



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Correspondence Report</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	Leisure & Development Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2023
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	For Information
<b>For discussion In Committee</b>	No

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Local Economy
Outcome	Council contributes to increasing early stage entrepreneurial activity in line within the norm for Northern Ireland
Lead Officer	Head of Prosperity and Place

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	N/A
Legal Opinion Obtained	N/A

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to present Correspondence for Members consideration.

2.0 The following are listed:

### **2.1 Correspondence from the Department for the Economy regarding NI Business Start-up Programme Performance 2023/24 (Dated 07 December 2023)**

The Department for the Economy has responsibility for monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets. The GoForIT programme has now ceased with the new 'Go Succeed' service launched in November 2023. The Department is therefore only monitoring the Council GoForIT performance up until 30 September 2023.

Confirmation of the audited performance for the first 6 months of 2023/24, which represents the last 6 months of the GoForIT programme has been provided.

DfE will engage with councils on how the new Go Succeed Service, is to be monitored under the 2015 Order, with effect from 13th November 2023.

## **3.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members note the correspondence.

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**Date:** 07 December 2023

Dear Mr Jackson

## **Causeway Coast & Glens Council NI Business Start-up Programme Performance 2023/24**

As you are aware the Department has the responsibility of monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets set out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

The GoForIT programme has now ceased with the new 'Go Succeed' service launched in November 2023. The Department is therefore only monitoring the Council GoForIT performance up until 30 September 2023. New performance targets along with a new monitoring process are currently being developed and agreed with the Councils. I am writing to confirm your audited performance for the first 6 months of 2023/24, which represents the last 6 months of the GoForIT programme.

### **2023/24 Performance**

The overall programme performance has exceeded its revised statutory 6-month target of 785 jobs created with 890 jobs created, in the period leading up to 30 September 2023. This is a noteworthy achievement given the effects of the transition to a new Go Succeed service, and reflects very well on the collective work of councils to promote support for business start-ups in their areas over the period.

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In relation to your own performance, the figures for 2022/23, along with your statutory target are set out below.

Statutory Jobs Target	Total Jobs Created 2022/23	Target Variance
63	66	+3

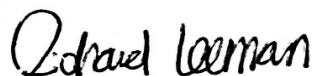
### Future Development of Performance Indicators and Standards

DfE will engage with councils on how the new Go Succeed Service, is to be monitored under the 2015 Order, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to here, please contact my team by email at [DfE-Entrepreneurship@economy-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DfE-Entrepreneurship@economy-ni.gov.uk).

We wish you the best with the Go Succeed service.

Yours sincerely,



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