

## ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

# COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT EXPERIMENTAL STATISTICS: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK BUSINESS FUND (TRANCHE 4) AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT SCHEMES

Additionally contains information on:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up fund
- Island Equivalent Payments
- Island Equivalent Payments Top-Up
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund

## Summary

This publication provides experimental statistics for the Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF), which was set up to support businesses in Scotland that are required by law to close or to significantly change their operations due to direct COVID-19 restrictions. The Fund was opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 and provides support through a temporary closure grant or a business restrictions grant (see introduction section for more details). This publication provides information on these funds cumulatively from their introduction on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2021.

Additionally, this publication provides information on other support funds administered by Local Authorities across Scotland from their introduction up to the 26<sup>th</sup> of February (see introduction section for details). Information is available for payments made under the following schemes:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up grant;
- Island Equivalent Payments;
- Island Equivalent Payments Top-Up;
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund.

Below is a table summarising the funding paid under these schemes followed by a summary of the funds and status of each scheme

## Table 1: Funding summary

### SFBF funds (business closure and restrictions) for Scotland as of 22 February

Premises Applying*	Applications Awaiting processing*		Premises Rejected, Referred or Deferred		Accepted Premises		Total paid
Number	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	value (£)
64,796	2,376	4%	19,202	30%	43,218	67%	213,901,327

\*Processing applications may have more than one premise, but may not have been filed into the councils database as of ye therefore processing may underestimate the number of premises.

Due to this the total premise applying may also be a slight underestimate until the processing records have resolve

### Retail Hospitality Leisure Top Up funds for Scotland as of 26 February

Eligible premise*	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
<b>33,800</b>	<b>31,179</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>218,062,700</b>

\*may under-estimate as unprocessed SFBF forms could be eligible

### Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) - equivalent to SFBF closure and restrictions funds for Scotland as of 26 February

total applications	Number processing	Processing (%)	Number approved	approved (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
<b>1,614</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>2,956,500</b>

### Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) - Top Up for Scotland as of 26 February

Eligible premise*	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
<b>823</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>3,304,000</b>

\*may under-estimate as unprocessed SFBF forms could be eligible

### Local Authority Discretionary fund for Scotland as of 26 February

total applications	Number processing	Processing (%)	Number approved	approved (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
<b>11,925</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>3,857</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>9,737,000</b>

### Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support for Scotland as of 26 February

Eligible drivers	Drivers paid	% of eligible drivers paid	Total paid (£)
<b>33,742</b>	<b>19,417</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>29,125,500</b>

As at 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 a total of £213,901,327 has been paid out to 43,218 premises under the SFBF business restrictions and closure grants. As at 26<sup>th</sup> February a total of £218,062,700 has been paid out to 31,179 premises under the Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up funds, giving a combined total of £431,964,027 for the two schemes.

The total amount forecast for the SFBF for the period from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 is £301,710,000 (assigned pro rata for the period<sup>1</sup>). £213,901,327 or 71% of that forecast has so far been disbursed to businesses, with 43,218 premises paid. This is a further £109,775,965 since the previous reported figure of £104,125,362 for the SFBF which was up to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021<sup>2</sup>.

At the national level, 67% of the 64,796 premises applying for SFBF were accepted. 28% of applications were rejected, and 2% were either referred or deferred<sup>3</sup>. The remaining 4% were still awaiting processing; this is an improvement on the previously published value of 11% awaiting processing.

Of the £213,901,327 paid to businesses under the SFBF scheme (not including the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure top-up funds') the breakdown of funding is as follows:

- Approximately 89% of funds were paid to businesses with rateable value less than £51,000, the remaining 11% being paid to larger businesses.
- Approximately 90% of funds were paid out under the temporary closure fund with the remaining 10% paid out under the business restrictions fund<sup>4</sup>.

The Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund has paid £29,125,500 to 19,417 drivers since it was launched in January up to the 26<sup>th</sup> February. 58% of 33,742<sup>5</sup> eligible drivers have been paid.

Under the Local Authority Discretionary fund £9,737,000 has been paid to 3,857 premises. Of the 11,925 premises applying; 36% have been accepted, 19% rejected, referred or deferred, and 44% are still to be processed.

Under the Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) scheme £2,956,500 has been paid to 813 premises. An additional £3,304,000 has been paid to 485 premises under the IEP Top-Up scheme, for a total payment of £6,260,500 across both schemes.

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<sup>1</sup> This is using an 'indicative allocation' for the period 28 December 2020 to 22 February 2021 which would have been the amount that would have allocated the 4 week cycle of payments had been kept. This allows a comparator percentage of payments made to date in line with previous publications.

