

Economic Development

Objective		Significant Achievements against Objective, 2017 - 2022
ED1	<p>BUILT DEVELOPMENT - Ensure continued capacity within the Spey catchment to support planned growth in housing, industry, forestry and farming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Supplementary Guidance issued to developers by MC. • Growth projects delivered at Aviemore WTW and Aviemore WWTW, and in development for Kincaig WWTW, including water main and sewer improvement. • Increased abstraction from new boreholes at Dalwhinnie to improve drinking water quality and resilience. • Increased abstraction directly from the River Spey to Aviemore WTW now permanent (SW). • Ongoing SFB ECoW input to A9 dualling. • New Local Development Plan produced by CNPA https://cairngorms.co.uk/planning-development/ldp-2021/ considers potential impacts on Spey SAC from new development, Habitats Regulations Appraisal required. • New distillery near Grantown completed 2022.
ED2	<p>TOURISM - Raise the profile of the River Spey as a destination and realise its tourism potential whilst managing associated impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFB publish online Weekly Fishing Reports with reach of circa 2,000. • Enhanced SFB website and active social media channels since 2021 hugely expanded promotion of Spey as a world class angling destination. • CNPA ranger service now in place to reduce impact but also encourage visitors to value the environment. • Increased water quality monitoring around Loch Morlich to protect vulnerable FWPM populations (SEPA). • Awareness raising underway to discourage disposal of chemical waste to water environment in response to increased wild camping.
ED3	<p>CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT - Working together to value water as an asset and realise holistic local and catchment scale objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCI Project Officer role and funding consolidated, employed and extensively supported by SFB. • Addition of Woodland Trust, Scottish Agricultural College Consultancy and two landowner representatives to SCI Steering Group. • SCI organisational development underway, including successful forward planning Strategy Day, April 2022. Increased integration with related CNPA programmes including woodland and peatland restoration. • Spey included as key element of Diageo Association for Water Stewardship accreditation. • SEPA take on-going leading role on many aspects of integrated catchment management. • SCI partner communication and collaboration continued through regular SCI Steering Group meetings. • SCI capacity increased through recruitment of NatureScot supported Nature Restoration Officer post

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