

Notice of meeting and agenda

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

10.00 am Friday, 1st December, 2023

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1. Order of Business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

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5.4	West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan Consultation Findings – presentation by Jamie Robertson, Strategic Transport Planning and Projects Development Manager, City of Edinburgh Council	Verbal Report
5.5	Culture Programme Annual Progress Update – presentation by Jo Buckley, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Scotland	Verbal Report
5.6	Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme 2023 Annual Report – Look Forward - report by Ken Gourlay, Chair, IRES Board	37 - 44

Gavin King

Clerk

Membership

The City of Edinburgh Council

Councillor Cammy Day

Scottish Borders Council

Councillor Euan Jardine

East Lothian Council

Councillor Norman Hampshire

West Lothian Council

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Fife Council

Councillor David Ross

Higher/Further Education Consortium

Prof Peter Mathieson

Midlothian Council

Councillor Russell Imrie

Regional Enterprise Council

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Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Microsoft Teams

10.00am, Friday 1 September 2023

Present:

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Euan Jardine (in the Chair)

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Cammy Day

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire

Fife Council – Councillor David Ross

Midlothian Council – Councillor Russell Imrie

West Lothian Council – Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Regional Enterprise Council – Garry Clark

Higher/Further Education Consortium – Professor Peter Mathieson

In attendance:

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council

Monica Patterson, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council

Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council

Andy Nichol, City Region Deal Programme Manager, City of Edinburgh Council

Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council

Jenni Craig, Director – Resilient Communities, Scottish Borders Council

Graeme Rigg, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

David Baxter, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Daniel Stevens, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Ken Gourlay, Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council

John Mills, Head of Housing, Fife Council

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council

Craig McCorriston, Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration,
West Lothian Council
Adam Dunkerley, Integrated Regional Employability & Skills and Skills Development
Scotland

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee of 2 June 2023 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Work Programme was presented and detailed the planned dates for the City Region Deal business case approvals by Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. City Region Deal Progress Report

The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal progress report provided an indication of progress across the City Region Deal programme. In this update, the overall status was assigned as “Green”. There were no actions required from the Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted.)

4. City Region Deal Annual Report 2022/23

The City Region Deal Annual Report for 2022/23 was presented to the Joint Committee. It provided an update on progress of the Programme for the fourth year since the signing of the 15-year programme, and contained a City Region Deal overview, Financial Statement (for the financial year 2022-23), a short summary of progress on each project and programme and expected milestones to be achieved in the next year. It showed significant progress across the 20 projects and programmes within the City Region Deal. While cost inflation had affected the budget of some of the projects which are in delivery, all projects were considered to be within

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acceptable time parameters and all but one project was considered to be within acceptable budget parameters.

Decision

To note the annual report.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted.)

5. Regional Housing Programme Annual Update

An update was provided on progress made by City Region Deal partners on the five key regional housing priorities:

- Affordable Housing Delivery (current and future)
- Retrofit - Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (EESH2)
- Regional Home Demonstrator Project
- Strategic Sites
- Future Town Centres and New Delivery Models.

An update was also provided on regional housing pressures in the context of the recent publication of the COSLA, SOLACE and Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO) paper 'Housing in Scotland - Current Context and Preparing for the Future' which highlighted that Local Authority housing and homelessness services were experiencing unsustainable pressure reflecting the critical lack of capacity in local housing systems in Scotland.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Chair of City Region Deal Housing Board and progress made on the Regional Housing Programme priorities.
- 2) To note that there was a meeting due to take place between City Region Deal partners and the Housing Minister, with exact timings to be agreed, and that it was recommended that at this meeting the following items would be raised:
 - 2.1 Highlight that our region was currently facing a situation where affordable housing sites may stall due to insufficient funding. Many of the Local Authorities were in a position where Resource Planning Assumptions were already largely committed for this year and therefore, without additional investment, affordable housing projects that were currently coming forward may become undeliverable. As our Region was viewed by the Scottish Government as a key deliverer of affordable housing in Scotland, it was recommended that we ask for frontloading of the Local Authority RPAs for our area to maximise new

housing supply over the next 20 years to meet housing and homelessness needs.

- 2.2 Highlight the scale of the challenges and opportunities associated with the city region strategic sites and the need for innovative funding and risk sharing approaches to enable delivery.

(Reference – report by the Chair of City Region Deal Housing Board, submitted.)

6. City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Update

A presentation was provided on City Region Deal Benefits Realisation. Details were provided of the Construction Dashboard, which included details of the numbers of apprentices and trainees, employees upskilled, and how spending had been distributed. An overview was also provided of some of the key projects, including the Dunard Centre, Fife Innovation Zone and the three Data Driven Innovation (DDI) Hubs, along with the Benefits Realisation Risk Register and Timeline.

Decision

To note the presentation.

7. Audit Scotland Report: “Scotland’s City Region and Growth Deals Progress of the 2020 audit report recommendations

In June 2023, Audit Scotland published their briefing: Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals: Progress of the 2020 audit report recommendations. The briefing looked at progress against 11 of the recommendations made about City Region and Growth Deals in their 2020 report, which was reported to this Committee in March 2020. It also set out some key developments in the regional economic landscape over the last three years. Details were provided to the Joint Committee of the references made in the briefing to the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal and the partners' position in relation to each statement.

Decision

- 1) To note the summary of the findings of the Audit Scotland briefing: Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals: Progress of the 2020 audit report recommendations
- 2) To note that City Region Deal Programme Management Office (PMO) had carefully noted the feedback and is continually working to improve management processes.

(Reference – report by the Head of Internal Audit, City of Edinburgh Council, submitted.)

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Work Programme for City Region Deal Joint Committee

Item number 4.1

Executive Summary

This paper outlines the planned dates for City Region Deal business case approvals by Joint Committee.

David Robertson

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Work Programme for City Region Deal Joint Committee

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 Considerable progress has been made since the 15-year Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal was signed in August 2018, with all but one business case having been approved by the Joint Committee.
- 2.2 This report sets out Joint Committee business for the next 12 months. Focus is increasingly being given to reporting on the benefits arising from projects and programmes that are in delivery and ensuring that outcomes and targets are being met.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The anticipated work programme for Joint Committee meetings for the next 12 months is shown in Table 1:

Table 1: Work Programme for Joint Committee

Joint Committee Date	Reports or presentations for consideration
1 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall six-monthly update from Transport Scotland • Bus Partnership Fund Strategic Business Case - Update • Culture Programme Annual Update • Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme Annual Update • West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan – update and consultation findings
1 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Convener and Vice Convener for 2024 • A701 Relief Road and A702 Spur Road (Easter Bush) update • City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Update • Data-Driven Innovation Programme Annual Update • Fife Industrial Innovation Investment Programme – Tranche 3 Business Case • Revised business case for Borders Innovation Park (Phase 2) • West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan Outline Business Case
7 June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall six-monthly update from Transport Scotland • Construction Inflation - Internal Audit Report • Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery – Annual Update • Regional Transport Programme Update
6 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture Programme Annual Update

3.2 The A720 City Bypass grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout is being managed and delivered by Transport Scotland. Transport Scotland provide updates on progress to the Transport Appraisal Board every six weeks, as well as the Executive Board and Joint Committee every six months.

