which has delayed the final version. Completion by end March 2019.	James Welsh / Linda Hendry	£6,100.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of promotional or marketing campaigns (2)
1.9 Reduce barriers to business success	Business Workshops (blue)	After 4 trial workshops (2 digital) being held in Banff and Macduff in 2018, Business Gateway are adding the towns to the Core Programme of Workshop delivery with 2 per quarter on the catalogue.	Naomi Mason		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of local consultations held (23) • No of participants (29) • No of training events held (4) • No of businesses supported - other (29)

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1.9 Reduce barriers to business success	Planning Delivery Team (yellow)	Presentations given on Simplified Planning Zones (SPZ) to Development Partnerships in Macduff and Fraserburgh. Banff wasn't considered suitable given lack of allocated land and the extent of the conservation area. The government are currently reviewing SPZ including whether they could be utilised in conservation areas etc so may be worth a look again in the future.	David MacLennan		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
Total budget committed to date				£223,196.00	
Total budget				£435,000.00	

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ACTION THEME 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY

AIM: Securing the regeneration and re-use of key sites and buildings and delivering the infrastructure capability to facilitate business and community success.

OUTCOME: Key sites and buildings are re-used/re-developed, leading to the transformation of the townscape, new local economic activity and the community develop an increased pride of place as a result.

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2.1 Secure the regeneration and re-use of redundant property	Property Investment Fund (blue)	The Property Investment Fund has seen one successful Phase 2 grant awarded (£7,165) to a property at 15 Boyndie Street. Works are now complete, with the owner now operating an accountancy practice from the premises.	June Burnett		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of 1 property
	49-53 Bridge St (blue)	<p>Following the completion of the funding package by NESPT, work has started on the restoration of 49-53 Bridge Street to see the creation of accommodation for those visiting the silversmithing workshop at the Smiddy. Having these properties completed will have a positive impact on Bridge Street and Low Street.</p> <p>Project start: March 2019 Project end: September 2019</p>	Nick Brown	£125,250.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage / match - public (£470,120) • No of community groups supported (1) • Redevelopment of 3 town houses; reduction of dereliction; • Improvement of footfall from creation of visitor accommodation; • Supports the silversmith project which aims to develop silver smithing as a revived trade.
		The building works at the Smiddy are now complete, allowing for the new tenants Vanilla Ink to open their purpose built silversmithing workshop, bringing a new trade back to Banff. (green)			

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2.1 Secure the regeneration and re-use of redundant property	Bridge Street and Lower Banff CARS scheme (blue)	Works at the former Tollbooth Hotel are complete. This is a prominent building in the centre of town which required restoration for a number of years. Works were carried out here to see the repair of the roof, removal and replacement of the harling, repair and painting of the windows and the replacement rainwater goods. (green)	Yvonne Clark		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 building brought back into use. • £203,540.11 levered in external funding for the Smiddy. • 15 owners offered a small project grant. • 2 priority projects underway, 2 completed.
		Grant eligible works are complete at 1A Carmelite Street. Works are continuing by the owners to renovate the shop on the ground floor. (green)			
		44 Bridge Street – these works are now complete to the frontage of the property. Works included repairs to windows, doors, shopfront and the removal and replacement of the harling. These works have contributed significantly to the appearance of the street. (green)			
		The Banff CARS scheme also contributed funds towards the Banff and Macduff Heritage Trail, which has seen a number of interpretation boards and walking trails across both towns and an associated website created. (green)			
		18-20 Low Street is nearing completion. Works here are to carry out repairs to the exterior of the property, with roof repairs, stone repairs and repair and replacement of the windows. (blue)			
		There are a final 2 small grant projects to be completed before the end of the scheme. (blue)			

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2.1 Secure the regeneration and re-use of redundant property		The apprentice who is being funded through the Scheme continues to attend college with continuing good reports from his employer being received. (blue)			
	Proactive planning approaches (blue)	During Banff CARS scheme repairs notices were prepared for 3 properties which resulted in necessary works being taken forward. Assistance has been given to several property owners within the CARS scheme to help with sourcing tenders and apply for funding.	Debbie Burroughs		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Aberdeenshire Council Property Disposal Strategy: Winston House / Cape House (blue)	The Council are in receipt of offers in respect of Winston House and Cape House, these are currently going through the next stage of the process, i.e. conclusion of the missives.	Allan Whyte		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	The Vinery (yellow)	In September 2018 an application for funding was made to Scottish Government for a community based restoration project at the Vinery, Airlie Gardens. Whilst the application was unsuccessful on this occasion, feedback noted that the project proposal did meet necessary criteria and an invitation was extended to consider resubmitting the application this year. We are also actively reviewing other funding streams for this highly visible property.	Debbie Burroughs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of historically important buildings improved (Target - 1) • No. of projects providing improved access to local green space or other natural amenity (Target - 1)