<sup>2</sup> Previous publication available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Strategic Framework: business support funding statistics – tranche 3 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2020/12/Coronavirus_COVID-19_Strategic_Framework_business_support_funding_statistics_-_tranche_3_-_gov.scot)

<sup>3</sup> Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

<sup>4</sup> A full breakdown of funds by rateable value and closure/restriction funds was not available for all councils

<sup>5</sup> This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

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# 1. Introduction and background

All businesses in Scotland that are required by law to close or to directly and significantly change their operations due to COVID-19 restrictions from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 are eligible to apply for grant funding available through the Scottish Government's Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF). The SFBF is administered by Local Authorities. A business can apply for a:

- temporary closure grant of £2,000 or £3,000 (depending on rateable value for the premises from which businesses operate) if it is required to close by law; or,
- business restrictions grant of £1,400 or £2,100 (depending on rateable value for the premises from which businesses operate) if it can remain open but is specifically required to modify its operations by law, for example having to close earlier than normal. This does not include where a demand for products or services has been reduced because of the pandemic.

Payments are made 4-weekly in arrears. In February, eligible businesses will receive a Level 4 closure grant of £2,000 or £3,000, regardless of any change to the level of restriction during the period.

More information on the SFBF can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Strategic Framework Business Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/StrategicFrameworkBusinessFund).

The support provided through the SFBF is separate from that made available to businesses through the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Restrictions Fund, which supported businesses impacted by local COVID-19 restrictions from 9<sup>th</sup> October until 1<sup>st</sup> November. Applications for that funding closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, and statistics are reported using a separate publication. ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - business support funding: statistics \(circuit breaker\) – 29 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/BusinessSupportFunding/Statistics))

## **Hospitality , Retail and Leisure Top Up funds**

The Scottish Government announced on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (hospitality), 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (retail) and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (leisure) a new package of support to help businesses in these sectors closed or impacted by protective measures. For more detail see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): strategic framework business fund - sector top-up funds for hospitality, retail and leisure - information for local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/StrategicFrameworkBusinessFund/SectorTopUpFunds)

## **Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up**

The island equivalent payment recognises that while islands face a lower level of restrictions, there are significant impacts on many island businesses. For eligible businesses, this fund brings the support available to them in line with similar businesses subject to level 4 restrictions on the mainland, for January and beyond. This fund is available in Orkney, Shetland and Comhairle nan-Eilean Siar, and islands in Highland and Argyll and Bute. It also provides for an equivalent additional payment to the 'Hospitality , Retail and Leisure Top Up fund'. For more information please see:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Island Equivalent Payment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Coronavirus/COVID-19/IslandEquivalentPayment)

## **Local Authority Discretionary Fund**

This fund was established to mitigate the short term financial challenges being experienced by businesses adversely impacted by restrictions and regulations introduced to control the spread of COVID-19. It enables individual local authorities to direct additional financial support to groups, sectors or businesses within their local business communities who are experiencing immediate financial challenges as a result of current restrictions and regulations.

Local authorities can use this fund at their discretion, and undertake their own assessment of need and develop application processes accordingly. Relevant information is published on individual local authority websites.

The fund was doubled from its original £30 million to £60 million, and has since been doubled again to £120 million in February 2021 to allow councils to respond further to local economic pressures. The distribution of the additional £90 million to local authorities was not agreed and finalised before the 26<sup>th</sup> February and as such this publication relates only to the initial allocation of £30 million.

For more information please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): local authority discretionary fund - information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-authority-discretionary-fund-information/pages/1-1.aspx)

## **Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund**

Licensed taxi or private hire driver experiencing financial challenge as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) may be eligible to receive a one-off grant of £1,500. This support is separate from and in addition to any other funding they may have received from the Scottish or UK Government, for example the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and the COVID-19 Public Transport Mitigation Fund.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-taxi-and-private-hire-driver-support-fund/pages/1-1.aspx)

## 2. Strategic Framework Business Fund applications

### 2.1 Disbursement of support

This section relates to funds paid to business premises. Table 2 to Table 6 show information from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the temporary closure grant and business restrictions grant.

The total amount forecast for SFBF payments for the period from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> February is £301,710,000. Of this amount, £213,901,327 (71%) of the forecasted spend has so far been disbursed to businesses, based on 43,218 accepted premises. This is a further £109,775,965 since the previous reported figure of £104,125,362 for the SFBF up to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021<sup>6</sup>.