4. Financial impact

4.1 There is no financial impact relating to this report. Financial cases are being set out in detail in the respective business cases. Financial contributions that are required by partner organisations for projects are being requested in separate reports to councils or courts prior to being taken to Joint Committee for approval.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

- 5.1 Inclusion and sustainability are key drivers for the City Region Deal. Business cases for projects included demonstrate how they will reduce inequalities and tackle the inclusion challenges specific to the city region.
- 5.2 The [City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan](#) (BRP) was approved on 4 September 2020. This incorporates indicators that align with the Scottish Government's Inclusive Growth Framework. The impact on equalities, human rights and sustainability will also be measured. A [Benefits Realisation Measurement Framework](#) was approved by Joint Committee in March 2023, and six-monthly updates on benefits realisation are scheduled. Annual updates are programmed for each of the five themes which will demonstrate the progress of projects in terms of sustainability and inclusion.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [City Region Deal Document](#): August 2018

7. Appendices

None.

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City Region Deal Progress Report

Item number 5.1

Executive Summary

The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal progress report gives an indication of progress across the City Region Deal programme.

In this update, the overall status is assigned as “Green”. There are no actions required from the Joint Committee.

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City Region Deal Progress Report

1. Recommendations

1.1 To note the progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

2. Background

2.1 This progress report is being used across the City Region Deal's governance structure to monitor progress across all aspects of the City Region Deal. It is updated and shared with Government on a weekly basis and is taken to all Board meetings. A RAG (Red, Amber, Green) scale is assigned to programmes and projects by the Programme Management Office (PMO), as well as scores for strategic added value.

2.2 Tables 1 and 2 show the guidelines that are used when determine RAG statuses and scores:

Table 1: RAG Status Guidelines

T: Status against **timeline** set out in business case/implementation plan;

B: Status against **budget** for the current financial year

RAG Status	Definition - Timeline	Definition - Budget	Action Required
Green	In line with business case/implementation plan	In line with spend set out financial plan for the current financial year.	No management action required
Amber	Delay exists but is considered acceptable by PMO.	Spend is within acceptable range from what is set out financial plan for the current financial year. Project lead is confident that spend will be to profile at financial year end.	Management action is in place by senior management to address issues, and project is being closely monitored.
Red	Delay is significant.	Spend is outwith acceptable range from what is set out financial plan for the current financial year. Project lead does not consider that spend will be to profile at financial year end.	Immediate action is required by senior management and relevant Boards as appropriate to address issues. Issues must be highlighted to Government.

Table 2: Strategic Added Value Score

Score	Description
1 (Low)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with one or two other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, to add value to the proposal has not been thoroughly considered, but may be possible, and should be explored. • One or two of the five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.
2 (Medium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with two or three other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, to add value has been factored into the business case to some extent, but there are opportunities to enhance. • Two or three of the five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.
3 (High)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with three or four other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, e.g. private/third sector is already taking place and strategic added value effects are clear. • Three, four or five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The performance report is shown in Appendix 1. The overall status of the City Region Deal is assigned as “Green”. There are no actions required from the Joint Committee.

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 £273m of the £415m of government funding flowing through the Accountable Body has been drawn down - 66% of the total. The funding that flows through the Accountable Body totals £415m and includes all capital and revenue CRD projects except: the Sheriffhall Roundabout (£120m); the Housing Infrastructure Fund (£50m); and the funding for Edinburgh Living (£15m).
- 4.2 £294m of the full £600m of government funding for all CRD projects has been drawn down – 49% of the total.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

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- 5.3 Scottish and UK Government provided joint guidance for project owners on managing potential carbon emissions associated with Scottish City Region and Regional Growth Deal projects. It accords with HM Treasury Green Book requirements and supports the quantification and minimisation of whole life carbon and the identification of potential barriers to achieving net zero. This will form an important part of regular reporting through the Benefits Realisation Plan.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Document](#) (August 2018)

- 6.2 [City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan](#): ESESCR Deal Joint Committee report 4 September 2020
- 6.3 [City Region Deal Programme Benefits Realisation Measurement Framework](#): ESESCR Deal Joint Committee report 3 March 2023

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Progress Report (November 2023).

Progress Report

Last updated: 23 November 2023

Overall Status
Last Period

Overall Status
This Period

Green

Green



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Page 1: Dashboard

Recent Achievements and Milestones

Achievement/Milestone	Date
City Region Deal Annual Report published and promoted	Sep 23
City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Update given to Joint Committee	Sep 23
Regional Housing Programme Annual Update given to Joint Committee	Sep 23

Upcoming Joint Committee Meeting Milestones (expected)	Target Date
A720 Sheriffhall Six-Monthly Update	Dec 23
Broxburn to Maybury Consultation Findings	Dec 23
Bus Partnership Fund Strategic Business Case Update	Dec 23
Culture Programme Annual Update	Dec 23
Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme Annual Update	Dec 23

Financial Summary

*Funding issued by Transport Scotland and SG Housing not included in this total

Total CRD grant	CRD grant drawn down to date		23/24 CRD grant allocation	23/24 grant drawn down
£600m	£293.9m	49%	£39.2m*	£9.1m*

Top 3 Risks (from PMO Risk Register)

Risk	Impact	Like hood	Sever-ity	Resolution Plan or Mitigating Action
Cost inflation (materials and labour) and related government policies, (e.g. rise in interest rates and changes to taxation) affects the ability to deliver projects to the standards required.	4	5	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular updating of progress report and monthly financial forecasts to ensure PMO is aware of issue(s) at an early stage and can raise with Government, Executive Board and Joint Committee as appropriate. Budget RAG scores report on in-year performance, are monitored closely by the PMO, and are reported on at every major Board meeting. Regular discussions on finance between project leads and PMO, Directors of Finance and PMO and PMO and Governments to capture issues arising.
Insufficient resources are allocated to Deliver the ambitions of the Regional Prosperity Framework activity	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPF Project Leads group was established to develop the RPF and its Delivery Plan. The group continues to meet, but resources are limited. Delivery will be achieved through existing resources and additional public and private sector investment. As external funds are secured, programmes and projects will be progressed on a case by case basis, based on the development of individual business cases which factor in resourcing.
Financial profile across programme is not met.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to continue to spend according to agreed profile. Aim to achieve business case approval in line with Deal Implementation Plan. Quarterly meetings with regional Directors of Finance to consider profile and highlight problem areas Quarterly review meetings with Government. Partners asked to be realistic with their projections and to inform early if anticipating an underspend. Accountable body to challenge underspend and asked for reasons behind the slippage.

