Notice of meeting and agenda

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee

10.00 am Friday, 13th January, 2023

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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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.

The Terms of Reference for this Committee state that the Convener will be appointed by the Joint Committee and should be from the Council in the annual lead role for the City Region Deal. Members should agree a Chair for this meeting in the absence of a Convener, who will be appointed at the next City Region Deal Joint Committee meeting on the 3 March 2023.

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.

3. Minutes

4. Items for Consideration

| **4.3** | Timetable – Verbal Update by Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework | Verbal Report |
| **4.4** | Meeting Schedule for 2023 - Verbal Update by Andy Nichol, Programme Manager, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal/Edinburgh 2050 City Vision | Verbal Report |

5. Date of next meeting

6. AOB

Gavin King

Clerk

Membership

Midlothian Council

Councillor Russell Imrie (Convener)

Councillor Kelly Parry

The City of Edinburgh Council

Councillor Cammy Day

Councillor Adam McVey

East Lothian Council

Councillor Norman Hampshire

Councillor John McMillan

Fife Council

Councillor Altany Craik

Councillor David Alexander

Scottish Borders Council

Councillor Euan Robson

Councillor Elaine Thornton-Nicol

West Lothian Council

Councillor Tom Conn

Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Higher/Further Education Consortium

David Brown

Simon Earp

Jane Grant

Regional Enterprise Council

Robert Carr

Garry Clark

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Further information

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Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room / Microsoft Teams

10.30am, Friday 18 November 2022

Present:

Midlothian Council – Councillors Russell Imrie (In the Chair) and Kelly Parry

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillors Cammy Day and Adam McVey

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire

Fife Council – Councillors Altany Craik and David Alexander

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Elaine Thornton-Nicol

West Lothian Council – Councillors Tom Conn and Kirsteen Sullivan

Higher/Further Education Consortium – David Brown and Ritchie Somerville (substituting for Jane Grant)

Regional Enterprise Council – Robert Carr and Shona Pettigrew (substituting for Simon Earp)

In attendance:
Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council
Andy Nichol, City Region Deal Programme Manager, City of Edinburgh Council
David Baxter, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council
David Hanna, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council
Graeme Rigg, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council
Daniel Stevens, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council
Lisa Howden, Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council
Jenni Craig, Director – Resilient Communities, Scottish Borders Council
Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place, East Lothian Council

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council
Craig McCorriston, Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, West Lothian Council
Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Fife Council
David Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Borders Council
Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Lord Offord, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office
Miriam Simpson, Scotland Office
Lizzie Davies, Scotland Office
Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise
Liz McAreavey, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Melissa Smith, Scottish Government
Jacqueline Marsland, Scottish Government
Kate Bryson, Scottish Government
Kimberley Daly, Scottish Government
Laurence Rockey, Scotland Office

Apologies

Councillor Euan Robson (Scottish Borders Council), Councillor John McMillan (East Lothian Council), Councillor Altany Craik (Fife Council), Nile Istephan (Regional Enterprise Council) and Simon Earp (Regional Enterprise Council).

1. Declarations of Interest

Robert Carr declared non-financial interests in the items as a partner in the Anderson Strathern LLP which acted for, or had in the recent past acted for, each of the local authorities involved in the City Deal as well as many of the higher and further education bodies; as Chair of the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee, as Chair of East Lothian Advice Consortium Ltd, the entity with which East Lothian Council contracts for the provision of advice services delivered by Haddington and Musselburgh Citizens Advice Bureaux; as a member of the East Lothian Partnership Connected Economy Group and as a member of the Fair work Convention.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee of 5 August 2022 as a correct record.

3. What's next for Scotland's most productive and successful economy?

Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework gave a presentation on progress and outcomes of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland

City Region Deal and the Regional Prosperity Framework, detailing the key strategic moves: Green Regeneration of the Forth Estuary; embedding and extending the impact of Data-Driven Innovation investment in the regional and national economy; the renewal of the Cultural offer and Visitor Economy; and soft and hard infrastructure – transport and skills for the future. The Oversight Committee and representatives from the UK and Scottish Governments were asked to continue to work in tripartite (UKG/SG/ESES) partnership and to agree for official to work together to conclude a proposition before Ministers by mid-February 2023.

During discussion, the following points were made:

- There was a need to ensure maximum benefit for everybody on the regeneration of extended Forth Estuary, both inner and outer.
- There were plans in place by people in the private sector on this, particularly in Fife. Officers would arrange a session on this work, involving the Scottish Funding Council and EDF Energy.
- The IRES Board was working with Skills Development Scotland on regional prosperity skills.
- In addition to the need to invest in skills, it was important to take into account labour shortages.
- Elected members would have a key role in getting businesses into communities.

Decision

1) To note the update by the Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework.

2) To agree that officers would arrange a session on the plans for the regeneration of the Forth Estuary.

4.   Scottish Government Economic Transformation update

An update was provided by Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, on Scottish Government Economic Transformation. Mr McKee highlighted that the primary driver for economic development was the National Strategy for Economic Transformation, which was closely aligned to the strategies outlined in the presentation by the Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework. Ministers would be happy to work with officers on all of the workstreams presented.

Decision

1) To note the update.

2) To agree that officials would be in touch with the Minister's office to arrange further discussions.

5.   UK Government economic and social ambitions update

An update was provided by Lord Offord, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office, on the UK Government economic and social ambitions. Lord Offord's main portfolio responsibilities in the current year were levelling up, city deals,

trade deals and business and economy. The ambitions of the City Region Deal were key ambitions of the UK Government – the Chancellor of the Exchequer had recently stated that he wanted to focus on energy, innovation and infrastructure, which were all key themes of the Regional Prosperity Framework.

Members of the committee and officials were encouraged to be bold, innovative and lead the way. Lord Offord highlighted a specific point about education and skills – the ambitions would only be a success if hard to reach communities are engaged and learn the green skills, digital skills, etc. that will allow them to access the new economy.

During discussion, the following points were made:

- It was important that colleges were not left behind as they would have an important role to play, particular in green skills, which were led by the further education sector.
- It would be remiss not to recognise the economic challenges and poverty that could act as a barrier.
- The emphasis of engaging with primary and secondary schools on digital skills was fundamental.
- There were concerns about the number of employees that would be required to deliver on the billions of investment going into offshore renewables.
- This was a unique moment in terms of agreed common themes across the political spectrum.
- The City Region Deal had been a catalyst for collaboration and working in a joined-up way. The business sector had an important role to play in terms of investment in skills and data.

Decision

To note the update and thank Ministers for their support.

6. Regional Prosperity Framework – update on development of RPF Delivery Framework

Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework, gave an update on the development of the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan. This work was supported by Ritchie Somerville and colleagues at the University of Edinburgh, who had supported a sprint process (on the back of existing day jobs). Now there was a document that was close to being finalised. It was intended to have the document ready for presentation at the next Elected Member Oversight Committee, followed by engagement with constituent councils over January and February, then to the Joint Committee on 3 March 2023. Ritchie Somerville provided details of the work carried out by the University to support the development of the plan. It was highlighted that this was not a "one and done" plan – it would be dynamic. It was also important to think about the immediate challenges that local authorities faced, in terms of how they were funded, and the broad challenges of revenue funding, when compared to capital. Local authorities were moving into a particularly difficult time, with all councils experiencing large funding gaps. There was no shortage of ambition, but it was important to get the modelling right.

Decision

To note the update.

7. Next Meeting

Decision

To note that the next meeting was scheduled for Friday 13 January 2023.

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REGIONAL PROSPERITY FRAMEWORK

DELIVERY PLAN & PROSPECTUS

2023/24

Agenda Item 4.1

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Edinburgh and South East Scotland Joint Committee

Councillor Cammy Day
Leader, The City of Edinburgh Council

Councillor Norman Hampshire
Leader, East Lothian Council

Councillor David Ross
Leader, Fife Council

Councillor Russell Imrie
Councillor, Midlothian Council
Chair, Joint Committee 2022

Councillor Euan Jardine
Leader, Scottish Borders Council
Chair, Joint Committee 2023

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Leader, West Lothian Council
Vice Chair, Joint Committee 2023

Professor Peter Mathieson
Chair; Higher & Further Education Consortium and Principal, University of Edinburgh

Claire Pattullo
Chair of Regional Enterprise Council *and Chief Executive Officer at Edinburgh Social Enterprise*

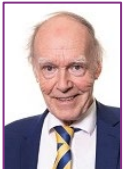**Garry Clark**
Vice-Chair of Regional Enterprise and Council Development Manager (East of Scotland) at Federation of Small Businesses

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Foreword

The City Region Deal brings together six local authorities, four universities, six colleges and the Regional Enterprise Council with representatives from the business, social enterprise and third sectors. The partnership is now in the fifth year of the delivery of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal programme, and we continue to make excellent progress.

Building on the successful delivery of the City Region Partners have developed an ambitious Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) that articulates the next phase of activity to develop the regional economy, building upon the successes of the City Region Deal. The RPF sets out a blueprint for regional economic recovery post-pandemic; resilience through the cost-of-living crisis and transition to net zero.

Our RPF Delivery Plan is both an action plan – focused on more immediate interventions that can currently be resourced; and a prospectus – setting out collective future ambition and opportunities. A living document, the Delivery Plan sets out an ambitious and dynamic series of four key programmes to deliver the region's ambitions:

- Green Forth
- Infrastructure for Recovery
- Visitor Economy and Culture, and
- Data-driven Innovation Economy

These programmes will enable the city region to maintain and enhance its global reputation and become the data capital of Europe, delivering sustainable and inclusive growth.

Our Delivery plan aligns with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), and UK Government's Levelling Up priorities.

We ask the Scottish and UK Governments to continue to commit to work in tripartite partnership to deliver our Blueprint through a long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation to deliver shared outcomes.