#### National level spend and forecast completed (2<sup>nd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> February)

Funding allocated to LAs £	Spend £	% forecasted spend that has been used
301,710,000	213,901,327	71%

### 2.2 Local Authority Level Spend

At the Local Authority level disbursement ranged from 11%<sup>7</sup> to 88% of maximum forecast expenditure.

**Table 2: SFBF Grant Spending and Budget Allocation by LA (2 November to 22 February)**

Local Authority	Actual Spend (£)	Budget Allocated to LA (£)	% Budget that has been allocated
Aberdeen City	5,811,800	11,680,000	50%
Aberdeenshire	7,285,046	10,490,000	69%
Angus	4,143,614	5,340,000	78%
Argyll and Bute	7,251,000	12,070,000	60%

<sup>6</sup> Previous publication available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Strategic Framework: business support funding statistics – tranche 3 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-strategic-framework-business-support-funding-statistics-tranche-3/pages/10.aspx)

<sup>7</sup> Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland's forecast are indicative of levels 4 restrictions, and so may be a slight over-estimate. Additionally, these regions receive funds under the Island Equivalent Payment Scheme which are not included here, making their percentage appear lower.

Clackmannanshire	1,494,400	1,690,000	88%
Dumfries and Galloway	8,843,700	10,570,000	84%
Dundee City	5,108,200	7,620,000	67%
East Ayrshire	4,493,850	5,260,000	85%
East Dunbartonshire	2,651,625	3,990,000	66%
East Lothian	3,353,800	4,310,000	78%
East Renfrewshire	1,841,063	3,180,000	58%
City of Edinburgh	23,240,600	35,130,000	66%
Falkirk	4,035,825	5,340,000	76%
Fife	12,607,300	15,540,000	81%
Glasgow City	29,075,275	38,910,000	75%
Highland	21,199,850	25,080,000	85%
Inverclyde	2,002,000	2,870,000	70%
Midlothian	1,885,000	2,920,000	65%
Moray	2,805,600	5,020,000	56%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	1,354,600	2,620,000	52%
North Ayrshire	5,021,300	6,640,000	76%
North Lanarkshire	7,932,900	11,910,000	67%
Orkney Islands	248,400	2,300,000	11%
Perth and Kinross	8,937,100	11,050,000	81%
Renfrewshire	5,859,500	8,790,000	67%
Scottish Borders	6,168,750	7,140,000	86%
Shetland Islands	753,800	1,720,000	44%
South Ayrshire	5,871,630	7,990,000	73%
South Lanarkshire	8,557,214	14,070,000	61%
Stirling	6,676,935	8,620,000	77%

West Dunbartonshire	2,775,200	4,340,000	64%
West Lothian	4,614,450	7,510,000	61%
Scotland	213,901,327	301,710,000	71%

Footnote: Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland's forecast are indicative of levels 4 restrictions, and so may be a slight over-estimate. Additionally, these regions receive funds under the Island Equivalent Payment Scheme which are not included here, making their percentage appear lower.

## 2.2.1 Local Authority level disbursements by support type

Fife was unable to provide a breakdown by support type. For those 31 authorities who were able to provide the information, disbursements were made amounting to a total of £180,392,306 for the temporary closure grant. For the business restrictions grant, a total of £20,901,721 was disbursed (leaving £12,607,300 funds that cannot be split by grant type).

From the data available its estimated that 90% of funds paid are for closures, with the remaining 10% being paid for restrictions. This reflects the nature and extent of Level 4 restrictions in place before and since 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**Table 3: SFBF funds by payment type and LA (from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> February)**

Local Authority	Closure (£)	Restrictions (£)	Total (£)
Aberdeen City	5,123,000	688,800	5,811,800
Aberdeenshire	6,227,836	1,057,211	7,285,046
Angus	3,680,214	463,400	4,143,614
Argyll and Bute	6,320,000	931,000	7,251,000
Clackmannanshire	1,374,000	120,400	1,494,400
Dumfries and Galloway	8,125,500	718,200	8,843,700
Dundee City	4,656,000	452,200	5,108,200
East Ayrshire	3,717,400	776,450	4,493,850
East Dunbartonshire	2,498,500	153,125	2,651,625
East Lothian	2,924,000	429,800	3,353,800
East Renfrewshire	1,798,313	42,750	1,841,063
City of Edinburgh	20,190,000	3,050,600	23,240,600
Falkirk	3,715,500	320,325	4,035,825
Fife	-	-	12,607,300
Glasgow City	26,603,250	2,472,025	29,075,275