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Project Stages

Stage no.	Definition
1. Define	Business case being developed, and not yet approved by Thematic Board and Joint Committee.
2. Implement	Business case has been approved by Thematic Board and Joint Committee, and is being implemented. In a capital project, this may be construction; for skills projects this may be establishing a course or system.
3. Deliver	Project is in place and benefits realisation framework to assess if it is achieving its objectives.
4. Legacy	Project has resulted in mainstreaming or improvements to business as usual (impact) that is generated beyond the funded period

Red, Amber, Green

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Strategic Added Value Score

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Overall Total				Project	23/24				
Project Budget	Total CRD Funding	Total CRD Funding Drawn Down	CRD Funding Drawn Down as %		Funding Allocation	Spend to Oct	Full Year Projected Outturn	Full Year Variance	
Finances Managed via PMO									
£113.3m	£32.5m	£32.5m	100%	Bayes Centre	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£29.1m	£15.0m	£2.3m	16%	Borders Innovation Park	£0.5m	£0.1m	£0.5m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£74.9m	£20.0m	£10.1m	50%	Dunard Centre	£7.0m	£4.0m	£7.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£87.1m	£17.4m	£16.5m	95%	Easter Bush	£0.9m	£0.0m	£0.9m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£54.0m	£10.9m	£1.2m	11%	Easter Bush Link Road*	£0.8m	£0.3m	£0.8m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£274.8m	£57.9m	£57.9m	100%	Edinburgh Futures Institute	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£51.9m	£30.0m	£1.8m	6%	Edinburgh Innovation Hub	£5.9m	£0.7m	£5.9m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£134.1m	£79.6m	£51.5m	65%	Edinburgh International Data Facility	£9.9m	£0.6m	£9.9m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£53.7m	£35.0m	£15.5m	44%	Fife i3 Programme	£7.6m	£2.6m	£6.5m	£0.0m	£-1.0m
£22.5m	£22.5m	£20.3m	91%	National Robotarium	£2.2m	£0.1m	£2.2m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£126.2m	£49.2m	£49.2m	100%	Usher Institute	£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£36.0m	£20.0m	£0.2m	1%	West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Programme	£0.2m	£0.1m	£0.2m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£25.0m	£25.0m	£13.4m	54%	Integrated Regional Employability & Skills Programme	£4.3m	£2.3m	£4.2m	£0.0m	£-0.1m
£1,082.6m	£415.0m	£272.5m	66%	Total	£39.2m	£10.9m	£38.1m	£0.0m	£-1.2m
*Revised budget not yet approved.									
Finances Managed directly with SG									
£120.0m	£120.0m	£6.4m	5%	Sheriffhall Roundabout	Transport Scotland delivering project.				
£263.0m	£15.0m	£15.0m	100%	New Housing Partnership - Edinburgh Living	City Region Deal funding fully drawn down.				
£50.0m	£50.0m	£0.3m	1%	Housing Infrastructure Fund	£5m allocation to Fife Council.				
£433.0m	£185.0m	£21.7m	12%	Total					
Full Deal									
£1,515.6m	£600.0m	£294.2m	49%	Full Deal Total	£294.2.9m of £600m SG/UKG funding drawn down.				

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* Scottish Government funded. Transport Scotland taking forward scheme delivery. ** Funding governed by Scottish Government (Housing)

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Theme
Data-Driven Innovation

Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	S A V	Comments
Bayes Centre	Deliver	Sep 18: Opening	N/A	G	G	3	Major objective is to re-energise the EIE Investor Showcase event and continue to build momentum around Entrepreneurship ecosystems within the City Region.
National Robotarium	Deliver	Sep 22: Grand Opening	N/A	G	R	2	Budget declared as red due to drawdown profile for 23/24 not matching prediction. Supply chain delays. Full drawdown still forecast by end of financial year. Commercial and research partnerships continue to strengthen.
Edinburgh Futures Institute	Implement	Start on site	Jan 24: Complete construction	A	G	3	EFI phased opening now underway, first student cohorts now being taught in the building.
Usher Institute	Implement	Oct 22: Launch Usher Innovation community inc. frailty challenge	Spring 24: Complete construction of Usher Institute facility.	A	G	2	Building on track for completion on Spring 24. Timescales have slipped slightly due to supply chain delays.
Easter Bush	Implement	Jul 23: Continue to strengthen leading-edge data intensive research capabilities.	Jul 24: Recruit into priority areas which foster development of key data-driven activity within Agritech	A	A	2	Major objective is to develop Engineering Biology Mission Hub for Food Systems (in conjunction with other Institutes) and continue academic recruitment for leads of the 4 proposed DDI Agritech centres.
Easter Bush A701 Relief Road and A702 Spur Road	Design	Route selection	Q1 24: Specimen design planning application	A	R	2	The specimen design is progressing with the target of submitting a planning application for the Bush Loan Junction Q1 2024 and for the Relief Road Q3 2024. Revision to alignments due to landfill avoidance and required increase in roundabout sizes at Bush Loan and the A702 Spur Road junctions £33.5m funding gap identified. Revised alignment avoiding landfill adopted. Levelling Up Fund bid was unsuccessful. Alternative funding opportunities and means to phase and prioritise the programme currently under consideration.
Edinburgh International Data Facility	Deliver	Nov 23: - First local authority completed for IoT in Schools service Deployment		G	A	2	Major objective is to ensure that key future DDI initiatives are included in the EIDF development roadmap and develop a service catalogue. Exascale computer development is now being awarded to EPCC team (£900m).

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Page 5: Research, Development and Innovation Theme
Edinburgh Innovation Park (QMU Food and Drink Innovation Hub)

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Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	SAV	Comments
Edinburgh Innovation Park (Edinburgh Innovation Hub)	Implement	Evaluate technical and commercial returns. Interview tender.	Confirm preferred bidder status via the JV governance process.	G	A	2	Expected date of appointment of contractor – end of November 2023

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Projects in Fife and Scottish Borders

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Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	SAV	Comments
Borders Innovation Park	Implement	Business engagement exercise.	Construction of Phase 3 road and service infrastructure. Submission of revised FBC.	A	G	1	Construction of the road and service infrastructure for Phase 3 has started. An engagement exercise with businesses, mapping needs to inform development took place in August 2023. The delivery programme for Phases 2 and 3 is currently under review. A revised FBC is to be drafted with submission to Joint Committee planned for March 2024.
Fife Industrial Investment (Fi3P)	Implement / Deliver	Q3 23/24: Construction work continues at Fife Interchange North. Q3 23/24: Levenmouth Task Force Units: Construction continues. Q2: 23/24: Beech Way Site Acquisition – CPO unsuccessful, project will not go ahead.	Q3 23/24: Construction work continues at Fife Interchange North. Q3 23/24: Levenmouth Task Force Units: Construction complete. Q3: 23/24: Flemington Road Refurb: Submit planning application.	G	A	2	Flemington Road, Glenrothes. tenancies/ applications for 8 (out of 9) units. Dunnikier Business Park, Kirkcaldy. tenancies / applications for 7 (out of 7) units. West Way Phase 2, . Tenancies / applications for 8 (out of 8) units. Levenmouth Task Force Units: marketing underway - 2 (out of 7) units now reserved.

