

Notice of meeting and agenda

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

10.00 am Friday, 17th February, 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

- 3.1 Minutes of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Elected Member Oversight Committee of 13 January 2023 – submitted for approval as a correct record 5 - 8

4. Items for Consideration

- 4.1 Glasgow Regional Intelligence Hub – Presentation Andrew Robertson, Intelligence Hub Manager Verbal Report
- 4.2 Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan – Report by Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework 9 - 46

- a) Local Authority Consideration to Date and Feedback
- b) Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan - Latest Version
- c) Feedback on the Latest Version
- d) Proposed Next steps

4.3 Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 – Progressing Regional Interventions – Report by David Robertson, Chair, Transport Appraisal Board 47 - 52

5. Date of next meeting

6. AOB

Gavin King

Clerk

Membership

Midlothian Council

Councillor Russell Imrie

Councillor Kelly Parry

Scottish Borders Council

Councillor Euan Robson

Councillor Elaine Thornton-Nicol

The City of Edinburgh Council

Councillor Cammy Day

Councillor Adam McVey

West Lothian Council

Councillor Tom Conn

Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

East Lothian Council

Councillor Norman Hampshire

Councillor John McMillan

Higher/Further Education Consortium

David Brown

Simon Earp

Jane Grant

Fife Council

Councillor Altany Craik

Councillor David Alexander

Regional Enterprise Council

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Minutes

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

Microsoft Teams

10.00am, Friday 13 January 2023

Present:

Scottish Borders Council – Councillors Euan Robson (in the Chair) and Elaine Thornton-Nicol

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Adam McVey

Midlothian Council – Councillors Russell Imrie and Kelly Parry

East Lothian Council – Councillor John McMillan

Fife Council – Councillors Altany Craik and David Alexander

West Lothian Council – Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Higher/Further Education Consortium – David Brown and Simon Earp

Regional Enterprise Council – Robert Carr and Garry Clark

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

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

Jenni Craig, Director – Resilient Communities, Scottish Borders Council

Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place, East Lothian Council

Andrew Stewart, Project Manager, East Lothian Council

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

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council

Craig McCorrison, Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration,
West Lothian Council

David Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Borders Council

Apologies

Councillor Tom Conn (West Lothian Council) and Nile Istephan (Regional Enterprise Council)

1. Order of Business

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Euan Robson as Chair for this meeting of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee.
- 2) To note that that the formal appointment of the Convener of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee take place at next meeting of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee on 3 March 2023.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee of 18 November 2022 as a correct record, subject to the following correction: Simon Earp represented the Higher/Further Education Consortium, rather than the Regional Enterprise Council.

4. Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan - Latest Version

Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework gave a presentation on the latest version of the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan detailed 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; and Delivering together, describing the aims and priorities for our Plan including the pathway that we can follow to positively impact the regional economy.

During discussion, the following points and suggestions were made:

- The acronym “DDI” should be added to the foreword after Data-driven Innovation.
- It was suggested that the words “for recovery” be removed (“Infrastructure for Recovery”, on the basis that this was a 10-year document.
- Existing skills gaps in key sectors should be included in the employment section.
- Note that the just transition to net zero would require additional investment from government.
- The reference to 4.4 tonnes of CO2 in slide 9 should include an average to give context.
- Glasgow leading on the Regional Intelligence Hub – suggestion that someone from Glasgow be invited to present on this at a future meeting.
- Note that there was some opposition in Edinburgh to the Forth Green Freeport bid.
- Correction on slide 24 (Case Study: Borders Railway, Connectivity section): 40% of journeys **were** not previously made.

Decision

To note the update by the Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework, and the contributions and suggestions made by committee members.

5. Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan Cover Report - Generic Version

An update was provided by Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework on the draft shared cover report for officers to use to take to individual councils when reporting on the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan. The cover report could be adapted by each local authority.

Decision

To note the update.

6. Timetable

An update was provided by Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework and Andy Nichol, Programme Manager, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal/Edinburgh 2050 City Vision, on the timetable for the Delivery Plan, including joint committee individual local authority scrutiny, from the current meeting of the Elected Member Oversight Committee, followed by individual local authority committees over the next 6 weeks or so, then the Joint Committee on the 3 March 2023, and ongoing dialogue by government, followed by submission.

Decision

To note the timetable and agree a further meeting of the Elected Member Oversight Committee in mid-February 2023 to consider any feedback from local authorities, and

an update on STPR2 and how this would align, following a meeting of the City Region Deal Regional Transport Appraisal Board on 6 February, prior to submission to the Joint Committee in March.