Highland	19,334,000	1,865,850	21,199,850
Inverclyde	1,818,250	183,750	2,002,000
Midlothian	1,668,000	217,000	1,885,000
Moray	2,436,000	369,600	2,805,600
Na h-Eileanan Siar	1,178,200	176,400	1,354,600
North Ayrshire	3,671,300	1,350,000	5,021,300
North Lanarkshire	7,409,000	523,900	7,932,900
Orkney Islands	16,000	232,400	248,400
Perth and Kinross	8,000,500	936,600	8,937,100
Renfrewshire	5,516,500	343,000	5,859,500
Scottish Borders	5,645,600	523,150	6,168,750
Shetland Islands	632,000	121,800	753,800
South Ayrshire	5,530,205	341,425	5,871,630
South Lanarkshire	8,007,714	549,500	8,557,214
Stirling	5,588,625	1,088,310	6,676,935
West Dunbartonshire	2,580,250	194,950	2,775,200
West Lothian	4,406,650	207,800	4,614,450
<b>Scotland*</b>	<b>180,392,306</b>	<b>20,901,721</b>	<b>213,901,327</b>

Footnote: Fife was unable to provide a break down by these two funds due to technical issues

\*Totals for the restriction/closure categories will not add up to the grand total due to the missing data points

## 2.2.2 Local Authority Spend by Rateable Value

Fife was not able to provide data split by Rateable Value (RV). For the 31 authorities who were able to give breakdowns by RV for smaller premises with a RV less than £51K, 40,465 premises were paid a total of £179,561,254. Again for the 31 Local Authorities who were able to give breakdowns for larger business with RV greater than £51K, a total of 2,753 premises were paid a total of £21,732,773 (leaving £12,607,300 funds that cannot be split by RV).

In terms of percentages, we estimate that 89% of funds were paid to smaller businesses, with the remaining 11% going to larger businesses.

**Table 4: SFBF Funds paid by Rateable Value and Local Authority (from 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> February)**

Local Authority	<i>RV ≤ 51k</i>		<i>RV &gt; 51k</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	Premises paid		Premises paid		Premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	1,023	4,447,400	178	1,364,400	1,201	5,811,800
Aberdeenshire	1,406	6,708,111	97	576,936	1,503	7,285,046
Angus	867	4,001,414	24	142,200	891	4,143,614
Argyll & Bute	1,556	6,855,600	43	395,400	1,599	7,251,000
Clackmannanshire	285	1,411,600	10	82,800	295	1,494,400
Dumfries and Galloway	2,433	8,531,400	37	312,300	2,470	8,843,700
Dundee	906	4,108,000	96	1,000,200	1,002	5,108,200
East Ayrshire	701	4,054,275	47	439,575	748	4,493,850
East Dunbarton	508	2,509,500	23	142,125	531	2,651,625
East Lothian	669	3,033,400	38	320,400	707	3,353,800
East Renfrewshire	333	1,744,966	15	96,097	348	1,841,063
Edinburgh	4,021	19,326,800	493	3,913,800	4,514	23,240,600
Falkirk	788	3,571,600	51	464,225	839	4,035,825
Fife	2,841	-	161	-	3,002	12,607,300
Glasgow	4,515	24,116,950	592	4,958,325	5,107	29,075,275
Highland	4,239	19,725,450	130	1,474,400	4,369	21,199,850
Inverclyde	385	1,887,100	16	114,900	401	2,002,000
Midlothian	342	1,687,600	26	197,400	368	1,885,000
Moray	1,105	2,618,400	44	187,200	1,149	2,805,600
Na H-Eileanan Siar	371	1,305,400	4	49,200	375	1,354,600
North Ayrshire	1,008	4,664,300	41	357,000	1,049	5,021,300
North Lanarkshire	1,189	7,117,850	85	815,050	1,274	7,932,900
Orkney	34	223,200	2	25,200	36	248,400
Perth & Kinross Council	1,847	8,171,500	100	765,600	1,947	8,937,100
Renfrewshire	886	5,311,250	56	548,250	942	5,859,500
Scottish Borders	1,407	5,910,850	40	257,900	1,447	6,168,750

Shetland	199	634,400	15	119,400	214	753,800
South Ayrshire	912	5,317,565	57	554,065	969	5,871,630
South Lanarkshire	1,353	7,917,214	66	640,000	1,419	8,557,214
Stirling	1,068	6,067,060	65	609,875	1,133	6,676,935
West Dunbartonshire Council	440	2,567,000	27	208,200	467	2,775,200
West Lothian	828	4,014,100	74	600,350	902	4,614,450
<b>Scotland*</b>	<b>40,465</b>	<b>179,561,254</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>21,732,773</b>	<b>43,218</b>	<b>213,901,327</b>

