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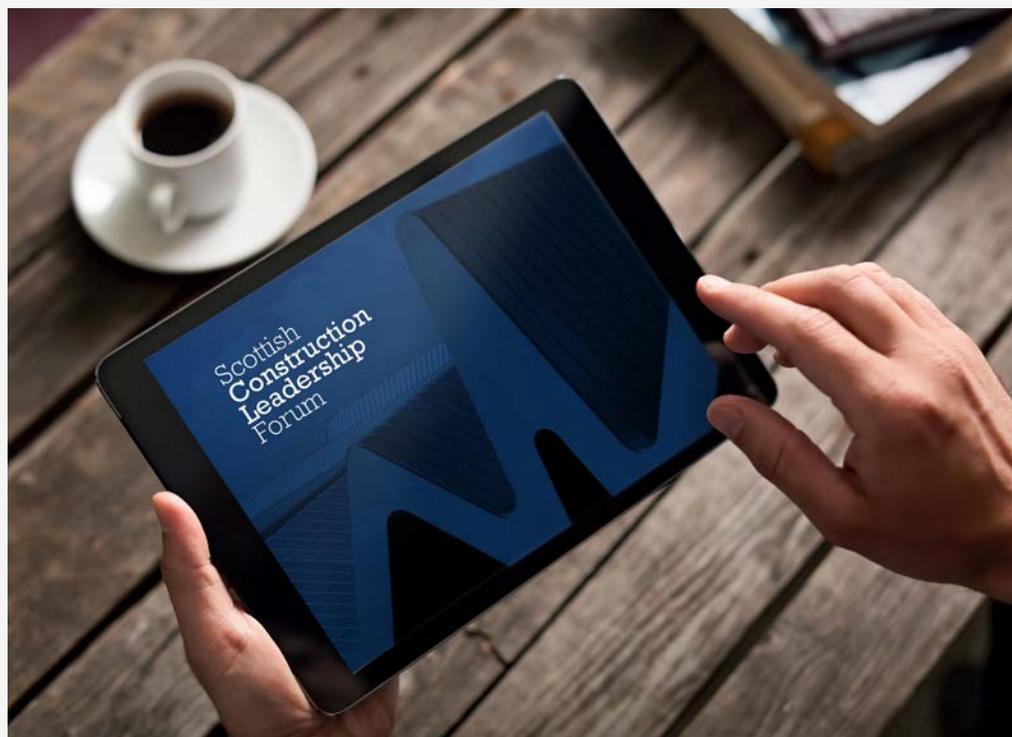


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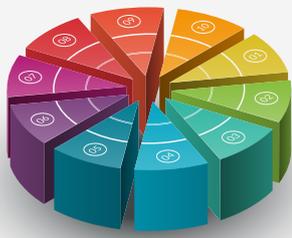
SFT takes leadership role to develop and publish construction recovery plan



While the construction sector, like many, was heavily impacted by the pandemic, it is widely recognised that the sector has a pivotal role to play in building Scotland's economic recovery.

Immediately after the nation-wide lockdown was announced, and as a key participant in the Scottish Construction Leadership Forum, SFT took a leadership role to develop the Scottish Construction Industry Recovery Plan.

The recovery plan was created through extensive consultation and collaboration with more than 50 organisations across business, Scottish Government, trades unions and other



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bodies and represents a shared view from across the sector of a plan to get industry back on its feet, to build a stronger, fairer and greener economic future for Scotland.

The plan identified key actions to respond to immediate needs which included:

- Creating a clear pipeline of future work brought to market quickly and efficiently on fair commercial terms which reflect the reality of the COVID-19 environment
- Supporting employment, fairness of work and those who may become unemployed through what would be a difficult period
- Transformation of working practices to maintain and enhance worker safety whilst enabling productivity in the COVID-19 working environment

In August 2020, the draft Recovery Plan was published by the Scottish Construction Leadership Forum asking for further engagement and feedback on the actions and it was approved the following month.

The Scottish Construction Leadership Forum, which has led the development of the plan, is a collaborative initiative of Construction Scotland and Scottish Government and was established in March 2019.

Ken Gillespie, chair of Construction Scotland, said: "A huge amount of thought, energy and commitment from participants across Government and the Construction Industry has allowed us to prepare and publish this plan at pace and we are grateful to all those who have contributed. The hard work required to implement the plan and find the solutions to the challenges we face continues."

The majority of actions within the Recovery Plan have been implemented, including the publication of the Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool by SFT in July 2021, proving industry with a clearer sight of over 1,150 future public sector construction projects valued at £8.4bn.