7. Meeting Schedule for 2023

Decision

To agree a further meeting of the Elected Member Oversight Committee prior to the Joint Committee on 3 March 2023.

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

10am, Friday 3 March 2023

Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan

Item number 4.2

Executive Summary

The Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) articulates the next phase of activity to develop the regional economy, building upon the successes of the Deal.

The RPF Delivery Plan sets out an ambitious and dynamic series of four key programmes to deliver the region's ambitions:

- Green Regeneration;
- Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity;
- Visitor Economy and Culture; and
- Data Driven Innovation (DDI) 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. The Delivery Plan aligns with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), Scotland's Regional Economic Policy Review recommendations, and UK Government's Levelling Up priorities. Regional Partners 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.

Paul Lawrence

Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council

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Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note that at their meeting on 3 March 2023, Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Approve the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan;
 - 1.1.2 Note that the Delivery Plan has been considered by all six constituent Local Authorities in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region (ESESCR); and
 - 1.1.3 Write to both UK and Scottish Government's to promote the Delivery Plan and seek their support to realise the ambitions of the Regional Prosperity Framework and deliver the Programmes within the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 The maturity of the regional partnership with UK and Scottish Governments has seen the City Region Deal partners develop an ambitious Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) (formerly Growth Framework), approved in [September 2021](#) before being ratified individually by each of the six Local Authorities and the University of Edinburgh Court. At the time of writing, four of the six constituent councils have formally approved the RPF Delivery Plan with Midlothian Council and East Lothian Council scheduled to consider on 21 and 28 February 2023 respectively.
- 2.2 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 and 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.
- 2.3 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 the cost-of-living crisis 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.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The 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.
- 3.2 The RPF and its Delivery Plan align closely with Scotland’s National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), Scotland’s Regional Economic Policy Review Recommendations, 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.
- 3.3 The RPF vision is 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”*.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Regional Priorities have been developed around three core themes which support an economy that is **resilient; innovative and flourishing** (see diagram 1 below).