Footnote: Fife was unable to provide a split by rateable value for this data collection due to technical issues

\*Totals for the rateable value (RV) categories will not add up to the grand total due to the missing data points

## 2.3 Application status

This section describes application status and it is important to recognise that the figures quoted in this section relate to applications rather than awards. Table 5 and 6 show information from the payment periods, from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> February there have been 64,796 premises<sup>8</sup> applying for SFBF business support made to Local Authorities across Scotland. 43,218 (67%) of these premises have been accepted. The number of applications awaiting processing as at 22<sup>nd</sup> February was 2,376. This is equivalent to 4% of all premises applying for the SFBF since it was launched, an improvement from 11% recorded in the experimental statistics relating to 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### Application status at the national level

Premises Applying*	Applications Awaiting processing*		Premises Rejected		Premises Referred or Deferred		Accepted Premises		Total paid
Number	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	value (£)
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\*Processing applications may have more than one premise, but may not have been filed into the councils database as of yet, therefore processing may underestimate the number of premises. Due to this the total premise applying may also be a slight underestimate until the processing records have resolve

At the national level, approximately 28% of applications were rejected, and 2% were either referred of deferred<sup>9</sup>.

The distribution of applications status varied considerably by Local Authority—see Table 5.

<sup>8</sup> It should be noted that applications to this scheme may contain more than one premise. Since it is often not possible to know the number of premises on an application form until it is processed, unprocessed applications are counted as one premise. Given the low number of unprocessed applications the effects of this approximation are not expected to be large