Chair of the Edinburgh & South East of Scotland Joint Committee

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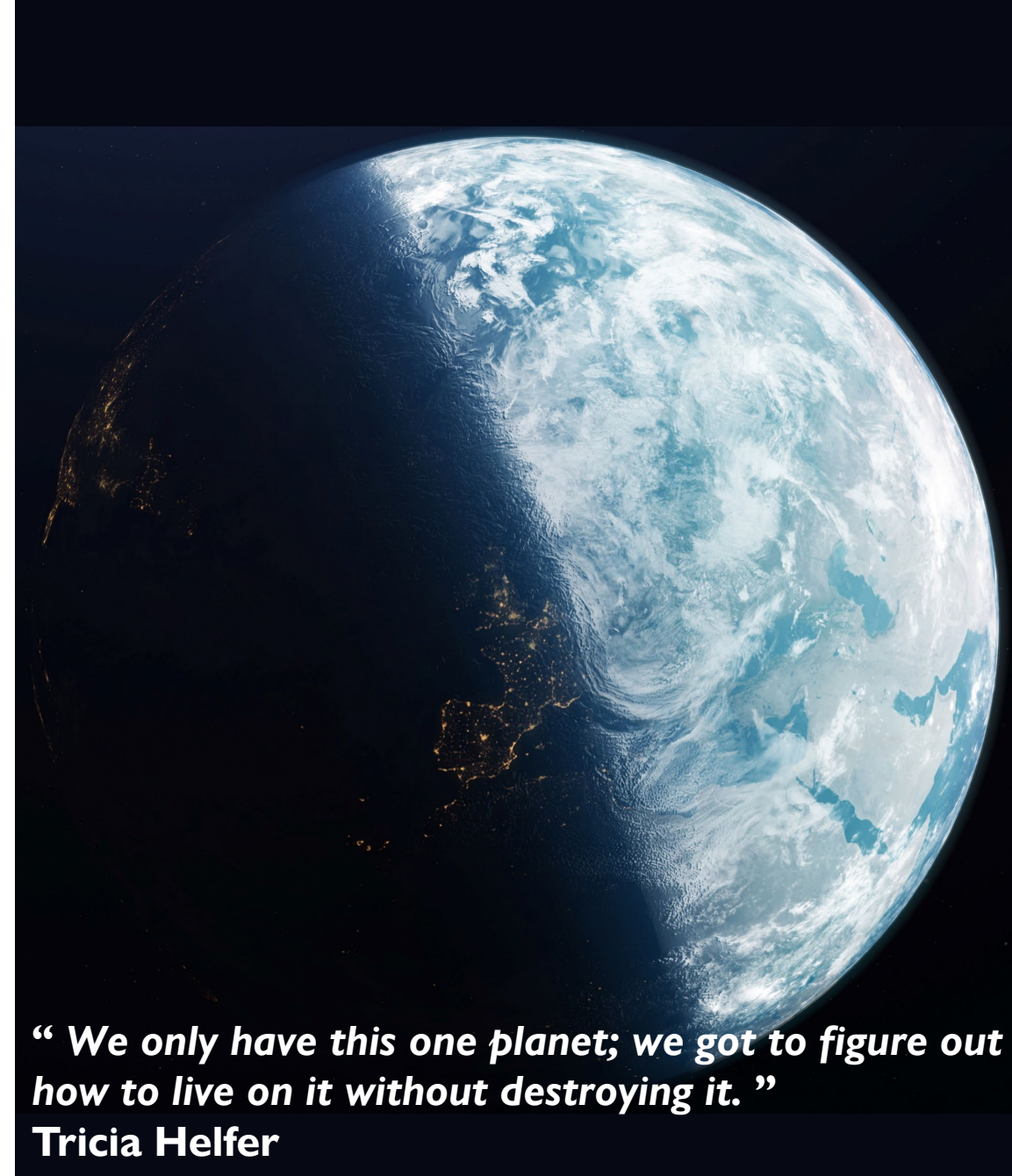
" We only have this one planet; we got to figure out how to live on it without destroying it. "
Tricia Helfer

Executive Summary

Over the last five years the regional economic partnership (REP) behind the South East Scotland City Region Deal has flourished, resulting in the publication of the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) in September 2021.

A range of acute external pressures have strained the REP, and this living Delivery Plan is our remedy. The Plan targets three goals: reduced economic exclusion; increased regional competitiveness; and, accelerated transition to Net Zero.

The Delivery Plan comprises four key programmes and associated regional action plans. The action plans will deliver immediate benefits whilst providing a longer-term platform for future activities that deliver our goals.

Early momentum is key to consolidating our REP and is core to our actions plans. Our Call to Action comprises four priority initiatives:

- Co-develop with Government a *place based capital and revenue funding model for delivery of regional ambitions;*
- Develop Green Forth investment prospectus;
- Secure a sustainable visitor economy and promotion of our cultural assets; and,
- Promote the transition to data enabled economy in the region.

These initiatives will provide further evidence of the positive impact of our REP; build further confidence in our ability to collaborate and deliver and demonstrate the positive outcomes that investment in our region will deliver.

The REP now seeks to co-create the delivery and resourcing approach for this Delivery Plan with government partners and other stakeholders.
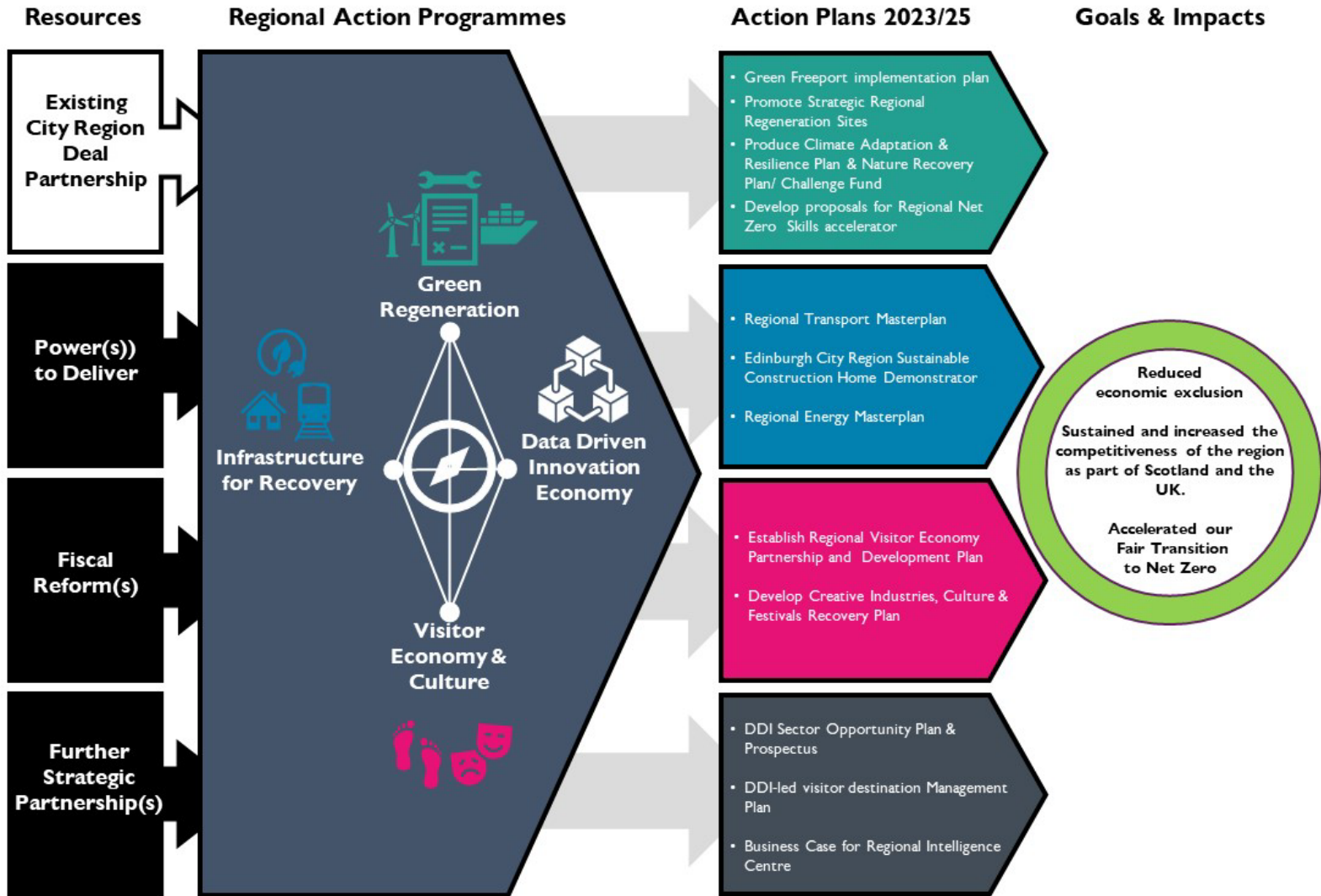
A region that is committed to new ways of working to grow an innovative and diverse Economy
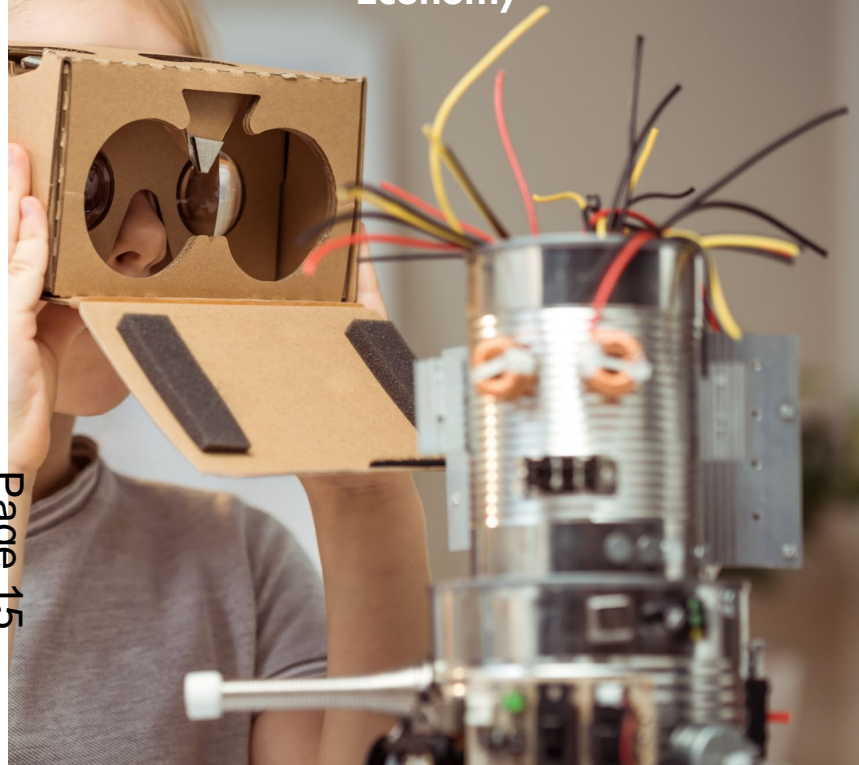
CodeBase fully supports Edinburgh's ambition to become the Data Capital of Europe. That is why we are excited about plans to embed, and broaden the impact of, Data-Driven Innovation investment in the regional and national economy.