T: Timeline; B: Budget; SAV: Strategic Added Value score



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IRES Programme	Deliver	IRES board was held on 21 November 2023, with positive discussion on projects and next steps. IRES webpages have been updated and a video produced for the annual report presentation at Joint Committee on 1 Dec.	Work continues on enhanced reporting; aligning project outcomes with overall IRES and City Region Deal Benefits Realisation targets. IRES PMO shortlisted for a Scottish Public Service Award – winner to be announced on 6 Dec.	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IRES board was held on 21 November 2023 with updates and discussion on Intensive Family Support, Data Driven Innovation Skills Gateway, Workforce Mobility as well as Financial and Quarterly report updates. Next IRES board on 13 February 2024. IRES Programme Connector continues to work with Project Leads and Benefits Realisation Officer to further develop monitoring and evaluation, and feed into the overall Benefits Realisation plan framework - reporting with increased automation and online tools. The annual IRES update will be provided to the Joint Committee on 1 December 2023 focusing on achievements and opportunity.
Integrated Knowledge System	Deliver	Local Authorities using Helix signed grant agreements for future financing of system. West Lothian and Midlothian Councils are using Helix for UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). IKS Delivery Advisory Group took place on 26 October.	Final testing of Midlothian data transfer underway. Migration plan confirmed for December 2023. API technical development ongoing with initial link between Helix demo system and helix.scot website completed - Launch aiming for Q3. In discussion on early data analysis projects with DDI, Edinburgh Napier University and Smart Data Foundry.	G	A	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helix launched in March 2022 for Edinburgh, East Lothian and Intensive Family Support Service. In November 2022 Integrated Employer Engagement & Capital City Partnership data was added. In February 2023, Scottish Borders Council moved to Helix. From April 2023 West Lothian and Midlothian have been recording UKSPF on Helix. Now in the final stages of migrating Midlothian Council from their existing system. This includes CLD delivery. A training schedule has been created, user list confirmed, DPIA, data transfer confirmed alongside extension of existing system solely for reporting purposes Budget will be fully used. Key element this year is API (Application Programming Interface) development which involves technical integration between Hanon (provider of Helix) and Alpha Tango (provider of helix.scot). This work is progressing on track.
Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation	Deliver	Completed Creative Industries research. Developed approach to refresh Regional Skills Investment Plan. Agree research plan for 2023/24. Commenced Skills research for 2023/24.	Deliver refreshed Regional Skills Investment Plan (now called Collaboration Plan). Deliver research projects. Deliver Regional Skills Assessment Webinars.	G	A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressed digital skills for Health and Social Care research - moving onto final stage of the work. Delivered skills gaps workshop at Edinburgh Chamber "Inspiring Talent" event. Provided update on LMAE and other Skills Development Scotland activity to CRD Executive Board. Discussed two research proposals with partners and have now agreed an approach to funding them with the PMO. Labour Market Intelligence inputs to meetings in Borders, West Lothian and Midlothian.



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Integrated Employer Engagement	Deliver	<p>Employer fund grant awards issued.</p> <p>Second 'FORTY' course of the year now complete.</p> <p>Fort Kinnaird jobs fair complete – over 80 jobseekers attended.</p> <p>Delivery plan underway with Sir Robert McAlpine for Dunard Centre Community Benefits.</p> <p>Testing of Helix system for Community Benefit tracking for possible use by East Lothian Council.</p> <p>Year 2 of FLOW online learning offering launched.</p> <p>Fife i3 programme commit to Community Wealth Building (CWB) pledge.</p>	<p>Filming ongoing for Usher Institute to showcase community engagement.</p> <p>Agree process for phase 2/3 Borders Innovation Community Benefits.</p> <p>First site visit planned with Sir Robert McAlpine at Dunard Centre.</p> <p>Phase 2 of Green Economy Jobs STV campaign launch 1 Nov.</p> <p>ESESCommunities at Fife Meet the Buyer.</p> <p>Deal represented at annual national CWB summit. Launch comms programme to promote Fife i3 being first project to pledge commitment to CWB principles</p>	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FORT programme at Fort Kinnaird Recruitment Skills Centre – year 2; so far 124 jobs filled. Green skills/jobs awareness campaign phase 1 completed across STV, STV Player and ITVx. Over 300 video views since launch. Picked up by commercial and charitable companies to explore partnership opportunities. Campaign reach currently at over 340,000. ESESCommunities have delivered 64 matches between suppliers and good causes with a further 20 in progress. Resource; IEE team have secured additional resource to support the community benefit workstream for the year ahead. IEE facilitated EVOC CWB conference conversation on 5 Oct highlighting the work of the deal. New Helix programme launched to track enabling work delivered under IEE – will be incorporated into data dashboards from Q2. Exploring the functionality within Helix reporting to capture the Fair Work commitments of all employers engaged under IEE. Again, reporting should be available in Q2 data reports. 3rd SOSE business networking event complete- Melrose. Offer made to all other Business Gateway teams to support similar events until March 24. IEE working with Verdancy Group to design alternative to retrofit academy for Scottish market.
Intensive Family Support	Deliver	<p>Anti-stigma charter workshop developed, and sessions booked with multiple providers.</p> <p>Audit process underway across all IFS projects.</p> <p>IFS project update at IRES Board on 21st November.</p>	<p>Meetings held with Strathclyde University to pilot employability tool -in initial discussion.</p> <p>Contract Management meetings to be held with all providers.</p> <p>Audit to be completed across all six provisions.</p> <p>3-4 workshops to be held with families to develop anti-stigma charter.</p>	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 558 individuals registered on Helix engaging with IFS. 159 new engagements in Phase 2 IFS. 55 employment outcomes recorded: 25 FT employment outcomes, 26 PT employment outcomes recorded, 3 in work progression, 1 retained employment. 140 education outcomes across all categories (including employability training, vocational training, volunteering). 52 re-engagements in education where there was non attendance in school. 24 individuals have entered full time education and 14 individuals have entered part time education. 24 qualifications have been gained to date. Ongoing Helix support in place for service providers.