<sup>9</sup> Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

**Table 5: Business Restriction Fund Application Status by Local Authority**

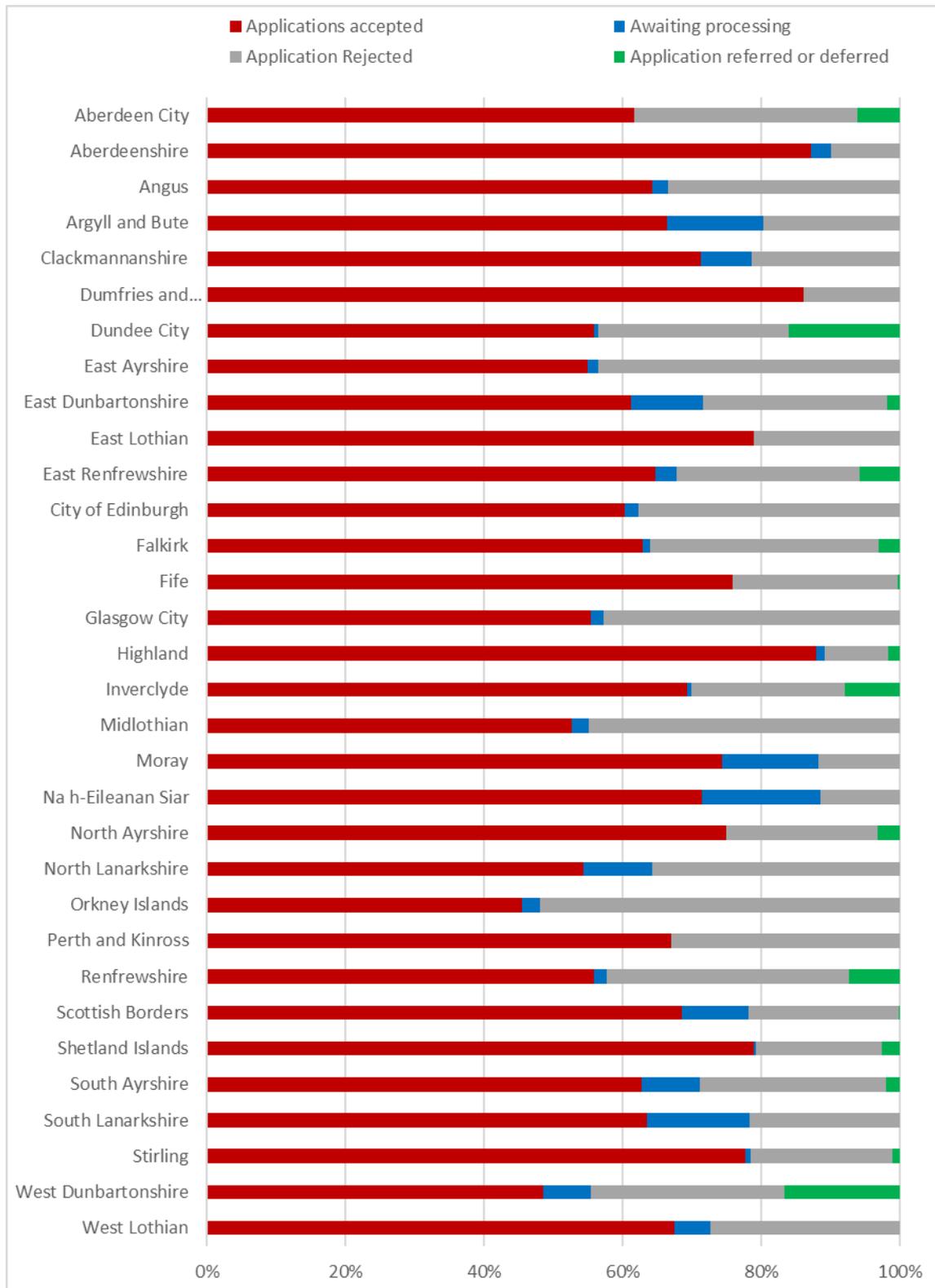


Table 6 summarises the reasons for rejecting applications. Applications may be rejected for several reasons including multiple applications made by a single business, not meeting the eligibility criteria or not providing sufficient information. The most common reason was that the applicant was in an ineligible sector. An estimated 57% of applications rejected (as of 22<sup>nd</sup> February) fell into this category.

**Table 6: Reasons recorded for rejecting applications**

Reason	Rejections	Percentage
Ineligible sector	9,947	57%
Not Enough Information Supplied	310	2%
Duplicate Application	1,512	9%
HQ Outside Local Authority Area	304	2%
Not trading	312	2%
Other	1,795	10%
Reason not recorded	3,342	19%
<b>Total rejections</b>	<b>17,522</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 3. Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up Grants

Under the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up Grants' scheme a total of £218,062,700 has been paid to businesses. These funds have been paid to 31,179 businesses, which accounts for 92% of businesses that are estimated to be eligible for top ups.

Businesses in na H-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland were not eligible for this funding during the period as they were not subject to Level 4 restrictions. They are however now eligible to equivalent support under the Island Equivalent Payment fund.

Of the 29 Eligible Local Authorities 26 have reached 90% or more of eligible businesses.

**Table 7: Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top-Up payments**

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	1,043	1,043	100%	8,061,000
Aberdeenshire	1,193	1,193	100%	7,884,950
Angus	676	676	100%	4,432,400
Argyll & Bute	720	720	100%	4,903,000
Clackmannanshire	280	267	95%	1,680,000
Dumfries & Galloway	1,044	1,044	100%	6,885,000
Dundee	920	920	100%	5,014,900
East Ayrshire	664	664	100%	4,653,750
East Dunbartonshire	429	429	100%	2,776,000
East Lothian	548	537	98%	3,677,000
East Renfrewshire	393	325	83%	2,086,000
Edinburgh	3,686	3,686	100%	29,065,000
Falkirk	780	762	98%	5,132,000
Fife	2,368	2,368	100%	15,926,000
Glasgow	4,938	4,266	86%	31,310,200
Highland	3,706	1,993	54%	14,151,000

Inverclyde	377	377	100%	2,420,000
Midlothian	318	318	100%	2,207,000
Moray	579	579	100%	3,807,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	-	-	-	0
North Ayrshire	779	770	99%	5,290,000
North Lanarkshire	1,263	1,263	100%	8,419,000
Orkney	-	-	-	0
Perth & Kinross	1,065	1,029	97%	8,113,000
Renfrewshire	852	852	100%	6,044,000
Scottish Borders	947	947	100%	6,350,000
Shetland	-	-	-	0
South Ayrshire	869	791	91%	5,373,000
South Lanarkshire	1,357	1,357	100%	8,875,500
Stirling	741	738	100%	5,156,000
West Dunbartonshire	426	426	100%	2,882,000
West Lothian	839	839	100%	5,488,000
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>33,800</b>	<b>31,179</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>218,062,700</b>

## 4. Taxi and private hire driver support fund

Under the 'taxi and private hire driver support fund' a total of £29,125,500 has been paid out to drivers as of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This money was paid to 19,417 drivers, which accounts for 58% of the 33,742<sup>10</sup> eligible drivers. Local Authorities have contacted 99% of the eligible drivers to invite them to verify their eligibility for funding. So far 67% of all eligible drivers have submitted an application for processing. A budget of £57,000,000 is available for this fund, and payments so far have used 51% of this budget.

This fund remains open, and all Local Authorities have now started making payments to drivers under this scheme.