In order to become Europe's Data Capital, it is essential that Edinburgh and South East Scotland continue to provide the skills, support network, data and transport infrastructure that will facilitate the continued growth of data-led organisations - companies old and new - in the region.. **Steven Drost, CSO CodeBase**

Introduction

Our Delivery Plan has been developed through our Regional Economic Partnership (REP) in collaboration with government and their agencies. The Plan sets out our opportunities for regional action and investment that better deliver regional inclusive economic growth through regional collaboration.

The Delivery Plan Builds Upon our shared Strategic Framework
The Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) articulates the long-term aspirational goals for Edinburgh and South East Scotland city region. It guides the future direction of regional economic and wider policy by setting out an ambitious vision for the regional economy to 2041. All actions under the RPF are framed to support:
People: expand access fair work, learn and develop new skills and to live happy and healthy lives
Places: develop communities that are sustainable, attractive to live and work in and where enterprise thrives
Planet: meet our needs whilst enabling future generations to meet theirs, with a focus on climate action through emissions reduction and adaptation.

Our Vision for the Region is Challenging but Achievable…
We will ensure the social and economic benefits of future growth extend to all. All sections of the community will have the opportunity to develop & enhance the key skills that will help to end inequalities in our society. We will protect our environment and make best use of our extraordinary built and natural assets, ensuring that our Region delivers a just transition to a net zero economy. Our institutions, ancient and modern, will deliver positive outcomes that enhance our local, national, and international reputation. Our aim is to become the data capital of Europe.

….by Remaining Responsive to Change
Global events, such as global pandemic recovery, the war in Ukraine, inflation and emerging financial and political uncertainties, demand an agile strategic response if our shared regional ambitions are to be achieved. As a result, the Delivery Plan focuses on the immediate **1 to 3-year horizon**, but in the context of our longer-term regional ambitions. It will be **reviewed annually**, adding or subtracting Programmes and projects to ensure continued focus on our ambitions and enable dynamic responses to any challenges as they emerge.

Our Plan Builds Upon the Unique Attributes of the Region
The Delivery Plan describes:
- **The Region's Diverse Economy,** identifying the unique strengths and assets of our regional economy.
- **Opportunities and Challenges**, assessing our regional growth levers and the barriers we must overcome.
- **Delivering together,** describing the aims and priorities for our Plan including the pathway that we can follow if we are going to positively impact the regional economy.

A RESILIENT REGIONAL ECONOMY

Our Diverse Region

Edinburgh
- Key driver of Scottish economy with diverse global business base, quality retail core, and world heritage cityscape.
- Global strengths in professional services, finance, insurance, education, science, health and data.
- Thriving retail, hospitality and leisure sector.
- Forth Bridge world heritage site frames key green growth and regeneration opportunities along the Forth.
- Continued strong demand in housing and commercial property markets.
- Regional actions underway to distribute economic opportunity, address commuting travel patterns, improve affordable housing supply and enhance strategic local infrastructure.

West Lothian
- Broad and extensive business base is supported by a skilled workforce
- Key strengths in life sciences, engineering, construction, food & drink, aerospace, retail, software development, renewables, advanced manufacturing, health, communications, support services and logistics.
- Heartlands offers 2,000 homes and 1.5 million square feet of employment space with easy motorway access.
- Winchburgh is delivering thousands of new homes and 40 acres of employment and retail space, with easy motorway access and potential for a new rail station.

Midlothian
- High quality clusters of professional, education, health and scientific developments such as Easter Bush.
- At the forefront of world leading research and development programmes in biomedicine and agritech.
- Data Driven Innovation Skills Gateway established at Newbattle High School Centre of Excellence.
- Destination Hillend is a strategic proposal for multi-activity leisure tourism with business opportunities at Hillend Snowsports Centre.
- Strengths in wholesale retail and trade, construction and manufacturing, and agriculture.

Scottish Borders
- Strong cultural heritage, high quality environment and communities with a good quality of life.
- Strengths in agriculture, energy, tourism, food & drink, manufacturing, forestry and construction
- Well connected to Central Scotland and the Cities of the North of England.
- Borders Rail has catalysed regional opportunities.
- Future extension of railway to Carlisle and planned 4G/5G investments will sustain economic opportunities.
- Scottish Borders Mountain Bike Innovation Centre will cement the region's international cycling reputation.
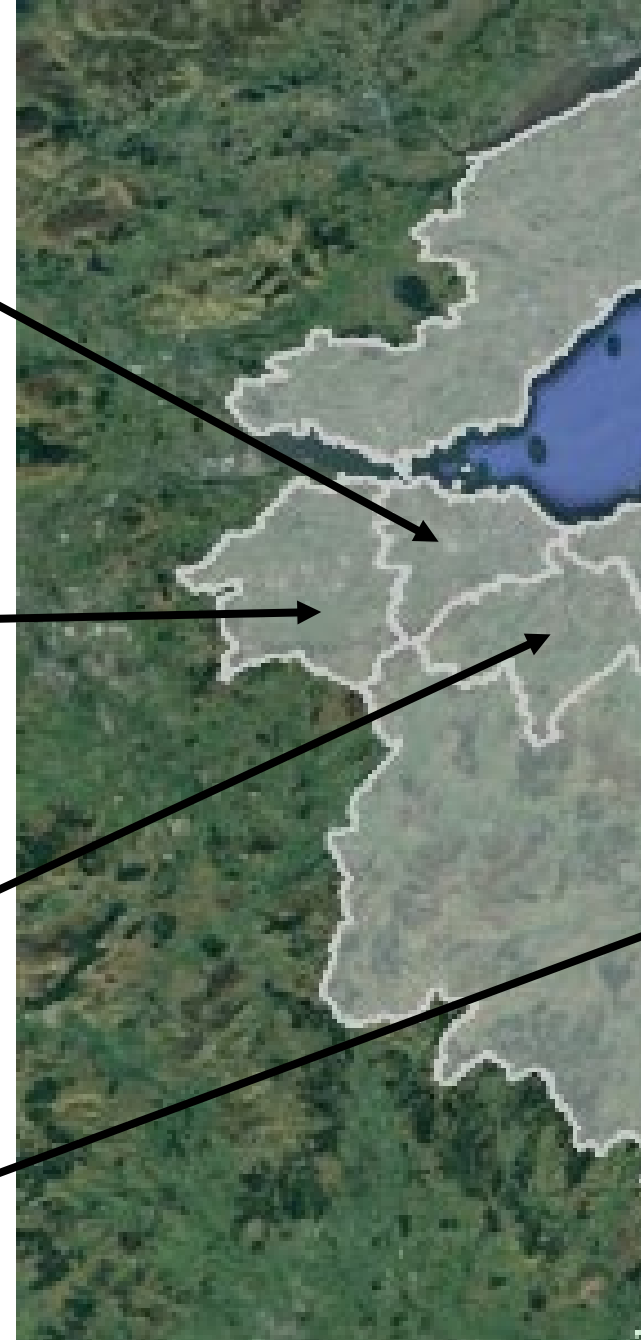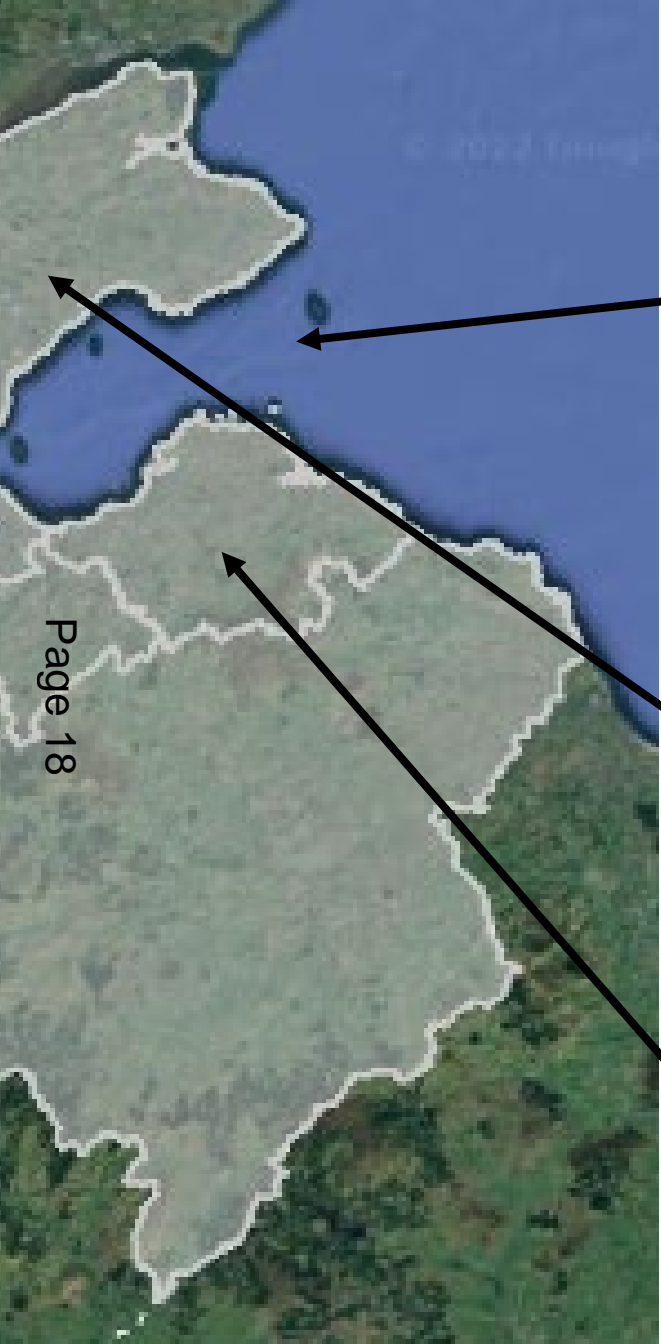
The Firth of Forth
- Economic renaissance of the Forth estuary is driven by green growth, net zero energy innovation and sustainable infrastructure, new fuel production and nature based solutions.
- Strengths in life sciences, engineering, construction, agriculture, food and drink, distribution, aerospace, retail, software development and renewables, advanced manufacturing health, information, communications, support services and logistics.
- Three regeneration and renewal zones along its length:

  1. South Zone: Hound Point (deep water facilities), Edinburgh Waterfront and East Lothian's Climate Evolution Zone (including the former Cockenzie Power Station), Blindwells new settlement (with potential for expansion), and Eyemouth as a hub for off-shore renewables;
  2. North Zone: former Longannet Power Station site (with rail link), Rosyth International Port, Braefoot Bay Oil and Gas Terminal (deep water facilities), Mossmorran fuel and distribution hub, the Fife Renewables Innovation Centre and ORE Demonstrator at Levenmouth; and
  3. West Zone: the Forth provides links to the Falkirk and Grangemouth Investment Zone with its green fuel production, biotechnology and skills development, and Scotland's National Environment Centre and National Aquiculture Technology and Innovation Hub.

