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Benefits for the local community

Highview has worked with independent experts to understand what the long-term economic benefits are from the entire Hunterston facility so we can maximise jobs and spend in North Ayrshire and Scotland more widely.

The BESS will support the economics of the LAES and the Stability Island projects, which together will deliver the below benefits. We are working to map the full economic impact of the addition of the BESS but currently we expect the BESS to have an uplift effect of 10% on the following figures.

Over the lifetime of the entire Hunterston project and including all three phases there will be:

- Nearly **6,000 FTE** (full-time equivalent) years of jobs created
- **£1.04** billion gross value added (GVA) to the UK economy
- **£323** million GVA and 1,180 FTE years of jobs directly in North Ayrshire
- **66%** of project expenditure retained in the UK, with 20% in North Ayrshire

Community benefit

Highview is committed to supporting local communities by funding projects and initiatives that bring direct benefits to the area.

As part of this, Highview has already funded breakfast and lunches for students at Ayrshire College's Kilwinning Campus.

We are keen to hear from members of the community directly on how community benefit funds could be used.

Please talk to the team directly or leave feedback via our questionnaire.

The Scottish Government is reviewing community benefit guidance for net-zero energy developments, including BESS projects, with updated recommendations expected following its recent consultation.

Building a local workforce

- The Hunterston facility will operate for 50 years in total with the BESS likely to be repowered after 25 years, allowing for significant skills development, training opportunities and sustained economic investment.
- One of the most valuable opportunities that Highview can offer North Ayrshire is investment in its current and future workforce and to increase skills for young people across the energy supply chain.
- We're exploring opportunities with Ayrshire College to develop the apprenticeships and training programmes needed to build Ayrshire's energy transition workforce over the project's 50-year life.

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