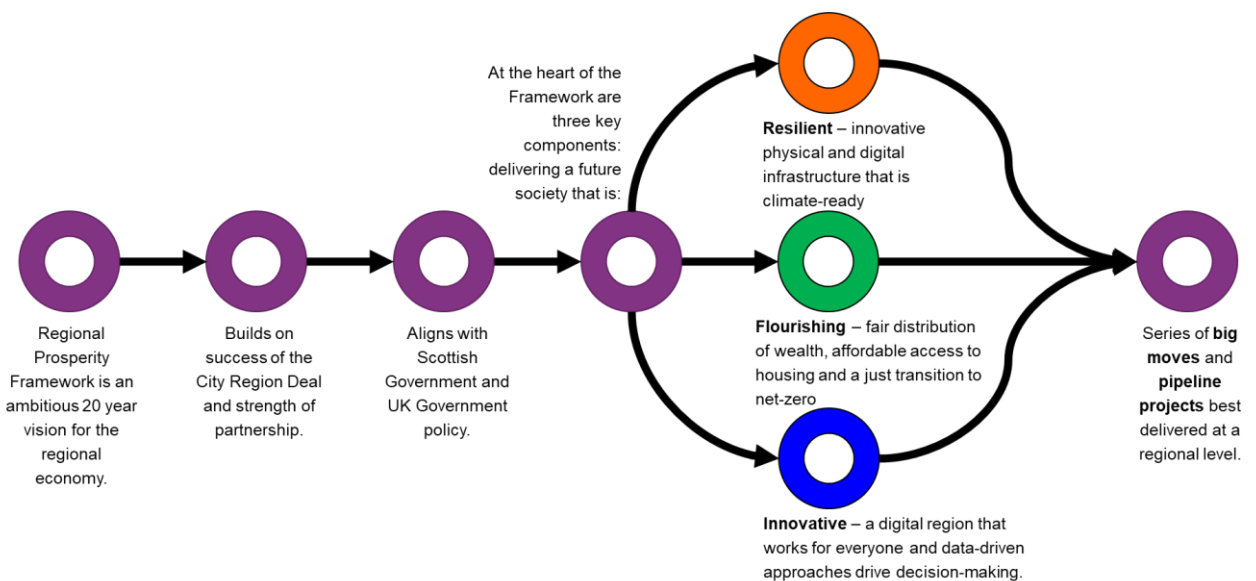


Diagram 1 - Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Process

- 3.6 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
- 3.7 As recovery from COVID-19 continues, it is a different economic world than the one 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 the shared ambition for the region is to be achieved and to deliver a resilient economy that can meet the needs of its citizens and businesses.
- 3.8 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 one to three-year horizon, but in the context of the longer-term ambitions for the region. Regional priorities will be reviewed annually and refreshed, with programmes and projects added or subtracted to ensure a continued focus on the ambitions of the Plan and to reflect what is happening at the local, regional, national, and macro level of the economy.
- 3.9 The Delivery Plan establishes a clear process for delivery of the projects and sets out an ambitious prospectus for investment.
- 3.10 Four key programme areas have emerged as the priority for the next 12 months:
- Green Regeneration;
 - Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity;
 - Visitor Economy and Culture; and
 - Data-Driven Innovation Economy
- 3.11 A summary of each programme is outlined below with further detail provided in Appendix 1.
- Green Regeneration**
- 3.12 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 build on the successful bid for a Green Freeport which aim to underpin and enhance the area's future economic success including the creation of the nation's largest offshore renewable energy hub.

- 3.13 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.
- 3.14 Key to the future success of the Forth and of the region is 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 for Recovery and Prosperity

- 3.15 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.
- 3.16 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.
- 3.17 The Edinburgh and 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 under construction at Granton Waterfront with support required to secure a delivery partner and to scale up a regional pipeline of sites.
- 3.18 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.
- 3.19 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.
- 3.20 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.
- 3.21 To deliver on these strategic ambitions, including fairer and more equal economic prosperity, requires a skilled population. This 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 and Culture

- 3.22 The renewal of a world class cultural and visitor offer is key to the regional economy and 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.
- 3.23 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 Economy

- 3.24 Embedding and extending the impact of the City Region Deal Data-Driven Innovation investment in the regional and national economy to ensure the region provides the skills, support network, data and transport infrastructure needed to grow data-led organisations is essential. 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.
- 3.25 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.
- 3.26 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.

Next Steps

- 3.27 Subject to approval by Committee the Delivery Plan document will be finalised through Desktop Publishing to achieve a product of similar quality and accessibility standards as the [2021/2022 City Region Deal Annual Report](#).
- 3.28 Subject to the approval, regional partners will ask both Scottish and UK Government for 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 “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.

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 The work on the RPF has been overseen by the City Region Deal Directors Group which includes representation from both Scottish and UK Government; the Regional Enterprise Council; and the Elected Member Oversight Committee.
- 4.2 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 RPF Delivery Plan. Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, the City of Edinburgh Council has been Senior Responsible Officer for this work.
- 4.3 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 a £30,000 SESplan rebate.
- 4.4 Approval of the RPF Delivery Plan does not commit resources from the six constituent Local Authorities.
- 4.5 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 case by case basis, based on the development of individual business cases.
- 4.6 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.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The RPF was approved for public consultation by the City Region Deal Joint Committee on 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.
- 5.4 Delivery of the programmes and projects in the RPF Delivery Plan can deliver on the 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.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [Regional Prosperity Framework](#) – Joint Committee Report (approved 3 September 2021)

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 - Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan



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REGIONAL PROSPERITY FRAMEWORK

DELIVERY PLAN & PROSPECTUS

2023 / 24

Edinburgh and South East Scotland Joint Committee



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Foreword

The Edinburgh and South East Scotland 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 Deal programme, and we continue to make excellent progress.

Building on the successful delivery of the City Region Deal, 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 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:

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- Green Regeneration;
- Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity;
- Visitor Economy and Culture; and
- Data Driven Innovation (DDI) Economy