Fife
- Strengths include advanced manufacturing, financial and business services and food and drink.
- Outstanding coastline and strategic travel routes provide opportunities for inclusive, sustainable growth.
- Dunfermline awarded city status and offers large housing development area including shared learning campus for Fife College.
- Rosyth International Port and Arrol Gibb Campus complement local strengths in freight and logistics.
- Centre of Excellence in Low Carbon and Renewable Energy innovation being created at Guardbridge.
- number of transformative investments are already underway (e.g. reopening of the Levenmouth Rail Link.

East Lothian
- Celebrated for its attractive market towns, prime countryside and coast, and golf and leisure tourism.
- Green growth opportunities in emerging **Climate Evolution Zone**, including **Cockenzie Power Station site** and potential expansion of **Blindwells new settlement**,
- Potential investments in strategic sustainable infrastructure, including the **High Speed Rail**,
- Internationally significant scientific, biomedical and education activities, including **Edinburgh Innovation Hub and Edinburgh Innovation Park,**
- The future use of Tonrness Nuclear Power Station site is a significant longer term opportunity.

Our Economy and Goals

- **65%** of 1.4m residents are of working age. The Region's dependency ratio is projected to increase from **54%** in 2018 to **57%** by 2043, compared to Scotland's **60%**.

- This is the fastest growing region in Scotland and one of fastest in UK. Forecast change in population 2018 – 2043 is **9.1%** (Scotland **2.5%**/UK **9%**).

- In 2022, **20.7%** of residents aged 16-64 were economically inactive, **2.2%** lower than Scotland. This ranges from **16.3%** to **26.9%** in the Local Authorities. It is a decrease from pre-pandemic levels. Reasons for inactivity include long term sickness. Unemployment rates by disabled status range from **15.6%** to **33.7%**.

- By 2032, there will be a need to replace **264,100** people who have left the labour market in the Region. (RSA Nov 22)

- Productivity, calculated by dividing total regional GVA by total regional employment (measured by jobs), in 2022, was forecast to be **£59,700**, higher any other region and than the Scottish average **of £54,100**.

- Over the long-term (2025-2032) productivity is expected to grow by **1.1%** on average each year, broadly similar to Scotland as a whole.

- **4.4** tonnes of CO2 emissions per head in 2020.

Our Goals
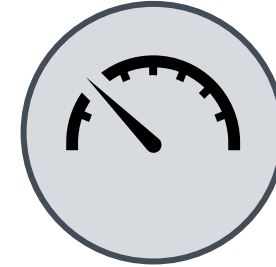
Reduce Economic Exclusion
- Reduce levels of economically inactivity.
- Reduce unemployment levels by disabled status.
- Reduce the number of people suffering the greatest levels of deprivation
- Minimise the impact of an increasing dependency ratio in the region
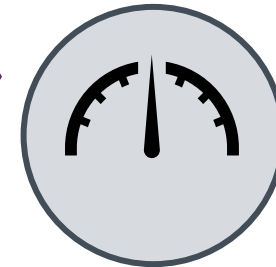
Sustained and Increased Competitiveness
- Increase productivity per capita by increasing adoption of data driven innovation and business start-ups.
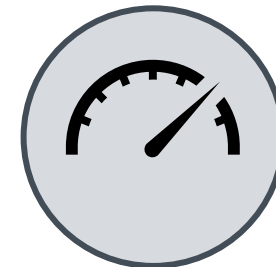
Accelerate Fair Transition to Net Zero
- Reduce per capita end-user greenhouse gas emissions for the region and by sector
- Better achieve net zero by 2045, 90% by 2040 and 75% by 2030.

Opportunities & Challenges

Opportunities

Devise circular investment opportunities where benefits from investments are retained and magnified within the region.

Link supply and demand at a regional level so that regional needs can be better met locally in a sustainable fashion.

Develop a "*pack mentality*" in the REP to seek and deliver regional opportunities which transects all sectors and builds on the success of the City Region Deal.

Building on the progress in the digitisation of the regional economy, further drive adoption of this innovation into all sectors

Improve food and resource security at a regional level, and develop sustainable forms of tourism, culture and heritage

Deliver interventions that are collaborative, multi-faceted and diffused to address local needs across the region

Embed community wealth building in anchor institutions to increase focus on a wellbeing economy

Develop new partnerships with industry and government and secure funding through a "one region" approach that complements local action within communities

Mobilise a whole societal 'one region' approach to Net Zero, involving communities, businesses and governments

Goals

Sustained and Increased Competitiveness

Reduced Economic Exclusion

Accelerated Fair Transition to Net Zero

Challenges

Place based capital and revenue funding allocations, recognising the delivery of regional ambition, need to be designed and delivered

Significant fiscal uncertainty exists for government and the public sector. Maintaining core key services is the priority for all regional partners in the short term

The scale and complexity of our external challenges requires a response that is equal to it, and **collective action at scale is vital** to meet them with the necessary capability and capacity

Change in national policies and approaches is needed if regional opportunities are to be realised

Quality of life shocks are having a real and sustained impact on the quality of life across the region, reinforcing regional inequalities

Whilst unprecedented transformative change is essential the cost of delivering a **just transition**, in the short term, is beyond the means of local government

OUR ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES

2023 - 2025

Resources
- Existing City Region Deal Partnership
- Power(s)) to Deliver
- Fiscal Reform(s)
- Further Strategic Partnership(s)

Regional Action Programmes
- Green Regeneration
- Infrastructure for Recovery
- Data Driven Innovation Economy
- Visitor Economy & Culture

Action Plans 2023/25
- Green Freeport implementation plan
- Promote Strategic Regional Regeneration Sites
- Produce Climate Adaptation & Resilience Plan & Nature Recovery Plan/ Challenge Fund
- Develop proposals for Regional Net Zero Skills accelerator

- Regional Transport Masterplan
- Edinburgh City Region Sustainable Construction Home Demonstrator
- Regional Energy Masterplan

- Establish Regional Visitor Economy Partnership and Development Plan
- Develop Creative Industries, Culture & Festivals Recovery Plan

- DDI Sector Opportunity Plan & Prospectus
- DDI-led visitor destination management plan
- Business Case for Regional Intelligence Centre

Goals & Impacts
Reduced economic exclusion

Sustained and increased the competitiveness of the region as part of Scotland and the UK.

Accelerated our Fair Transition to Net Zero

Green Regeneration

- **Await decision on Forth Green Freeport Bid & Cockenzie Power Station Site Levelling Up Bid:**
  - *Develop, define and deliver business cases for longer term projects and programmes*
- **Establish Forth Collaboration Network to oversee successful Forth transformation, including ambition to deliver:**
  - *Leith Renewables Hub and wider Edinburgh Waterfront*
  - *Climate Evolution Zone with net zero infrastructure and employment at former Cockenzie Power Station site (with rail link) and Blindwells New Settlement (with potential for expansion), as well as Eyemouth off-shore renewables service and operations hub, and in the longer term future opportunities at Torness Nuclear Power Station site*
  - *Rosyth International Port, including Green & Blue Innovation Economy Opportunities, reuse of former Longannet Power Station site (with rail link), and Fife Renewables Innovation Centre and ORE Demonstrator at Levenmouth;*
- **Define and Develop a Regional Climate Adaptation & Resilience Plan:**
  - *Build on Adaptation Scotland's Regional Climate Risk Assessment to develop a regional adaptation and mitigation strategy*
- **Establish Nature Recovery Plan and Project Fund:**
  - *Use regional and local plans and strategies, including coastal management programmes and practices, and project planning to define and deliver cross border Other Area Based Conservation Measures and net benefits for biodiversity, linked to potential developer contribution protocols*
- **Regional Net Zero Accelerator:**
  - *Finalise Business Case for Regional Net Zero Skills Accelerator Hub to deliver programmes that enable key sectors to accelerate transition to net zero by meeting demand for green skills*
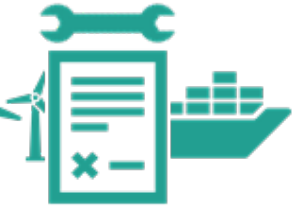
Infrastructure for Recovery

- **Regional Transport Masterplan**
  - *Collaboratively develop a brief for the South East Scotland Regional Transport Masterplan, Funding & Delivery Programme.*
- **Edinburgh City Region Sustainable Construction Home Demonstrator**
  - *Phase 1 in delivery and scale up programme with Regional Pipeline defined*
  - *Identify funding and delivery partner and potentially suitable sites for off-site manufacturing facilities – e.g. for infrastructure and / or housing*
- **Regional Energy Masterplan**
  - *Phase 1 funding secured and develop Phase 2 proposition and demonstrators*

Visitor Economy & Culture

- **Regional Visitor Economy Partnership:**
  - *Seek to establish Regional Partnership with Visit Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and others*
- **Regional Visitor Economy Development Plan:**
  - *Regional Partnership to co-produce a Plan that aligns regional ambitions and actions*
- **Festivals Recovery:**
  - *Create Festivals recovery fund to create resilience, and to enable festivals to recover with new business model implemented*
- **Creative Industries:**
  - *Define regional creative industries sectoral challenges and opportunities, and co-produce a recovery and growth plan*