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2.1 Secure the regeneration and re-use of redundant property	Aberdeenshire Council Property Disposal Strategy: Canal Park (yellow)	Land and buildings will be on the market in early March 2019.	Allan Whyte		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
2.2 Promote an improved network of walking and cycling routes that are interesting, engaging and motivate frequent use	Heritage Trail Phase 2 (green)	8 Interpretation Panels were installed in Banff and Macduff in November 2018. A website and 9 tours were developed and are being maintained by local volunteers.	Naomi Mason		• Leverage / match - public (£14,514)
	Banff and Macduff Integrated Town Travel programme - audits (yellow)	The Banff and Macduff Integrated Town Travel programme involving consultation and research on cycle paths/foot paths – locations of bike racks, seating, shelters and safer routes to schools is ongoing. Capital costs of implementation will then be investigated and considered. Street audits from 'Living Streets' were carried out between November 2017, and January 2018, the data collected has been analysed and reports drafted.	Chris Menzies		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Banff and Macduff Integrated Town Travel programme - Development (red)	Funding has been awarded via the Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP) 18/19 programme to start looking at ITT2s in more detail. We will be approaching consultants to start this process with a series of engagement events likely March 2019 and this will then lead onto further works associated with development of a Masterplan document. At this stage it is too early to know when the capital works will take place.	Chris Menzies		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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2.3 A947 road investment and improve connectivity and circulation between Banff and Macduff	A947 (blue)	A Member officer group has been established to inform and progress the next steps of the Agreed A947 Action Plan. Current issues are related to the uncertainty of future route options for the A96 and their impact on the A947; travel patterns post AWPR opening; and also availability of future capital allocations to implement some of the planned interventions. Meantime, further assessment is being undertaken on four identified priority junctions on the route including the two identified opportunities in the Action Plan.	Ewan Wallace		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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2.3 A947 road investment and improve connectivity and circulation between Banff and Macduff	Banff Bridge (yellow)	<p>B and B Area Committee agreed in December 2018 to take forward an options appraisal study on the viability of a new pedestrian/cycle bridge. This will assess the deliverability of a bridge adjacent or very close to the current Banff Bridge.</p> <p>While continuing to acknowledge the need and desirability of a replacement road crossing there is no current likelihood of funding becoming available in the near future. Attracting external funding for an 'active travel' bridge for pedestrians/cyclists is more likely and would deliver a safer and more attractive crossing option for pedestrians/cyclists and open the possibility (subject to load assessments) of widening the existing road deck to enable better flows of traffic.</p> <p>Officers are drafting the detailed brief for the study, which due to its specialist nature will be out to tender. The options appraisal will explore where a new bridge could be built given the challenges of the location (topography, oceanography, land ownership and the historic status of Banff Bridge) and indicate the likely costs of a crossing. Officers are currently finalising the details of the tender to be issued in March 2019. It will include the need for engagement with the Area Committee, Community Council and local communities.</p>	Ewan Wallace		<p>The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.</p>
2.4 Lower Banff Re-development	Options Appraisal (green)	Complete.	David MacLennan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Masterplan completed for lower Banff

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2.4 Lower Banff Re-development	Public realm design (yellow)	Officers are currently looking at funding opportunities for the Bridge Street public realm improvements. The Area Committee were very supportive of the proposals and recent public consultation events have also seen the plans well received.	David MacLennan	£33,164.00	• Public Realm Design for Bridge Street completed.
	Deveronside (yellow)	The options appraisal has been completed and reported to Area Committee in February.	David MacLennan		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
2.5 Ensure an adequate supply of marketable employment land	(blue)	At present there are no immediate plans to add to the supply of employment land in Banff. However, Depot development will release potential additional small sites in Banff and the site of former Grampian Country Foods factory (now demolished) at Tannery Street is undeveloped. At present there are four employment land sites available at Tarlair in Macduff plus a further site which is "under offer". There is a substantial additional area here allocated in the 2017 Local Development Plan for Business/Employment uses.	Allan Whyte		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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2.6 Apply town centre first principles	(green)	<p>This is a public sector initiative to monitor the impact of decisions taken through the council on the town centres of Aberdeenshire. The Town Centre First Principle was taken to the six Area Committees and approved by ISC in December 2016. It was launched in June 2017 and ambassadors have been nominated from each service. An Aldo training course was developed for relevant officers ahead of the roll out through all committees on the 1st November 2017. Work is now underway to embed the Principle into all strategies, policies and area plans.</p> <p>The council has achieved a COSLA Silver award for this work.</p> <p>The third phase of the Town Centre First Principle is currently being rolled out, discussions have begun with the Cohesive Communities group and the Community Planning Executive Board. The principle is continually being embedded into service policy as they are developed or renewed.</p>	Audrey Michie		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy approval at ISC 1 December 2016 • Training Module Complete • Guidance and Corporate Communication Strategy in place • Launch through committee 1st November 2017 • Plan in place by June 2018 for embedment of TCF into policies and strategies • COSLA Silver Award was granted in November • Presentation given by Chief Executive at the Place Leadership Conference in November
2.7 Improve housing quality and choice	Brownfield land development (yellow)	<p>Golden Knowes Road, Banff: Castlehill Housing association are delivering 29 affordable units for social rent. It is expected that they will start on site in Spring 2019 with completion estimated to be by Summer 2020.</p> <p>Work continues to identify new viable opportunities for delivering affordable housing.</p>	Elise Young		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
Total Budget Agreed to Date				£158,414.00	
Total Budget				£175,000.00	