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Housing and Construction Infrastructure (HCI) Skills Gateway	Deliver	HCI Skills Gateway sponsorship and speaking slots at The Scotsman Green Skills Conference on 6 November 2023.	University of Edinburgh and HCI Skills Gateway hosted Institute of Civil Engineers President's Address on 22 November 2023.	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Spalding has been appointed on secondment from Fife Council's Climate Change team to the role of Innovate UK-funded Net Zero Innovation and Delivery Officer, to work alongside HCI Programme Manager. HCI Skills Gateway and partners won the Accelerate to Zero 'Green Skills Award' for Timber Technology Engineering and Design. The awards ceremony took place in Glasgow on 1 November 2023.
Data-Driven Innovation (DDI) Skills Gateway	Deliver	Delivery of Teach Data Literacy Professional learner programme for secondary teachers. Commencement of Professional learning joint programme for College lecturers across ESESCRD and Tay Cities City Region Deal.	Team to present at launch of Tay Cities Deal <i>DigiTay</i> programme highlighting joint working across the two city deal programmes. Team to look at ways to engage more closely with skills and talent activities across the DDI Hubs.	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDI Skills Gateway team engaging with TechScaler reps from Codebase to explore opportunities for joint working. New Live Lesson launched by Date Education in Schools team <i>Unmasking Data Disasters</i> https://youtu.be/ufIzIXJU36Q DDI Skills Gateway activity to feature in Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce publication on skills. Team presented annual update to IRES Board on 21 November 2023.
Workforce Mobility	Deliver	15 November 2022 IRES Board - Financial Update. Bus Driver Career' video and web-page on helix.scot with communications issued to all partners and operators. Supported SBC with Berwickshire Demand Responsive Transport (bus).	21 November 2023 IRES Board -Review. Continued involvement in the Regional Prosperity Framework / Regional Transport Masterplan. Working with SEStran to define concordat partnership agreement. Lothian Buses launch event planned with other stakeholders and Transport Minister.	G	A	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing scope for RPF Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan with SEStran and regional partners. Delivery of Scottish Border bus network review ongoing including support prior to Council decision on recommendations in January 2024. Working with West Lothian & Fife to set up PowerBi analysis for their bus service data and data standards for future contracts. Discussions with other LA's include LA's out with Deal. Journey Hub & Active Travel Analysis contracted for East Lothian Council. Development of our 'Business Accessibility' online tool is being undertaken and forms part of Regional Intelligence Hub development. Development of 'Employee Postcode Analysis Tool' which streamlines the work involved and will be used to support data projects in MLC, CEC, Fife and WLC. Final Bike on Bus report publication expected imminently, with regional & national agencies interested in recommendations. Potential underspend this year of £87k, PMO have identified IRES projects to potentially increase spend and return funding in future years.

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A720 Sheriffhall <i>(last updated November 2023)</i>	Define	Public Local Inquiry concluded on 8 February 2023	Scottish Ministers to publish decision regarding the scheme following conclusion of the PLI (timing TBC)	G	G	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Region Deal Joint Committee ratified their support for the scheme as published on 3 September 2021, following the consideration of further technical information. Responses issued to all objections raised against the draft Orders – ongoing engagement with objectors to try to resolve issues wherever possible. Public Local Inquiry held between 30 January and 8 February 2023. DPEA Reporter issued their report to the Scottish Ministers’ advisors on 10 October 2023, subsequent decision from the Scottish Ministers regarding the scheme to be published in due course.
West Edinburgh Transport Improvements Programme	Define	Stakeholder and public consultation period ends	Analyse feedback gathered and incorporate into OBC workstreams. Provide presentation to Joint Committee on Consultation analysis	G	A	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Concept Designs produced for the Public Consultation exercise. Stakeholder and public consultation was successfully executed and closed on 5 September. Analysis of results underway. Consultation results helping inform the drafting of OBC. Early contractor engagement procurement exercise completed. Aiming to report Draft OBC to Joint Committee in March 2024 .

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Page 29 Munard Centre	Implement	Site Clearance Works in progress (completion due March 24) Stage 4 Design complete Stage 2 tender received	Stage 2 tender in 12-week review IMPACT acceptance expected Jan 24	A	A	2	SRM's stage 2 tender was received in mid-October and the IMPACT team and trustees have now begun a 12-week process of review, which will inform the negotiations and next steps. While the total cost and risk profile require further scrutiny, the tender includes an extension to the main construction programme of 23 weeks, with a start date of March 2024 at the earliest. This pushes completion into early 2028. Enabling works on site are progressing well, with some elongation to the original programme as previously noted which will not affect the programme. Given the sensitivity around the commercial negotiations, a more detailed update on the tender acceptance can be provided in January 2024.

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Affordable housing	Deliver & Define	Outline key immediate challenges facing delivery.	Collate EESH2 and regional affordable housing delivery	A	N/A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners will work collaboratively with Scottish Government, agencies, RSLs and other stakeholders to secure more investment, innovation, commitment and partnerships to address the challenges above and deliver at scale and pace.
Strategic sites	Implement & Define	Strategic Site Leads Meeting on 23 Nov 2023.	Develop Strategic Sites Investment Prospectus.	A	A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development progressing for Blindwells, Granton Waterfront and Tweedbank.
Regional Delivery Alliance	Implement	Finalise arrangements for Delivery Partner and begin recruitment process.	Recruit Project Manager.	A	N/A	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider standardised housing types, procurement and delivery models to increase offsite. manufacturing and delivery of net-zero homes across the city region. .
Housing company	Deliver	Draw down of funds completed	Ongoing Delivery	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Futures Trust will continue to share learning and financial models with partners, to explore regional delivery models.

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Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

10am, Friday 01 December 2023

A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout

Item number 5.2

Executive Summary

Transport Scotland (TS) representatives are unable to attend this sitting of the Joint Committee, therefore partners have asked that they provide a written summary report for the A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout project, which is being delivered by TS as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland (ESES) City Region Deal, to inform the members of the Joint Committee of the progress and current status of the project.

Following the undertaking of a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) for the proposed Scheme in early-2023, the independent Reporter's report was issued to the Scottish Government on 10 October 2023. The Scottish Government is now taking the necessary time to consider the recommendations within the independent Reporter's report to inform a decision on whether or not to proceed to complete the statutory process for the project as promoted.

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A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress update provided below that, following conclusion of the Public Local Inquiry (PLI) for the project, the Scottish Government is now taking the necessary time to consider the recommendations within the independent Reporter's report to inform a decision on whether or not to proceed to complete the statutory process for the project as promoted.

2. Background

- 2.1 The existing A720 Sheriffhall roundabout is currently the only junction on the Edinburgh City Bypass that is not grade-separated, which means the City Bypass is at the same level as the A7 and A6106 local approach roads. This at-grade, six-way junction, often experiences significant queuing, especially during peak hours.
- 2.2 The purpose of the proposed Scheme is to separate local traffic from strategic traffic on the bypass, thus improving traffic flow journey times, journey time reliability and safety for all users. The upgrading of the Sheriffhall Roundabout will remove a barrier to both local and strategic movements and provide benefits for businesses, travellers and local communities, as well as reducing severance across the junction for all travellers including those travelling by bus, walking and cycling. Additionally, grade separating the Junction will provide a continuous uninterrupted dual carriageway along the Edinburgh City Bypass, providing consistency with the other junctions which are all grade separated.
- 2.3 The proposed Scheme is being delivered as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESES CRD) signed in 2018, which includes Scottish Government funding for strategic transport improvements in the next 15 years, including up to £120 million specifically to support improvements for the grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout. Any financial risk to deliver the project sits with Scottish Ministers and not the City Deal partners. The ESES CRD Joint Committee ratified their support for the proposed Sheriffhall Roundabout Scheme at the [meeting on 3rd September 2021](#).
- 2.4 Following publication of Draft Orders and the Environmental Statement for the proposed Scheme in December 2019, the number of sustained objections dictated that a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) was the most expedient way to move the project forward. The PLI, overseen by an independent Reporter appointed by the Planning

and Environmental Appeals Division of Scottish Government (DPEA) was held in early-2023. Following conclusion of the PLI, the Reporter's report was issued to the Scottish Government on 10th October 2023, and is currently being considered before a decision is made on whether to proceed with the statutory process for the proposed Scheme as promoted.