Data Driven Innovation
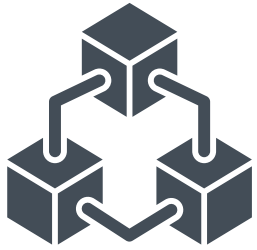
- **DDI Prospectus Sector Opportunity Plan**:
  - *Develop new regional and sectoral plans and prospectus to align the role and impact of data services across the business base and region, focusing on sectorial priorities*
- **DDI-led approach to visitor economy destination management**:
  - *Scope business case, which will help to position the region as a global leader in regional data-driven decision-making for strategic tourism investments*
- **Regional Intelligence Centre**:
  - *Finalise business case to enable regional policy makers, service delivery executives and the public to access relevant useful knowledge and insights to develop regional policy and improve services*
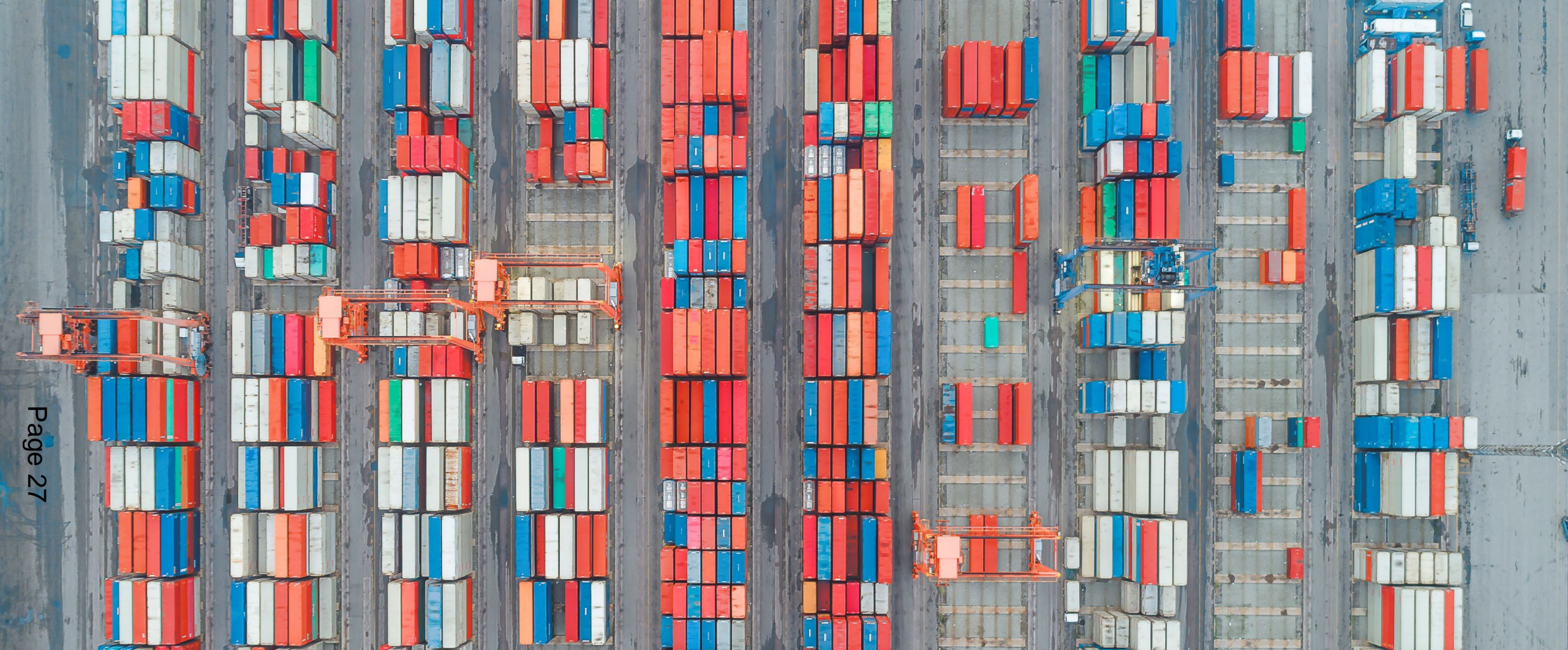
OUR SHARED PROSPECTUS: DELIVERING TOGETHER

A Call to Action

Early momentum is key to any major initiative and is embedded in the Action Plan. Our Call to Action does not require all 15 initiatives to be launched simultaneously and immediately. Instead, we will undertake the following four activities as a priority:

- Co-develop with Government a new funding model for regional initiatives that incorporates capital and revenue place based funding allocations

- Develop an investment prospectus for the Green Forth.

- Secure a sustainable visitor economy and promotion of our cultural assets.

- Promote the transition to data enabled business performance in the region.

These early wins will provide us with further evidence of the positive impact of regional working; build further confidence in our ability to collaborate and deliver and demonstrate the positive outcomes that investment in our region will deliver.

Enablers
- Net Zero Transition
- Work Better Together
- Secure Third Party Investment
- Secure Government Funding

Priority Projects
- Recovery and Housing
- Develop Green Forth Prospectus
- Visitor Economy & Culture
- Data Enabled Business

Towards Regional Prosperity

Our Ask of Government

Transformation is a Team activity

Addressing the scale of transformation required to transition the region to a balanced economy that meets the needs of its citizens and businesses within the limits of its resources will require action at a local, regional and national level. It is for this reason that the Partners have set out an ambitious yet pragmatic vision for innovation and change. New ways of working together are required.

The region has the diversity and attributes to tackle many of its economic challenges in ways that provide for the needs of its citizens and businesses. But the nature of some of the actions required mean that **a new multi-governmental Team approach is required**.

Many of the controls through which local and regional challenges can be addressed sit with others at Scottish or UK Government level. Through the right form of partnership (new collaborative approaches and funding models) the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region has the potential to harness the opportunity of the drive to net zero, to build a more self-sustaining regional economy that can support a just transition for Scotland and the UK.

Our Asks of Government Span Financial Support and New Forms of Partnering

To realise the aim and objectives of the Regional Prosperity Framework, and this associated Action Plan, Scottish and UK Government are asked to offer the following support:

Financial Support for Programmes
- We ask for our Action Plan to be achieved through a **medium to long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation** based on shared outcomes.

New forms of Partnering
- Support to **develop a new Regional delivery capability** to support the Regional Prosperity Framework
- Align national strategies & policies to **support regional aspirations**
- We ask both the Scottish and UK Governments to **commit to continue to work in tripartite (UKG/SG/ESES) partnership**.
- Recognise the region is closely aligned and uniquely positioned to progress the recommendations made in the Scottish Government's Regional Economic Policy Review.

Enablement
New powers and new delivery tools to deliver the Framework, through a "*live*" Action Plans.

National Strength Recognition – there are a basket of regional economic assets that are a vital part of the national economy, but which have been buffeted by recent economic upheavals. We want to work the Governments to secure these for the long term.

What Will Change?

Measuring impact

As with the City Region Deal activity, it is intended that a Benefit Realisation approach be adopted for the Regional Prosperity Framework.

Given the emerging activities of the Scottish Government, and its National Strategy for Economic Transformation, and the Regional dimension to this being developed, and UK Government, through its Levelling Up Missions and Shared Prosperity Fund activity, the Regional Partners want to work with both UK and Scottish Government, and other Regional Partners, to develop a Benefit Realisation approach that enables all of these activities to be answered with the lowest possible resource demand, ensuring that resources are primarily focused on delivery and impact.

This will look at build up on the work already defined through the City Region Deal, to create a sustained suite of indicators of success and impact, supported by the stories of impact that allow economic development to be understood, allowing the stories of our citizens and businesses to be heard and amplified.

ESESCRD

ESES RPF

SG NSET

UKG NLUM & SPF

Shared Measurement Approach
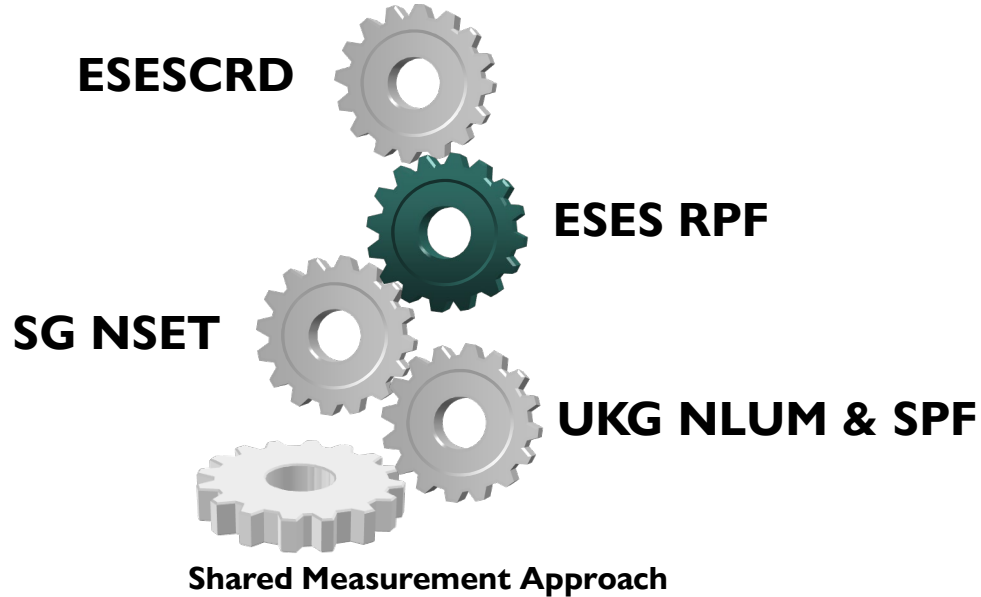
It has been a pleasure for the Regional Enterprise Council (REC) to have been part of developing the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF), from its original vision through to this Delivery Plan. The REC advises the City Region Deal's Joint Committee on the delivery of projects across the city region and encourages further investment opportunities, and has helped shape the ambition and strategic direction of the RPF.