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Status Key:

Complete (green)
Action initiated: Delivery phase (blue)
Action initiated: Development phase (yellow)
Not started (red)

ACTION THEME 3 - PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY					
AIM:	Health and well-being are fundamental to Banff's economic growth. Community momentum and cohesion will be improved with individuals confident to work together and inspired to celebrate their culture, their sense of place and make improvements to their career opportunities.				
OUTCOME:	Improved health statistics, increased community capacity and a stronger third sector with individuals and businesses improving productivity and pay so that average incomes continue to rise.				
Action / Objective	Project / Status	Update	Lead	Regen Budget Agreed	Key Outputs achieved & Expected Outcomes / Impacts from agreements made
3.1 Health and wellbeing: key component of economic growth, develop innovation and aspiration within community and individuals	Deveron Centre	The Deveron Centre is continuing to perform very well. The last full year attendance figures were 202,426. Current membership figures stand at 1346.	Terry Parker		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Meet the Maker	A Historic Environment Scotland project which links young people with craft workers to learn new skills has been run at Banff Academy. The work created is now on exhibition at Duff House.	HES/Banff Academy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of young people engaged (22)
3.2 Strengthen local third sector organisations: enabling and motivating community groups to grow	TURF Fit's New events	Events to engage the community in local developments. Complete.	Naomi Mason	£145.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of community events held (1) No of participants (82)
	Banff and Macduff Men's Shed	The group are now constituted, have held an AGM and have an active committee, with about 20 active members and over 50 members following them via Facebook. They have secured premises and equipment.	Angela Allan		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Mapping Community Assets	Work has commenced to identify local community assets and resources.	Debra Campbell		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.

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3.2 Strengthen local third sector organisations: enabling and motivating community groups to grow	The Vinery	A two-stage community consultation process took place in October to identify key themes and uses for the Vinery building. The overwhelming response was the need for a centre to address health and wellbeing and a horticulture growing and skills project was identified as the best way to deliver this. Although the funding application to RCGF has been unsuccessful, we continue to develop the project and to seek other sources of grant funding. Colleagues in Community Learning & Development continue to work with the community on a parallel exercise which will build community capacity for this type of project.	Suzanne Rhind	£95,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of local consultations held (2) No of participants (472)
3.3 Local Innovation Fund: Develop social and cultural events	Project Development	Scoping for the delivery of a local fund for community projects is underway.	Suzanne Rhind/Naomi Mason		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
3.4 Enthuse, motivate, educate, support and above all raise attainment and aspirations	Banff Academy	Banff Academy was the most improved school in Scotland in 2017 and continues to make good progress.	Alan Horberry		The outputs and outcomes will be completed as the project progresses and outputs and outcomes can be delivered, completed and monitored by all the partners delivering aspects of the project.
	Children's Parliament	A joint project with the Children's Parliament is in discussion, this will look at Pride of Place, Sustainability and Food.	Naomi Mason		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of young people engaged (Target - 20)
3.5 In work career progression through career management	Key Worker	Key Worker for the area established and running jobclubs and 1-2-1 sessions in Banff. Key Workers access NOMIS data which allows them to target specific areas or client groups.	Angie Simpson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of economically inactive participants supported with work-readiness skills (30)
	Employability Fair 2017	Complete. An employability event / recruitment fair was delivered on 20 September 2017 led by SDS involving key partners of NESCOL, Job Centre Plus, Foyer and Citizens Advice Bureau.	Angie Simpson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of community events held (1)

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	Employability Fair 2019	Recruitment & Skills Fair took place on 27th March 10am - 4pm in Macduff. This showcased employers, partner agencies and workshops.	Angie Simpson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of community events held (1) • No of participants (120)
Total Budget Agreed to Date				£95,145.00	
Total Budget				£100,000.00	