**Table 8: taxi and private hire driver support fund summary by Local Authority as of 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Local Authority	Eligible drivers	Percentage of eligible drivers who have:			Total paid (£)
		been contacted	Returned application	Been paid	
Aberdeen	1,247	100%	73%	52%	981,000
Aberdeenshire	1,381	100%	9%	4%	73,500
Angus	254	100%	73%	45%	171,000
Argyll & Bute	410	100%	52%	38%	232,500
Clackmannanshire	118	100%	75%	65%	115,500
Dumfries & Galloway	435	100%	61%	58%	378,000
Dundee	1,010	100%	94%	86%	1,303,500
East Ayrshire	363	100%	79%	65%	354,000
East Dunbartonshire	597	100%	67%	65%	585,000
East Lothian	309	100%	49%	45%	208,500
East Renfrewshire	543	100%	59%	52%	423,000
Edinburgh	6,185	100%	81%	69%	6,360,000
Falkirk	570	97%	78%	62%	532,500
Fife	1,490	100%	69%	69%	1,533,000

<sup>10</sup> This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

Glasgow	7,022	100%	67%	55%	5,835,000
Highland	973	100%	50%	41%	594,000
Inverclyde	554	100%	63%	54%	447,000
Midlothian	295	100%	54%	52%	231,000
Moray	313	100%	28%	24%	114,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	156	100%	56%	56%	130,500
North Ayrshire	482	100%	64%	58%	421,500
North Lanarkshire	2,519	100%	63%	56%	2,128,500
Orkney	104	100%	45%	37%	57,000
Perth & Kinross	514	100%	63%	57%	436,500
Renfrewshire	1,324	100%	81%	75%	1,489,500
Scottish Borders	289	100%	65%	47%	204,000
Shetland	311	100%	18%	17%	78,000
South Ayrshire	504	100%	80%	68%	517,500
South Lanarkshire	1,956	100%	69%	63%	1,860,000
Stirling	308	100%	68%	63%	292,500
West Dunbartonshire	450	100%	78%	69%	463,500
West Lothian	756	53%	53%	51%	574,500
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>33,742</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>29,125,500</b>

Of the 22,500 applications received, 1,677 applications (7.5%) were rejected. The reason for these rejections is summarized below, the majority (47%) of applications were rejected due to failure to provide supporting evidence, with duplicate applications (37%) also being a major reason.

**Table 9: Scotland level rejections and reasons from taxi and private hire driver support fund as of 26<sup>th</sup> February**

total rejections	total eligible drivers	rejected as % of eligible drivers	applications received	rejected as % of applications received
1677	33,742	5.0%	22,500	7.5%

Rejection reasons

Reason	Rejections	Percentage
Failure to supply supporting evidence	791	47%
Licensed by different LA	14	1%
Expired or Suspended License	127	8%
Duplicate application	614	37%
Other	131	8%
Not reported	0	0%
<b>Total rejections</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 5. Local Authority Discretionary Fund

Under the Local Authority Discretionary fund £9,737,000 has been paid to 3,857 premises. Of the 11,925 premises applying; 36% have been accepted, 19% rejected, referred or deferred, and 44% are still to be processed.

Seven Local Authorities have not yet started to make payments under this scheme as of 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Table 10: Summary of Local Authority Discretionary fund payments as of 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Local Authority	total applications	Number approved	approved (%)	rejected (inc. referred/deferred) (%)	Processing (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	631	219	35%	61%	4%	197	90%	747,000
Aberdeenshire	729	452	62%	15%	23%	394	87%	788,000
Angus	231	116	50%	12%	38%	108	93%	216,000
Argyll & Bute	145	-	0%	0%	100%	0	-	0
Clackmannanshire	117	40	34%	4%	62%	40	100%	80,000
Dumfries & Galloway	646	100	15%	7%	78%	0	0%	0
Dundee	194	71	37%	44%	20%	71	100%	142,000
East Ayrshire	134	18	13%	1%	86%	0	0%	0
East Dunbartonshire	255	46	18%	2%	80%	20	43%	80,000
East Lothian	313	239	76%	23%	1%	223	93%	446,000
East Renfrewshire	210	20	10%	52%	39%	6	30%	12,000
Edinburgh	1,126	375	33%	33%	33%	375	100%	750,000
Falkirk	675	250	37%	20%	43%	116	46%	232,000
Fife	693	519	75%	21%	4%	461	89%	1,383,000
Glasgow	1,408	281	20%	9%	71%	281	100%	987,000
Highland	759	23	3%	0%	97%	23	100%	46,000
Inverclyde	71	42	59%	41%	0%	42	100%	207,500
Midlothian	115	40	35%	65%	0%	40	100%	60,000
Moray	364	218	60%	19%	21%	209	96%	418,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	67	1	1%	0%	99%	0	0%	0

North Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
North Lanarkshire	685	271	40%	3%	57%	271	100%	696,500
Orkney	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
Perth & Kinross	313	239	76%	12%	12%	239	100%	478,000
Renfrewshire	202	77	38%	41%	21%	77	100%	495,000
Scottish Borders	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
Shetland	84	20	24%	15%	61%	20	100%	40,000
South Ayrshire	196	22	11%	3%	86%	22	100%	44,000
South Lanarkshire	394	96	24%	7%	69%	96	100%	324,000
Stirling	432	184	43%	23%	35%	184	100%	368,000
West Dunbartonshire	168	48	29%	29%	42%	43	90%	86,000
West Lothian	568	304	54%	32%	15%	299	98%	611,000
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>11,925</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>3857</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>9,737,000</b>

Footnote: North Ayrshire, Orkney, and Scottish Borders were at too early a stage in the schemes administration to be able to return statistics

## 6. Island Equivalent Payments and Top-Up

Under the Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) scheme £2,956,500 has been paid to 813 premises. An additional £3,304,000 has been paid to 485 premises under the IEP Top-Up scheme, for a total payment of £6,260,500 across both schemes.

Of the 1,614 premises applying for IEP 72% have been approved, 9% rejected, deferred or referred, and 19% await processing. For the IEP Top-Up an estimated 59% of eligible premises have been paid.

Highland Council was unable to provide us with data on payments under this Scheme at this time.

**Table 11: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up as of 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Table 11 a: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments as of 26 February**

Local Authority	total applications	Number approved	approved (%)	rejected (inc. referred/deferred) (%)	Processing (%)	premises paid	premise paid as percent of accepted	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	471	415	88%	0%	12%	366	88%	731,900
Highland	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
Na H-Eileanan Siar	568	342	60%	10%	29%	298	87%	548,200
Orkney	375	250	67%	14%	19%	0	0%	1,017,600
Shetland	200	149	75%	18%	8%	149	100%	658,800
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>2,956,500</b>

Footnote: The Highlands were unable to return data on the Island Equivalent payments due to time constraints

**Table 11 b: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments Top Up as of 26 February**

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible that have been paid	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	87	87	100%	620,000
Highland	-	-	-	0
Na H-Eileanan Siar	174	128	74%	844,000
Orkney	162	129	80%	853,000
Shetland	400	141	35%	987,000
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>3,304,000</b>

Footnote: The Highlands were unable to return data on the Island Equivalent payments due to time constraints

## **7. Methodology**

### **7.1 Data collection**

Each Local Authority in Scotland has recorded information relating to applications received for the Strategic Framework Business Fund. Local Authorities in Scotland are the owners of these data.

Scottish Government asked all Local Authorities in Scotland to provide the following information, via a standardised excel template, for publication purposes;

- Number of applications received
- Number of applications awaiting processing
- Number of applications rejected
- Number of applications referred or deferred
- Number of applications accepted (and therefore a grant awarded)
- Value of grants awarded

Scottish Government asked that this information be provided for both grants and business sectors, and within each fund for the information to be further split by rateable value (less than/equal to £51k and over £51k)

Information for the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure top-up funds', 'Island Equivalent Payments', 'Island Equivalent Payments Top Up', 'Local Authority Discretionary Fund', and the 'Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund' is as of 26<sup>th</sup> February. This information is returned fortnightly from each of the 32 local authorities, and then collated and quality assured. Information about estimated number of eligible premises for these funds also come from this data set.

### **7.2 Data reporting**

The information received from each Local Authority was amalgamated into a single dataset. This dataset was drawn from the templates received and aimed to create national level figures. There are some caveats to this approach;

- In some returns the stated number of applications received was lower than the sum of the application status categories (awaiting processing, rejected, referred or deferred and awarded). In these cases, the total number of applications has been recalculated to equal this sum.
- In other returns, the total number of applications exceeded the sum of the application status categories (awaiting processing, rejected, referred or deferred and awarded). In these cases it has been assumed that the discrepancy is caused by additional applications 'awaiting processing' and that figure has therefore been updated accordingly.
- Due to the timing of this exercise a reasonably high proportion of applications were still awaiting processing.

- Some Local Authorities did not disaggregate the information by rateable value or by closure/restriction funds due to technical issues or time constraints. Disaggregated information has been calculated and provided wherever possible.

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