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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](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk).

### Lockdown review due tomorrow (28<sup>th</sup> May)

The First Minister confirmed today that an announcement will be made tomorrow on easing the lockdown in Scotland and entering Phase One of the path out of lockdown, with a view to any changes being “eased in” from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. A clear timescale will be set out on Thursday. Read more [here](#).

Construction sector guidance will also be released tomorrow, alongside agreed Safe Operating Procedures. We will share this guidance with CECA Scotland members as soon as it is published.

### CECA Briefing Notes: Return to Work

As we move towards a phased, safe return to work for the majority of the industry please find attached CECA guidance in relation to consulting employees for a successful return to work process and, where required, the redundancy procedure.

Please note the Government guidelines referred to in the briefings on working safely during COVID-19 refer to England only, the Scottish guidance can be accessed [here](#) and should be read alongside the new [Test and Protect guidance](#) for employers in Scotland, issued on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

- [CECA National Briefing: Return to work process](#)
- [CECA National Briefing: Redundancy procedure](#)

### Scottish Government Budget & COVID-19

Spending on measures to counter the COVID-19 pandemic has reached just over £4 billion, Scottish Government figures reveal. The total includes a £2.3 billion package of support for business, a £620 million boost for health services and £358 million extra to maintain transport services. Details are contained in an exceptional summer budget revision laid before the Scottish Parliament today, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The spending has been largely funded by a consequential rise in the block grant of more than £3.5 billion resulting from extra UK Government COVID-19 spending, and £112 million of consequentials received following the last UK Budget. A further £255 million has been re-prioritised from within existing departmental budgets. Read more [here](#) and read the Summer Budget Revision [here](#).

### CECA Scotland Webinars

#### Director's Responsibilities in the Current Climate, Tuesday 2nd June, 11am

We are hosting a short webinar to members on Directors' responsibilities in the current climate. The webinar will be delivered by Matt Henderson, Restructuring Partner, Johnson Carmichael. You can find out more and sign up [here](#).

#### Ken Yer Bairns - Session 2, Bridging the Gap, Wednesday 3rd June, 11am

In session 2 of "Ken Yer Bairns", Bob Cummins of [Sodak](#) will explore how we can bridge the gap between the generations through a better understand of what drives us and others and start to explore the advantages of being different. If you missed Session 1, you can view a recording of it [here](#). To book your place on this webinar please click on this [link](#).

### Scottish Natural Heritage Blog

Not COVID-19 related in any way but SNH have published an interesting Blog on "Green Roofs" and their role in climate change resilience and boosting biodiversity. You can read it [here](#).

### Updated UK Guidance on MOTs

Guidance on MOTs (which have been extended by 6 months for vehicles due an MOT on or after 30 March 2020) has been updated today (27<sup>th</sup> May) over what happens if you take your vehicle for its MOT and it fails when the extension has been applied. Read the updated guidance [here](#).

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

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