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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 Restart Timescales

Following the publication of yesterday's Scottish Government [Routemap](#) Minister for Housing and Local Government Kevin Stewart MSP wrote to Construction Scotland, providing the latest position with regard to sites reopening. The letter confirms that the government will adopt the Six Step phased approach to reopening developed by the Construction Leadership Group, of which CECA Scotland is a member. From next Thursday 28th, subject to a positive review, the Scottish Government expects Steps 1 and 2, the advance preparation of non-essential sites, to begin, with subsequent phases reviewed by industry and government. Full details can be found [here](#).

We have since received many emails and phone calls from CECA members about timescales and phasing. **We can confirm that the official Restart Plan for the construction sector, along with associated guidance and Site Operating Procedures, will be published by next Thursday 28th May.** We will share this with CECA Scotland members as soon as it is fully signed off.

Economic Strategy Survey: Please share your views

Over the period of the lockdown, we have asked members so provide us with feedback on how COVID-19 has impacted on the sector. Thank you very much to all those who provided us with information. As CECA builds and develops its response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are in regular dialogue with the Scottish and UK Governments about how to manage the impacts on industry, and how we can safeguard member businesses and their workforce and your responses are invaluable in these discussions. This short survey (5 minutes to complete) has been designed to gather industry data on the impact of business interruption and where you source your supplies from.

Complete the survey [here](#) before 1700 on Tuesday 26th May.

CECA Scotland Webinar

CECA Scotland are delivering a short webinar to members, “**Directors’ Responsibilities in the Current Climate**”. The webinar will be delivered by [Matt Henderson](#) of Johnson Carmichael on Tuesday 2nd June, at 11am. You can find out more and sign up [here](#).

CICV Forum

Health & Safety Webinar

With construction in Scotland moving towards starting work, being able to operate safely on site is key. In this webinar, Rebecca Crosland, BESA H&S Advisor will identify and discuss some of the key COVID-19 issues from a Health and Safety perspective to include: Guidance to assist you to comply with the Construction Scotland Safe Operating Procedures; PPE/RPE; Social distancing ;Face coverings.

The webinar will run on Wednesday 27 May 11am - 12 noon. Sign up [here](#).

Return to Work Plan Welcomed

Read the CICV Forum’s response to the Scottish Government’s plans for a phased return for the Scottish construction sector [here](#).

HSE Advice: Coronavirus and Air Conditioning

The HSE have issued a note advising that the risk of air conditioning spreading coronavirus is “extremely low”. However, if you use a centralised ventilation system that removes and circulates air to different rooms, it is recommended that you turn off recirculation and use a fresh air supply. You do not need to adjust other types of air conditioning systems. Good ventilation is encouraged to help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Supporting Employee Wellbeing

Business Gateway have issued a guide for managers on how to support employee wellbeing during COVID-19. Read it [here](#).

The Scottish Government’s latest COVID-19 advice for businesses can be read [here](#)

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