There has been considerable change at a national, local and regional level since the RPF was published in September 2021. The City Region Deal Partners are determined to respond positively to challenges and changes in the economy. It is critically important that the RPF Delivery Plan is a living document that is regularly reviewed and re-focussed to ensure that everyone benefits from regional prosperity and growth.

The four key programmes - Green Forth; Housing and Recovery; Culture & Visitor Economy; and Data Enabled Business - are critical to the region's economic future. They provide clarity for collaboration and future investment to ensure this region continues to be Scotland's most successful and productive regional economy. The RPF Delivery Plan is a key step in delivering sustainable, inclusive growth to enhance and protect our environment and make best use of the region's built and natural assets, ensuring that the region delivers a just transition to a net zero economy.

Claire Pattullo and Gary Clark, Chair and Vice Chair of the Regional Enterprise Council

It has been a privilege to have been part of the team preparing the Regional Prosperity Framework to constitute a flexible and lasting template for economic development across the whole Region and to maximise the benefits for all from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Deal.

A most welcome characteristic of how that team has worked together is the collaboration across geographies among the elected representatives from all political parties, council officials, communities and enterprises. As we have sought to build back differently for the future many open conversations have taken place about where we are now, where we want to be, and how we are going to get there. These conversations have been conducted, not as a dance of opposites, fueled by self-interest or point-scoring, but as heartfelt dialogues to collectively create and deliver a common vision for the future.

The team have had the confidence to be bold and ambitious in how the pressing challenges that exist for our enterprises, workplaces, marketplaces, communities and for our environment can be addressed. We have had a shared vision of a sustainable, respectful Scotland, where individuals and communities can flourish, and our diversity is celebrated. That vision recognises that our wellbeing is dependent upon the people most affected taking informed decisions about their futures.

As the Framework process now moves from design the team is wrestling with how the pace of delivery can be accelerated. As the actions and outputs are measured, we will answer the timeless question posed by immunologist Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine in the 1950s: are we being good ancestors?

*Robert Carr, Regional Enterprise Council, Partner and Solicitor Advocate - Anderson Strathern*

Regional Prosperity Framework:
2023/24 Delivery Plan

This is a 'living document' and will be updated on an annual basis to reflect the delivery of activities to ensure that the Region meets its long term goals of a regional economy that is **resilient**, **flourishing** and **innovative**.
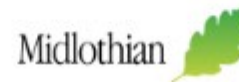
ANNEX 1: CASE STUDIES ON EXISTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Case Studies

Case Study: Borders Railway

When opened in September 2015, the Borders Railway marked the longest domestic railway to be constructed in Britain for over 100 years. The new railway quickly and substantially exceeded the predicted patronage figures and wider benefit forecasts.

The line has breathed fresh vitality and investment into the communities it serves, transforming the places and local economies by:
• Retaining and attracting residents;
• Enabling the local business base to expand; and
• Doing so in a sustainable manner.

There is a commitment in the Borderland Growth Deal for UK and Scottish Governments to fund a Feasibility Study to deliver the remaining section to Carlisle, providing an important regional and national connection southwards to the rest of the UK.

Source: *Borders Railway Completion The missing link - re-connecting the Borderlands – Produced by Borderland Inclusive Growth Deal*

Transport Scotland evaluation of the existing line has revealed the wide-ranging nature of the impacts in just the first two years of operation (since 2015/16). Only two years of data is likely to vastly underreport the full impacts - major rail infrastructure would typically take five to ten years for the full effects. Impact summary below:

Connectivity
• 40% of journeys we not previously made
• In only two years, 15% of survey respondents indicating they had changed employment, and over half indicating that the line was a factor
• 90%+ of travel is to/from Edinburgh and beyond
• 15% of users did not have a car available

Modal Shift
• 60% used another mode, of which 64% previously travelled by car
• 6% of survey respondents had reduced their car ownership

Housing
• Housing delivery in Midlothian doubled in years before opening
• Over 50% of new residents stated the line had been a factor in their decision to move to the area

Visitor Economy
• Visitor numbers for Midlothian and Borders attractions increased by 7% in the first half of 2016
• 70% of tourist and day visitor users said the railway had been a factor in their decision to make the trip

Skills/Qualifications/Training
• Applications to Borders College (Galashiels) increased by 74% in 2016/17 compared to the previous year.

Approach: Partnership
Themes: Innovative – Flourishing & Resilient
Benefits: Net Zero, jobs, connectivity, housing, skills

Case Studies

Case Study: Preparing for Tomorrow Today – Granton Net Zero Housing

As part of the Region's commitment to "net-zero" 75 net-zero carbon homes and three retail units have been developed as part of the Granton D1 initiative.

This is an Edinburgh Home Demonstrator (EHD) pilot, championed by City Region partner, the City of Edinburgh Council, with support from construction and academic partners. It is part of the region's ambitions to deliver XXXX affordable homes by 2028.

The project was undertaken in partnership with CCG (Scotland) Ltd, to test this new business model for building affordable, net zero homes. A large proportion of the construction was carried out off-site in a factory setting, reducing the overall time it takes to build the homes.

The homes include zero emissions heating, reducing the risk of fuel poverty for tenants. In addition, this will help reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and support the region's net-zero targets.

The pilot is also supported by a team from Napier Edinburgh University, who are analysing the energy performance of the homes to validate and inform the net-zero carbon strategy for future EHD projects. The EHD project aims to deliver 1000 affordable net-zero carbon homes across the region as part of the City Region Deal.

Approach: Partnership
Themes: Innovative – Resilient
Benefits: Net Zero, homes, jobs, model for other developments

Case Studies
Case Study: Integrated Regional Employability & Skills (IRES)

IRES is a £25m, 8 year change programme which started in April 2018. Excellent progress is being made towards delivering an additional 14,700 skill improvements; 5,300 people into employment; and a further 500 career enhancements through its 7 themes:

Workforce Mobility (WFM)

Data-Driven Innovation (DDI) Skills Gateway

Housing Construction and Infrastructure (HCI) Skills Gateway

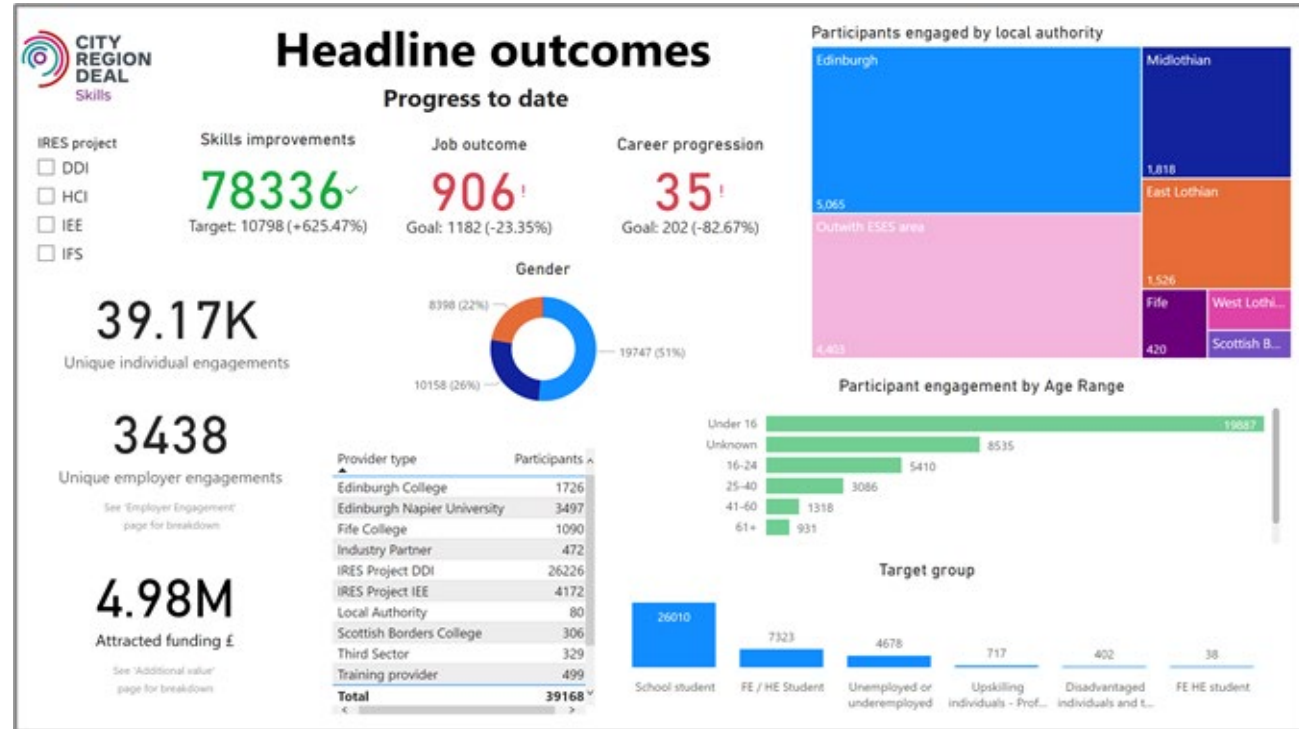Integrated Knowledge Management Systems (IKS)

Intensive family support service (IFSS)

Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation (LMAE)

Integrated Employer Engagement (IEE)

Building on the successful partnerships established through the IRES programme we will support the Regional Prosperity Framework through the establishment of additional Skills Gateways. A Net Zero Accelerator to develop skills linked to green economy jobs including Construction, Energy and Transport; whilst there is a strong ambition for a Health and Social Care Skills Gateway to support innovation and capacity.