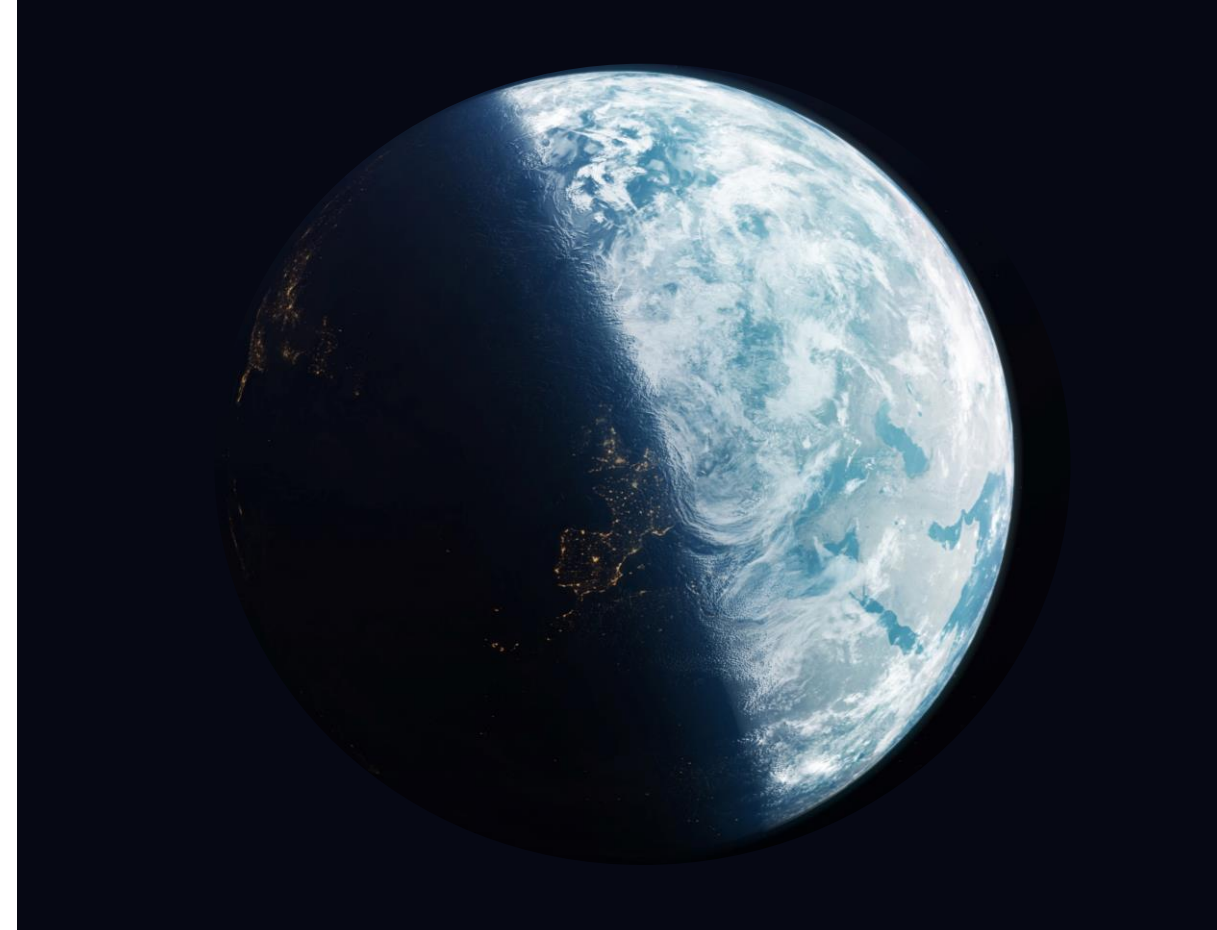
These programmes will enable the city region to maintain and enhance its global reputation and become the data capital of Europe, delivering sustainable and inclusive growth.

Our Delivery plan aligns with Scotland’s National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), Scotland’s Regional Economic Policy Review recommendations, and UK Government’s Levelling Up priorities, as well as the 2022 Autumn Statement.

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.

Cllr Euan Robson

Chair of the Edinburgh & South East of Scotland Joint Committee



The Regional Prosperity Framework is an exciting next step for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Deal. Great progress across all parts of this area has been made to ensure this region can continue to be the engine room of the Scottish economy. The focus on having an action plan to deliver prosperity for all who live in this diverse region is a really important development in the work of this partnership. We need to be bold to make lasting change to ensure we can share prosperity better and the action plan commits us to progress in promoting sustainable communities, delivering more affordable homes, testing innovative constructive methods and using investment to drive a just transition to a net zero carbon future. There is much more to do, but the commitment to work together in partnership is a vital and necessary step. Nile Istephan - Chief Executive - Eildon Housing Association

Executive Summary

Over the last five years the regional partnership 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 Regional Partnership 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.

