

Moray Council

With a proud heritage forged through decades of oil and gas excellence in the North Sea, Moray stands as a cornerstone of Scotland's energy industry. Today that legacy is evolving, with Moray at the forefront of transformative offshore wind developments powering the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable future. Harnessing its skilled workforce, coastal advantages, and growing renewable portfolio, the region is uniquely positioned to attract investment, drive innovation, and deliver long term economic growth, shaping a Just Transition that secures lasting prosperity for its communities.

To enable these benefits, grid constraints must be addressed. SSEN Transmission is making a significant investment to reinforce and expand our electricity transmission infrastructure in the north of Scotland; removing bottlenecks and creating capacity for more clean power.

Turning grid investment into local opportunity:

- **Investing £1.1bn** in transmission projects across Moray (**4% of T3**)
- **Awarding £246m** worth of contracts to **Moray-based businesses**
- **Supporting 500 jobs locally** through investment in Moray-based projects

Delivering on council priorities (Moray Economic Strategy 2022):

- Delivering employment opportunities to support the retention of talent and rebalance the population.
- Offering training, helping to align workforce skills with the changing economy.
- Embedding Community Wealth Building, ensuring benefits are distributed locally.
- Generating Gross Value Added, supporting local productivity and business growth.



£246m
injection
into Moray's
supply chains

Moray



£143m GVA
generated
in Moray by
2030

Our investments will deliver benefits which support key priorities of the council. These benefits fall under the five cross-cutting themes:

1) Demographic sustainability



Supporting up to 352 jobs in construction

17% of the sector's total employment in Moray

Supporting employment and training opportunities to support retention of the working-age population and develop a workforce to meet future labour demands.

2) Inclusive economic growth and fair work



14.5% boost to construction sector GVA in Moray

Supporting a sustained increase in the availability of skilled, well-paid employment and training opportunities, boosting local economic resilience.

3) Net Zero and climate resilience



Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) embedded in all major projects

Protecting natural heritage, including peat and forestry, and generating employment opportunities in the green sector through restoration activities.

4) Strong local supply chains



£40m annual spend in local construction sector

Securing a reliable stream of revenue within local supply chains throughout the T3 period (2026-2031), facilitating growth and strengthening industry.

5) Community wealth building and social value



Providing funding for community-led projects

Ensuring benefits from the Just Transition are retained and distributed in Moray, with funding targeting projects designed by the communities who will benefit.