Outputs and outcomes are tracked through a bespoke monitoring and evaluation framework and reported using a live dashboard

Approach: Partnership
Themes: Resilient – Aligning Skills
Benefits: Skills, Jobs, Poverty Reduction

Case Studies
Case Study: Regional Transport Master Plan

Transport is a key enabler to unlock the region's potential, but in many areas, it has constrained the full realisation of opportunities and benefits for our people, place and economy. The national commitment to decarbonised transport and infrastructure provides a once in a generational opportunity to deliver a 'Just Transition' to tackle transport poverty and the inequalities that currently exist across the region. Coupled with the publication of the Regional Transport Strategy, Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 and the National Planning Framework 4, it all supports an 'infrastructure first' approach to deliver a sustainably connected region.
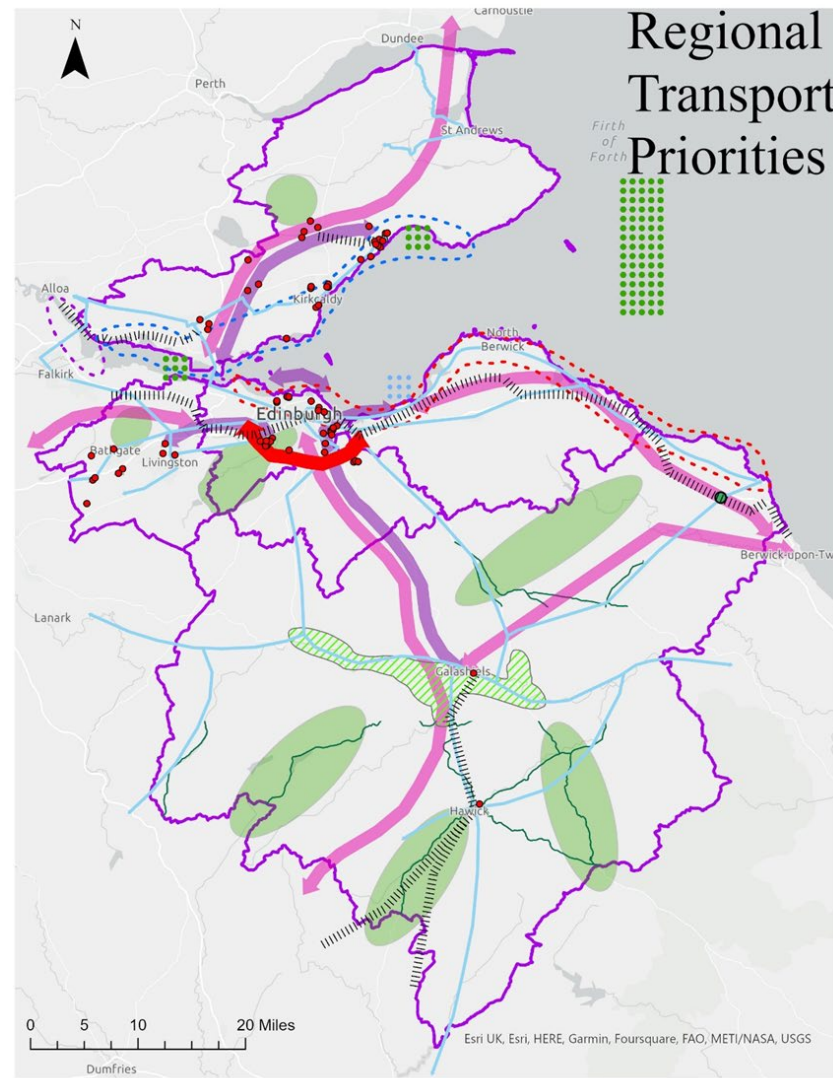
Our previous approach to public transport no longer responds to our region's needs and barriers. Instead, having a transport system which is collaborative, coordinated, collects/analyses/responds to the emerging data, is inclusive and responsive, attracts a diverse workforce, while minimising its impact on the environment is critical to the region's success.

A regional Master Plan will respond to the needs of the region by identifying the cross-boundary opportunities that will fill the gaps of SPTR2, identify economies of scale, build on existing partnerships to support the region's ambition and respond to current and future challenges.

Approach: Partnership
Themes: Innovative, Flourishing & Resilient
Benefits: Net Zero, jobs, connectivity, enabling the RPF 4 Priority Projects

As an example of this is Mass Rapid Transit (MRT). It must be designed with regional coordination, smarter (utilising data) and be responsive to accommodate high volumes of movement to key local and regional destinations, while acknowledge the variances in daily demand for a flexible working population. Regional MRT will include:

- Tram;
- Light / heavy rail (existing and new);
- Bus; and
- Active travel to deliver integration into wider local transport networks (whole journey approach – first mile/last mile).

Key to its success will be the equitable delivery of scaled journey hubs, targeted local/regional infrastructure improvements, a single Mobility as a Service information and ticketing system, open API's across all transport modes to optimise the network and experience for the end user

This will also support the expectations and demands of the visitors to our region, whether they are local, national or international. Assisting the role of the visitor arrival hubs like Edinburgh Airport, as a crucial access point for national and international visitors, before they seek coordinated sustainable transport options to visit the wider region and Scotland.

Master Plan Priorities:
- Partnership;
- Mobility as a Service;
- Data sharing and digital infrastructure aligned to transport network;
- Public transport infrastructure and services investment and funding models;
- Improve arterial routes into rural communities;
- Active Travel;
- Efficient movement of freight;
- Behavioral Change; and
- Decarbonising Transport.

Draft Example

Edinburgh Innovation Hub & Park

- Joint venture between East Lothian Council and Queen Margaret University to deliver the Edinburgh Innovation Hub
- Is funded by UK Government, the Scottish Government, and the Council
- The Hub will drive company growth, support and develop existing businesses and create sustainable new businesses to access a global market for healthy and functional food
- Will be a catalyst for subsequent delivery of wider Edinburgh Innovation Park (EIP)
- The EIP will create a nationally significant centre of knowledge exchange, innovation and high value businesses

East Lothian's Climate Evolution Zone

As part of the wider greening of the Forth, strategic net zero and just transition opportunities in this Zone include:

- the redevelopment of the Cockenzie Power Station site for net zero infrastructure and strategic employment
- Blindwells new settlement, with potential for expansion into a significant new town
- Sustainable infrastructure, including strategic transport improvements, potential for high speed rail, and green and blue network and nature based solutions

These major green growth projects can also be a catalyst for significant regeneration, and require partnership to enable and accelerate benefits.

Future of Torness Power Station Site

The future reuse of Torness Power Station site, with its grid connection, coastal location and deep water access, is a significant long term opportunity linked to the wider greening of the Forth. Strategic collaboration and partnership on the future use of this site and wider area could deliver long term benefits.

Approach: Partnership
Themes: Flourishing – Innovative – Resilient
Benefits: Green growth and jobs, and biomedical, net zero and just transition innovation, housing delivery, including affordable homes, strategic and sustainable infrastructure, regeneration and place-making,

{Insert Committee}

Time, Date

Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to:

1.2 approve the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan; and

1.3 note that the Delivery Plan will be considered by the other five constituent Local Authorities in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region (ESESCR) ahead of the ESESCR Joint Committee meeting on 3 March 2023.

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Report

Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan

2.   Executive Summary

2.1   The Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan is the articulation of the next phase of the development of the regional economy, building upon the successes of the City Region Deal. It sets out a prospectus for investment which can deliver on the City Region's ambitions to become the data capital of Europe; support inclusive growth; and a just transition to a net zero economy over the next 20 years

2.2   The document is a live document that will be updated every 12 months to reflect changes to the local, regional, and macro economy and to ensure that regional activity can react and remain relevant to city region partners.

2.3   Over the next 12 months four key programme areas have been identified:

- Green Regeneration of the Forth Estuary;

- Infrastructure & Recovery;

- Visitor Economy & Culture; and

- Data-Driven Innovation.

2.4   The full Delivery Plan can be found in appendix 1.

2.5   To realise the ambitions of the Delivery Plan, Regional Partners will ask both the Scottish and UK Governments to:

- Commit to work in tripartite (UKG/SG/ESES) partnership to progress the Delivery Programme which is aligned with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation and UK Government Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity priorities; and

- For our Delivery Plan to be supported through a medium to long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation based on shared outcomes.

2.6   The Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan will be considered by the other five constituent Local Authorities in the region ahead of the meeting of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Joint Committee on 3 March 2023.

3. Background

3.1 The maturity of the regional partnership with UK and Scottish Governments has seen the City Region Deal partners develop an ambitious Regional Prosperity Framework (formerly Growth Framework), approved in September 2021 before being ratified individually by each of the six Local Authorities and the University of Edinburgh Court. Committee ratified the Regional Prosperity Framework 5th October 2021

3.2 The Framework is the articulation of the next phase of the development of the regional economy, building upon the successes of the City Region Deal both in terms of the programmes but also the regional collaboration. It provides a blueprint for regional economic recovery post-pandemic; resilience through the ongoing cost of living crisis; and provides future direction for major projects and investment.

3.3 Since the publication of the RPF, regional partners have been developing the Delivery Plan appended to this report. This period has covered the COVID 19 Pandemic and ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Partners have tried to develop a Delivery Plan that responds to these crises and recognises that this crisis has disproportionately impacted the most economically disadvantaged members of the community, with the cost of basic necessities e.g., food and fuel far exceeding any increases to wages.

4. Main report

4.1 The Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) provides a blueprint for regional economic recovery post-pandemic; resilience through the ongoing cost of living crisis; and provides future direction for major projects and investment that support inclusive growth and the transition to a net zero economy over the next 20 years.

4.2 The RPF and its Delivery Plan align closely with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET) and the UK Government's Levelling Up White Paper with its funding allocations, and the additional funding allocations available through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. All three of these present major opportunities for our region to truly capitalise on additional funding.

4.3 The Regional Prosperity Framework has a vision to become *the data capital of Europe. We will ensure the social and economic benefits of this capability extend to all. All sections of the community will have the opportunity to develop the key skills that will help to end inequalities in our society. We will protect our environment and make best use of our extraordinary built and natural assets, ensuring that the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region delivers a just transition to a net zero economy. Our institutions, ancient and modern, will deliver positive outcomes that enhance our local, national, and international reputation.*

4.4 The regional partners are committed to this vision and to use it to guide and integrate public, private, and third-sector decisions, actions, collaborations, strategies, policies, and investments across areas such as sustainability, climate change, energy, transport, planning, housing, infrastructure, education, digital,

services, inequalities, well-being, economic development, procurement, and delivery.