3. Main report

Overview of the A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout Scheme

- 3.1 The proposed Scheme is a grade-separated junction arrangement providing new high-quality grade-separated active travel routes across the junction for all approach roads that connect with the wider network. It separates local traffic from the strategic traffic on the A720, relieving the significant congestion at this location, improving road safety, journey times and journey time reliability for all road users. The proposed Scheme also facilitates planned development in the ESES region.
- 3.2 Improved operating conditions at the junction will provide significant improvements in bus journey time and also reliability compared to the present, providing opportunities for operators to plan for improved services. The proposed Scheme also provides additional ducting to facilitate future full signalisation and enable the future deployment of bus priority signal systems should partners desire.
- 3.3 Modelling the effects of the proposed Scheme indicates a reduction in average journey times, for all road traffic including buses, on the local roads passing through the roundabout at year of opening, compared to the "no-scheme" scenario.
- 3.4 Further to a request from City Region Deal partners, Transport Scotland undertook a review of the public transport and active travel elements, which confirmed that every practical opportunity had been taken to maximise the benefits of these elements within the proposed Scheme whilst not creating additional impacts for local landowners, residents and business.
- 3.5 The active travel elements in the proposed Scheme will provide high quality facilities to address severance challenges and deliver a step change in accessibility for walking and cycling.

National and Regional Context

- 3.6 During the PLI, Transport Scotland presented extensive evidence regarding the national, regional and local policy context and justification for the proposed Scheme (this can be found on the DEPA website as linked at item 6.1.4).
- 3.7 Sheriffhall is an important part of the transport network in the South East of Scotland and sits within a wider national and regional context, as outlined below.
- 3.8 The grade-separation of Sheriffhall formed one of a number of recommendations of the first Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR1) within the ESES region which together provided a multi-modal package of rail, park and ride and other interventions. The proposed Scheme has continued to be a committed scheme

since then, and as such was therefore out of scope for the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), however it is aligned with delivering the vision, priorities and outcomes set out in both STPR2 and the National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2).

- 3.9 The proposed Scheme is included within a number of local authority planning strategies, including the City of Edinburgh Council's Local Development Plan and Midlothian Council's Local Development Plan.
- 3.9 It is within this wider national and regional multi-modal package of interventions to enhance the operation and safety of the strategic and regional transport networks that the grade-separation of Sheriffhall is being taken forward to address issues on a key route in the region, supporting the communities and economies served by the A720.

Next Steps/Timetable

- 3.10 The draft Orders and Environmental Statement for the proposed Scheme were published on 5 December 2019. On closure of the statutory consultation period on 31 January 2020, there were 2,771 objections to the draft Orders, a high proportion of which were submitted through the campaign on the Scottish Green Party website (2,701) and are based on or around a standard objection template.
- 3.11 In recognition of the high number and the "climate change" content of representations received, it was agreed with City Region Deal partners that the proposed Scheme would be reviewed to ascertain whether further improvements to active travel and public transport facilities would be feasible – this is the review referenced above under point 3.4.
- 3.12 Following a period of extensive consideration of the points raised in objection, Transport Scotland concluded the process of issuing formal responses to all those who submitted an objection. Given the nature and volume of remaining objections, a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) was considered to present the most expedient method of moving the proposed Scheme forward. Excessive time spent in pre-inquiry negotiations would unnecessarily prolong the statutory processes necessary to deliver and construct the proposed Scheme.
- 3.14 Consequently, Transport Scotland sought Ministerial approval and subsequently made arrangements with the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) for a PLI to be held. The DPEA appointed an independent Reporter to take forward the PLI for the proposed Scheme in May 2022.
- 3.15 The PLI for the proposed Scheme was held from 31 January to 8 February 2023, during which the appointed independent Reporter heard evidence from a number of objectors along with Transport Scotland as the Promoter (published documentation can be found on the DEPA website as linked at item 6.1.4 below). Following a period of consideration of all the evidence presented and heard during the Inquiry, the Reporter submitted their report to the Scottish Government on 10 October 2023. This report is now under active consideration before a decision is made on whether

or not to proceed to complete the statutory process for the proposed Scheme as promoted.

- 3.16 Delivery of the proposed Scheme can only commence if approved under the relevant statutory procedures. Only following completion of statutory consents can a programme be set for delivery of the proposed Scheme.

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 The City Region Deal, signed in 2018, includes a commitment by the Scottish Government of up to £120m to support improvements to the A720 City Bypass for the grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout. Any financial risk to deliver the project sits with Scottish Ministers and not the City Deal partners.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

- 5.1 The proposed A720 Sheriffhall scheme will provide a significant strategic contribution to the City Region Deal Themes 1 (Accelerating inclusive growth), 2 (Removing the physical barriers to growth) and 4 (Targeted employability and skills interventions).
- 5.2 It will also provide opportunities for greater levels of movement by public transport, complemented by wider proposals being progressed by partners through the emerging Bus Service Improvement Partnership for the region and work to be progressed through the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Funding award to the region.
- 5.3 The multi-modal design of the proposed scheme will also help facilitate the delivery of future transport projects such as the proposed Orbital Bus route and the potential south-east extension of the Edinburgh tram network to Dalkeith.
- 5.4 In addition, during the construction phase, community wealth building practices will be adopted in procurement and employment to encourage maximum benefit to local communities and supply chains. Furthermore, community benefit arrangements will provide further opportunities for local employment, training and contributions to regional good causes.
- 5.5 An environmental assessment was undertaken and an Environmental Statement published by Transport Scotland in December 2019.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 Further background/reading includes the following:
- 6.1.1 [City Region Deal: Accelerating Growth Agreement](#), August 2018
- 6.1.2 [Draft Orders and Environmental Statement - A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout scheme](#), Transport Scotland, December 2019
- 6.1.3 [A720 Sheriffhall - Public Transport & Active Travel Review Report](#), Transport Scotland, December 2020

6.1.4 [DPEA Case File - A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout - Public Local Inquiry portal](#),
The Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division

6.1.5 [A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout](#): ESESCR Deal Joint Committee report 3
September 2021

7. Appendices

7.1 None.

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

10am, Friday 1 December 2023

Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme 2023 Annual Report – Look Forward

Item number 5.6

Executive Summary

Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) is a change programme that has had considerable success bringing partners together, creating regional strategic direction, initiating enabler projects that enhance collaboration, and devising a Skills Gateway model that has proven effective in key industry sectors that are relevant across each of the local authority areas.

In order to chart the progress of activity and performance against established targets, the IRES Project Management Office (PMO) has implemented a comprehensive system for tracking and reporting results, which is recognised as sector leading and has influenced how Benefits Realisation is conducted across the wider aspects of the Deal.

Now that structures are in place and the programme is able to demonstrate value for money as well as significant outputs and results, it is believed appropriate for the IRES PMO to begin investigating how the activity can be resourced once the current round of funding is complete in March 2027. It is proposed that options are explored on how to more closely align the duration of the IRES programme with the 15-year term of the deal as a whole, which would ensure that opportunities are fully realised and risks mitigated across the ESES City Region Deal.

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Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme 2023 Annual Report – Look Forward

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress made by the IRES Programme in establishing the culture of collaboration in relevant skills areas.
- 1.2 To acknowledge the significant importance of the IRES Programme. As a £25m component of a £1.5bn Deal, the impact of the IRES programme goes well beyond its financial worth and its role is essential in providing the framework for the wider Deal to maximise inclusive growth outcomes.
- 1.3 To support the IRES Board to continue to lead the way by driving the strategic direction for regional skills projects.
- 1.4 To support the IRES Board to work with UK and Scottish Governments to identify additional allocation for IRES, beyond 2027 to bring it in line with the investment for the rest of the Deal.
- 1.5 To remit the IRES PMO to investigate how alternative funding streams (such as UKSPF, or replacement funds) and approaches flowing from the Withers' Review could be used to implement future regional skills projects; and explore the options for how we would manage regional, collaborative skills projects and the mechanism to collect and distribute regional funds going forward.

2. Background

- 2.1 The IRES Programme was envisaged as a change programme when the ESES City Region Deal was being developed. The allocation of £25m would enable regional partners to establish a governance structure and facilitate a new, collaborative way of working going forward, but would not be sufficient on its own to dramatically change employability and skills delivery across six Local Authority Areas. Since IRES' inception the Regional Prosperity Framework has further recognised that additional investment in skills will be required to fulfil the skills needs identified by key industry sectors.
- 2.2 This initial seed money provided the opportunity to: bring partners together, create a regional strategic direction, initiate enabler projects that enhance collaboration, and to devise a Skills Gateway model that has proven effective in key industry sectors that are relevant across each of the local authority areas.
- 2.3 The intention for IRES was to create the opportunity for local authorities and additional stakeholders such as the Further/Higher Education sector to work together better going forward. Although ESES City Region Deal funding provided the foundation for this work, it was always intended that this would be the first tranche of funding and that once the foundations had been established, other funding streams and projects would be included, under the IRES governance structure and be monitored accordingly.

- 2.4 At the time the ESES City Region Deal was signed, Scottish Government were only in a position to commit to eight years of revenue funding, taking the IRES Programme up to March 2027. This is out of alignment with the wider investment in the deal which has funding secured through to 2033. Now that structures are in place and the Programme is able to demonstrate value for money as well as significant outputs and results, it is time to start the conversation to identify how this activity is resourced once this first round of funding is complete.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The purpose of this paper is to:
- 3.1.1 Inform Joint Committee of the current situation and the intention of the Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme to seek further investment. Demonstrate that IRES Programme is providing excellent value for money in embedding inclusive growth practices and maximising the impact of the ESES City Region Deal investment to deliver employability and skills benefits.
 - 3.1.2 Highlight that IRES has already leveraged in an additional £6.3m to match the £13.4m of ESES City Region Deal money spent; and
 - 3.1.3 Seek approval for ongoing collaboration regarding appropriate projects/industry sectors that have a cross regional relevance or a rationale for a regional approach.

Governance Structure Established

- 3.2 The establishment of the IRES Board in 2019 has provided a governance structure to develop and oversee the strategic direction for regional employability and skills provision. The IRES Board brings together each of the local authority partners as well as wider stakeholders such as Scottish Funding Council, Department for Work and Pensions, NHS Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Government, Third Sector and representatives from both Further and Higher Education.
- 3.3 The IRES Board oversees the delivery of the existing IRES Projects, but has been instrumental in exploring additional areas for collaboration, such as Community Wealth Building and Community Benefits, Green Skills & Green Economy Jobs and Health & Social Care.

Programme Management and Benefits Realisation

- 3.4 The IRES Programme Management Office (PMO) provides support for each of the IRES Projects to deliver on the activity outlined in their business cases. The PMO has:
- conducted ongoing programme and performance management;
 - created linkages inside and outside the ESES City Region Deal; and
 - promoted activity and provided a mechanism for considering change requests when projects need to adapt or evolve to meet a particular need, or socio-economic challenge.
- 3.5 As all IRES business cases were signed off by Joint Committee before the COVID-19 Pandemic, certain aspects of delivery needed to flex and be re-designed to be practical during lockdown and during the subsequent restrictions. In some cases, this resulted in significant changes in the delivery priorities and the creation of online materials. The IRES PMO worked with project leads, the IRES Chair and the wider Board to navigate these changes quickly and efficiently to deliver maximum impact, even during an incredibly difficult time. In addition, IRES Projects have implemented changes to meet specific needs as they have arisen, such as the C-19 jobs portal response to Covid-19, the [Proud to Care Campaign](#)

and supporting migrant and refugee workers from Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine who have moved to the area as a result of International Conflict.

3.6 In order to chart the progress of activity and performance against established targets, the IRES PMO has implemented a comprehensive system for tracking and reporting results, which is recognised as sector leading and has influenced how Benefits Realisation is conducted across the wider aspects of the Deal.

3.7 The IRES [Dashboard](#) tracks real-time results and is circulated to IRES Board members regularly to ensure transparency and provide regional data insights that were not available before. In 2023 we have initiated more detailed analysis of these performance results to gain a better understanding of where projects are performing well, where there is a strong take-up in activity from local authority partners and to identify where we may need to initiate more targeted campaigns to ensure an equality of opportunity for citizens living in each of our local authority areas. This analysis has been received favourably and will be built on in 2024.

Financial Progress

3.8 The Table below outlines the financial profile for the IRES Programme:

Total IRES Allocation	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27
£25m	£1.06m	£2.35m	£4.08m	£4.06m	£4.28m	£3.86m	£3.60m	£1.71m

3.9 Some of the key points on financials are:

- Up to March 2023 the IRES Programme spent over £11.5m and has drawn down 100% or more of our profiled allocation over the last two years, in line with agreed cost acceleration with Scottish Government;
- This year, up to October, the Programme has spent £1.8m of the £4.28m allocation, which is 43% of the annual profile;
- A 100% draw down again this year is projected;
- With the Q2 claim this year, the IRES spend has been brought to over £13.4m, meaning that 54% of the total £25m allocation has been drawn down;
- In this same period, match funding across the range of IRES Projects has successfully been leveraged, securing over £6.3m in additional funding;
- Therefore, almost £20m has been delivered for the £13.4m investment through the City Region Deal.
- A breakdown of the funding sources and alignment to IRES Projects can be found on page 8 of the [IRES Dashboard](#).