4.5 Regional Priorities have been developed around three core themes which support an economy that is **resilient; innovative and flourishing** (see diagram 1 below).
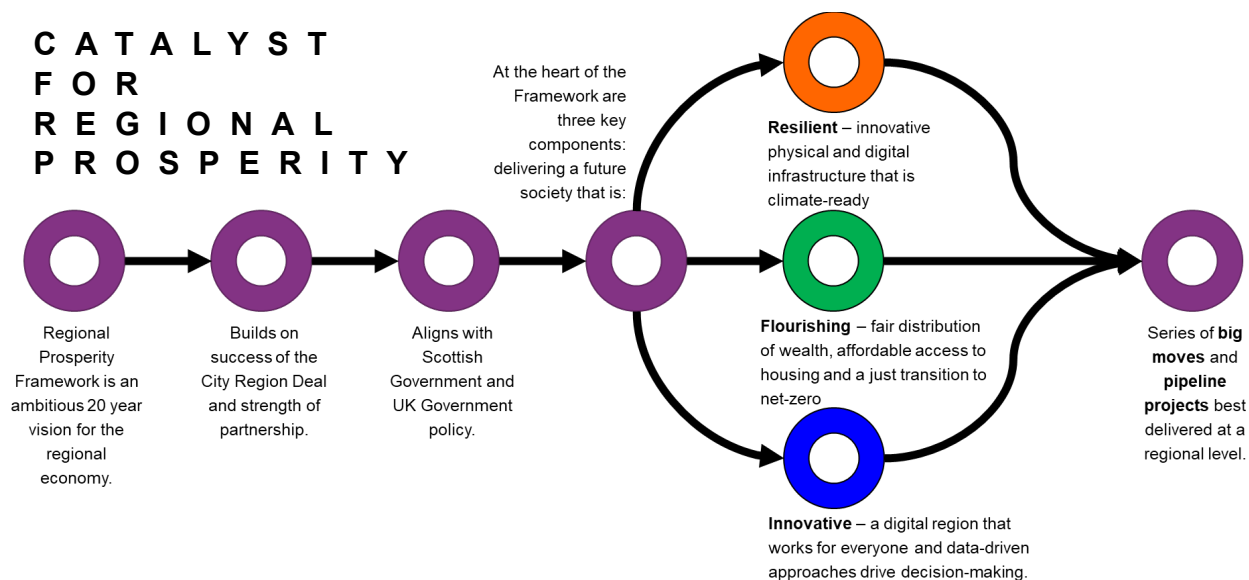

Diagram 1 - Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Process

4.6 All actions under the RPF are framed to support:

- **People** – to access fair work, to learn and develop new skills and to live happy and healthy lives

- **Places** – that are sustainable, and attractive to live and work in and where enterprise thrives

- **Planet** – meeting our needs in a way that will allow future generations to meet theirs, with a focus on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

4.7 As we emerge from Covid-19 it is a different economic world than the one we had known before. Subsequent global events, such as the war in Ukraine, inflation, and emerging financial and political uncertainties, mean that there is a need to develop a different strategic approach if we are to achieve the shared ambition for the region and to deliver a resilient economy that can meet the needs of its citizens and businesses.

4.8 To be able to reflect current and future economic shocks, the Delivery Plan has been developed as a living document, with the immediate priorities for the region set out over a 1 to 3-year horizon, but in the context of the longer-term ambitions for the region. Regional priorities will be reviewed annually and refreshed to align to current events impacting the regional and local economy. Programmes and projects will be added or subtracted to ensure that continued focus on our ambitions and reflect what is happening at the local, regional, national, and macro level of the economy.

4.9   This Delivery Plan establishes a clear process for delivery of the projects and sets out an ambitious prospectus for investment. Four key programme areas have emerged as the priority for the next 12 months – Green Regeneration of the Forth Estuary; Infrastructure and Recovery; Visitor Economy and Culture; and Data-Driven Innovation. A summary of each programme is outlined below with further detail provided in appendix 1.

Green Regeneration of the Forth Estuary

4.10   From Eyemouth to Grangemouth, the Forth Economic Corridor has the potential to drive transformational economic and climate adaptation through major waterfront regeneration including Granton Waterfront, Blindwells and Cockenzie; reuse and modernising of existing assets, sites, and operations to create strategic net zero employment opportunities; support innovative manufacturing and shipbuilding; and proposals for a Green Freeport aim to underpin and enhance the area's future economic success including the creation of the nation's largest offshore renewable energy hub.

4.11   Cross partner support will be required to establish a Forth Estuary Collaboration Network. Enabling closer collaboration between neighbouring authorities to deliver their national and regional priorities for the Forth, and to promote the reputation of the Forth economic corridor domestically and internationally.

4.12   Key to the future success of the Forth and region the development of future green skills to meet the needs of businesses today and in the future economy whilst creating new high value jobs. The creation of a Net Zero Accelerator Hub can help to address the demand and supply side barriers that exist, helping key sectors begin or accelerate the transition to net zero.

Infrastructure & Recovery

4.13   The most productive regions are the best connected and the most sustainable. Much of Scotland's future population and household growth is set to take place in the region, with available capacity to grow in parts of the region. The scale and nature of the consequential impact on the region's infrastructure is substantial and is crucial to the success of the regional and national economy.

4.14   The housing need and demand in the city region is the greatest in Scotland with nearly 60% of the total annual affordable homes requirement for Scotland needed in our city region. This region delivers more homes than any other part of Scotland and continues to drive construction innovation. Resources are required to sustain and accelerate this activity:

4.15   The Edinburgh & South East Home Demonstrator Project is a new business model for the delivery of Net Zero affordable homes at scale. There are currently 75 Homes are under construction at Granton Waterfront with support required to secure a delivery partner and to scale up a regional pipeline of sites.

4.16   The region needs financial support to both deliver the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing 2 (EESH2) programme of retrofitting existing homes and continue to build new affordable homes.

4.17 Accelerating delivery of the City Region Deal strategic sites can deliver 35,000 homes, transforming vacant and derelict land to deliver net zero carbon homes.

4.18 It is essential that regional transport priorities are co-ordinated to deliver the aspirations of the: Regional Transport Strategy; Strategic Transport Projects Review 2; and National Strategy for Economic Transformation. This will best ensure that we can : Effect Modal Shift; Promote Mass Transit; Decarbonise Transport (support transition to net zero); and Tackle Transport poverty.

4.19 To deliver on these strategic ambitions, including fairer and more equal economic prosperity, requires a skilled population. We must ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate fully in the labour market. The transition to net zero and the data revolution, in particular, will necessitate a new supply of skills. Housing, transport and skills are essential for removing barriers faced by some in participating and progressing in the labour market and in ensuring that employers have the supply of skills they need. A Net Zero Accelerator Hub proposal is being developed by regional partners.

Visitor Economy & Culture

4.20 The renewal of our world class cultural and visitor offer is key to our regional economy can be realised through establishing a Regional Visitor Economy Partnership to create and deliver a regional visitor economy development plan will allows for collaborative public sector investment and delivery in the visitor economy.

4.21 A Data Driven Innovation led approach to tourism destinations can help to position the region as a global leader in regional data-driven decision-making for strategic tourism investments, aligning and contributing towards the regional ambition of being the Data Capital of Europe.

Data-Driven Innovation

4.22 Embedding and extending the impact of the City Region Deal Data-Driven Innovation investment in the regional and national economy. Ensuring the region provides the skills, support network, data and transport infrastructure needed to grow data-led organisations. Cross partner support is needed to promote the aspiration for the Region to be a Data Capital, and its linkages to delivering Scottish and UK Government Digital and Data Strategies.

4.23 Partners will work to support the operational growth of the TechScaler Network, funded by Scottish Government, and support the ongoing recognition of the Region as a World Leading Centre for Informatics and High-Performance Computing Academic Excellence.

4.24 The delivery programmes above are critical to the region's future economic success, providing clarity for future investment and collaboration to ensure this region has a prosperous net zero future. These programmes will be monitored and reviewed every 12 months to ensure they are still relevant to local, regional, and national partners.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Each of the five other constituent Local Authorities will also consider a report on the RPF Delivery Programme before the City Region Deal Joint committee meets on 3 March 2023.

5.2 Subject to the necessary approvals at the above committees, regional partners will undertake the following:

- Ask both the Scottish and UK Governments to commit to work in tripartite (UKG/SG/ESES) partnership to progress the Delivery Programme which is aligned with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation and UK Government Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity priorities

- Ask for our Delivery Plan to be supported through a medium to long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation based on shared outcomes

6. Financial impact

6.1 The work on the RPF has been overseen by the City Region Deal Directors Group including representation from both Scottish and UK Government; the Regional Enterprise Council; and the Elected Member Oversight Committee. Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place at City of Edinburgh Council, is Senior Responsible Officer for this activity.

6.2 An officer working group with membership from across each of the six local authorities, the University of Edinburgh, and Scottish Enterprise, supported by the Programme Management Office has developed the Regional Prosperity Framework and Delivery Plan.

6.3 Over the lifetime of the project consultancy support was secured to assist with development work. This was paid for by monies received from Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise and £30k SESplan rebate.

6.4 Approval of the RPF Delivery Plan does not commit resources from *{insert Council Name}* or the other five constituent Local Authorities.

6.5 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 business case basis.

6.6 City Region Partners want the Delivery Plan to be supported through a medium to long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation based on shared outcomes. Officers are developing the case for this funding approach, which should cover the whole-life costs of delivery and will present this to UK and Scottish Government in advance of the UK Government budget next year. Partners will continue to work with Scottish Government to ensure that the RPF Delivery Plan aligns to programmes and spend on NSET, STPR2, infrastructure and other relevant areas.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 The work on the RPF has been overseen by the City Region Deal Directors Group including representation from both Scottish and UK Government; the Regional Enterprise Council; and the Elected Member Oversight Committee.

7.2 Each of the six constituent local authorities are considering the RPF Delivery Plan ahead of the City Region Deal Joint Committee meeting on 3 March 2023 to ensure that any final local contributions are reflected in the final version of the Plan.

7.3 The RPF was approved for public consultation by the City Region Deal Joint Committee on Friday 4 June 2021. The RPF was agreed by the ESESCR Joint Committee in September 2021 and ratified by Policy and Sustainability Committee in October 2021.

7.4 Delivery of the programmes and projects in the RPF Delivery Plan can deliver on the city Regions ambitions to become the data capital of Europe; support inclusive growth; and a just transition to a net zero economy over the next 20 years.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 Regional Prosperity Framework - Final Version, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee - Friday, 3rd September

8.2 Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Annual Report 2021/22, Policy and Sustainability Committee - Tuesday, 1st November,

9. Appendices

Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan – DRAFT (TO BE APPENDED)