Delivering Results – Changing Lives

3.10 In order to address the challenge of Inclusive Growth, the IRES Programme was designed to create enhanced skills pathways. It comprises of projects that support citizens to access higher skilled and higher paid work. Progression routes have been created in key industry sectors for those that were being supported through local employability partnerships, in vulnerable or low-income employment or coming from some of the most deprived areas across the City Region.

3.11 To date the IRES Programme has supported over 4,690 people into work, against a target of 5,300 for the full 8-year term. We are well on our way to meeting this full programme target

in the next year and we will look forward to surpassing it significantly by the end of the funding period.

- 3.12 The original target for Skills Improvements was 14,500. However at this time the Programme has supported almost 79,000 Skills improvements. A significant proportion of this is down to proactive steps taken to deliver flexibly during the COVID-19 period. Projects, unable to deliver in person, or in school/college environments as initially expected were able to create learning materials and online tools that were made available and more widely used than could have been delivered through the traditional methods originally planned.
- 3.13 As job targets and skills improvements are being exceeded, attention has been turned to career progression outcomes. IRES projects are currently being supported to introduce tracking systems to monitor career progressions and so far, the Programme has recorded over 90 Career Progressions against the target of 500. It is anticipated that this figure is much higher and is expected to increase once tracking systems are embedded across the programme. These outcomes are demonstrating how IRES is supporting employed people into higher skilled, higher paid opportunities, helping those to move out of vulnerable or low-income employment into an opportunity that will take them off benefits and ideally out of poverty.
- 3.14 Delivery of our Intensive Family Support Service is supporting vulnerable families from the most disadvantaged parts of the ESES City Region. The impact that this holistic, whole family approach is making across each of the local authorities is clear and it is evident in the families stories that are highlighted on the Annual Report Video.

Skills Gateway(s) Model

- 3.15 The Skills Gateway Model was devised to support the creation of career pathways into higher skilled and essentially higher paid work. There are two Skills Gateways currently operating under the IRES Programme; Housing Construction and Infrastructure (HCI); and the Data Skills Gateway (DSG). Both led by the HE Sector (Edinburgh Napier University and University of Edinburgh respectively) but working in unique collaboration with FE colleagues and local skills training providers to deliver activity locally throughout the City Region.
- 3.16 These Skills Gateways have been an overwhelming success demonstrating a new and innovative way of collaborative working, in order to attract and support learners from all aspects of society to learn and progress.
- 3.17 In early drafts of the IRES Programme, it was proposed that Skills Gateways could be developed for six of the key industry sectors across the City Region. Due to the final agreed allocation of funding for skills, it was decided that two Skills Gateways would be taken forward initially. HCI and DSG were chosen specifically for their relevance to the other aspects of the Deal being delivered through the Capital investment.

Ongoing & future skills collaboration

- 3.18 With the Skills Gateway model established, the IRES PMO are already working to identify key sectors where additional Skills Gateways could be implemented, linked to the aspirations outlined in the Regional Prosperity Framework. Further investment in skills is essential to ensure that there is a sufficient workforce to drive inclusive, economic growth across the ESES City Region. There is significant opportunity to build on the structure, performance management and network of partners that has championed this collaborative approach to delivering skills.

- 3.19 The Regional Prosperity Framework's Aligning Skills Group, is working with the IRES Board to identify key areas where a regional, collaborative approach to skills delivery would be favourable, beyond the existing projects funded through the City Region Deal. Industry sectors such as: Green Skills (delivered through the Net Zero Accelerator Hub); Health and Social Care; and Culture, Tourism and Visitor Economy are being explored, as well as the skills implications that will emerge from the opportunities brought by the Forth Green Freeport.
- 3.20 Ideally additional funding for future IRES projects would be made available by additional investment from Scottish Government, to bring the duration of the skills element in line with the Capital aspects of the Deal. The continuation and development of the IRES programme would be consistent with Scottish Government's National Strategy for Economic Transformation and 'the Withers Review': [Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#) which emphasised the need to work collaboratively with regions to deliver economic goals. Withers emphasised that regional bodies need more autonomy in decision-making to be responsive to requirements and to determine what delivery best suits the needs of their region.
- 3.21 Should that not be possible, it will be key to identify how future regional projects could be funded. If each local authority and/or additional stakeholders wanted to contribute some allocation to fund regional skills projects this would have to be collected and distributed from a single source. Going forward a full options appraisal would have to be completed, but possible considerations could be:
- Does one local authority take the lead for skills programmes as a designated Lead Accountable Body (as City of Edinburgh Council does on behalf of the existing ESES City Region Deal)?
 - Do individual local authorities or a stakeholder take the responsibility as the "bank" for any specific project that they have the lead for? (e.g.. Fife could lead on Green Skills, Edinburgh for H&SC Skills Gateway, East Lothian for Visitor Economy etc?)
 - Should a separate resource be created to fund all skills delivery through a third-party actor (e.g. Capital City Partnership working as a project manager on behalf of regional partners as they do for the Intensive Family Support Service?)

Risk

- 3.22 Although there is significant time left in the IRES Programme much more to be achieved, at this point over 50% of the budget has been spent, it would seem prudent to look forward beyond the life of the initial investment.
- 3.23 As so much has already been achieved, there are risk implications that arise if there is no plan for further or re-investment in a programme that is achieving such strong results:
- Partners retract back from collaborative working and begin to focus on more localised issues;
 - Connections are lost with wider stakeholders, reducing the opportunity for new and innovative delivery;
 - Financial uncertainty of projects results in key personnel moving on, staff not being replaced, and delivery becoming compromised if activity is felt to be winding down; and
 - Lack of continuity of the IRES programme could impact on the ability of the wider Deal to maximise inclusive growth targets and demonstrate impact. (e.g., Community Wealth Building, Community Benefits, tackling poverty, targeting disadvantaged and underrepresented groups etc.).

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 There is no financial impact from this report. The recommendations propose exploring ways of funding the IRES programme beyond March 2027. The financial progress of the programme so far is summarised in paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

- 5.1 The IRES Programme has actively sought to improve the flow of disadvantaged individuals into good employment and careers. Its overarching objective is to:
- be central to maximising the value of City Region Deal investments by delivering the workforce element;
 - future proof the regional economy through stimulating a positive step change in equality, capacity and productivity;
 - encourage meaningful participation by stakeholders in designing and delivering services and interventions;
 - provide opportunities to strengthen career progression routes for those who face significant labour market disadvantage; and
 - seek to address poverty and social exclusion by increasing the financial awareness, capacity and inclusion of the most disadvantaged households;
- 5.2 It includes geographic and client group inclusion targets as detailed in the [original Business Case](#).

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [IRES Programme website](#)
- 6.2 [The Original IRES Business Case](#) (approved by Joint Committee in December 2019)
- 6.3 IRES [Quarterly Report](#)
- 6.4 The IRES [Performance Dashboard](#)
- 6.5 The [IRES Programme Management Video](#), prepared for the Scottish Public Sector Awards can be viewed at:
- 6.6 The Withers Report: [Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#)

7. Appendices

- 7.1 None.

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