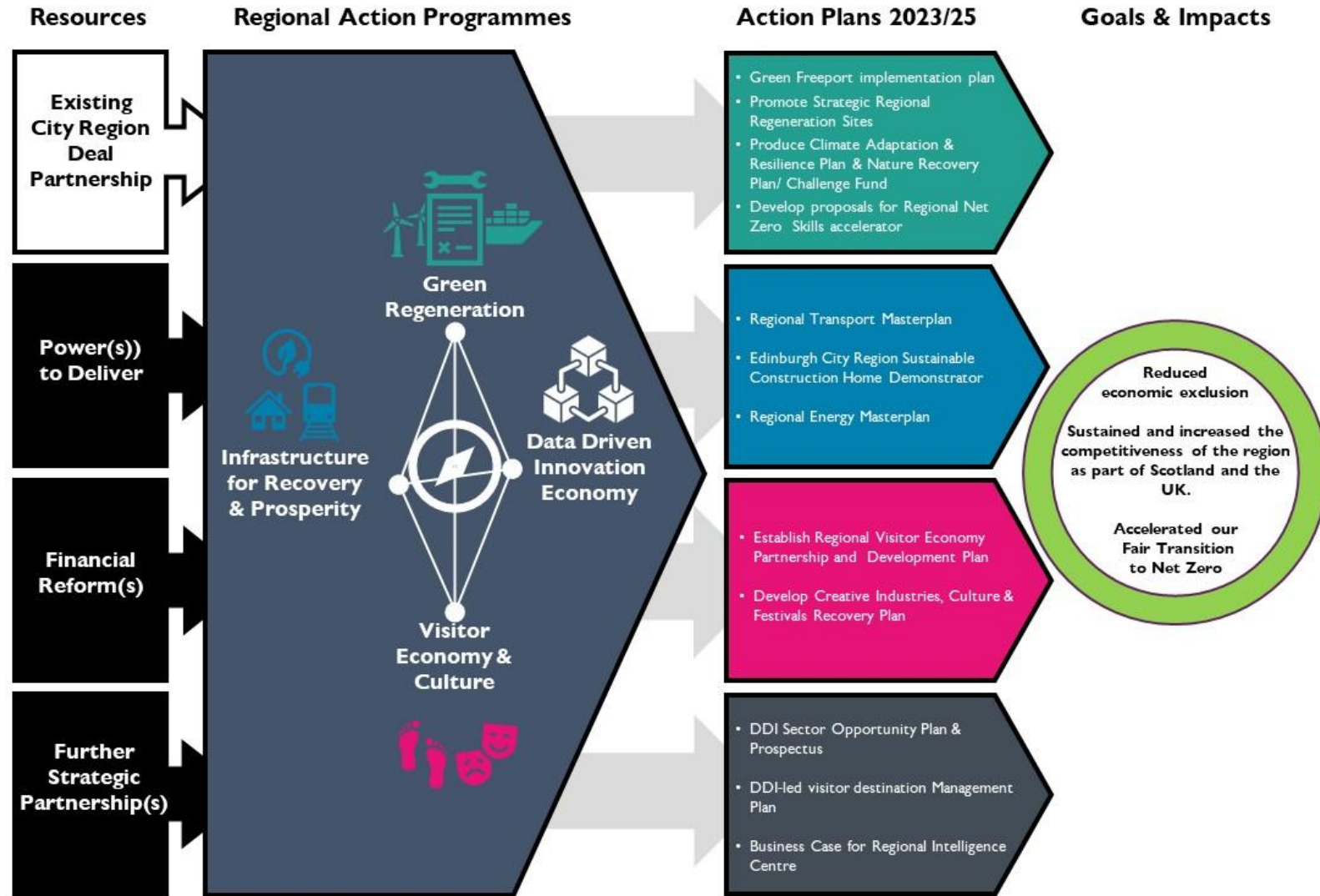
The Delivery Plan comprises four key programmes and associated regional action plans. The action plans will deliver immediate benefits whilst providing a longer-term platform for future activities that deliver our goals.

Page 20 Early momentum is key to consolidating the Regional Partnership, as a more formal Regional Economic Partnership, and is core to our actions plans. The four priority initiatives in our Call to Action are:

- Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity by developing with the Governments a place-based capital and revenue funding model for delivery of regional ambitions;
- Develop Green Regeneration (focused on the Forth) investment prospectus;
- Secure a sustainable visitor economy and promotion of our cultural assets; and
- Promote the transition to a data driven innovation (DDI) enabled economy in the region.

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

The Regional Partners now seek 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 the governments 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 and 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

- Shawfair, 4000 homes, community campus with nursery, primary, secondary education including swimming pool and vocational training facilities.
- At the forefront of world leading research and development programmes in biomedicine and agritech.
- Data Driven Innovation (DDI) 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.
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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.
- Inspire Learning Centre - Tweedbank. Delivering a world class digital learning environment in partnership with Apple





The Firth of Forth and Coast

- 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 Aquaculture 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).
- Outstanding natural and cultural assets (the Forth Bridges, 48 golf courses, the Fife Coastal Path, and the Pilgrim Way)

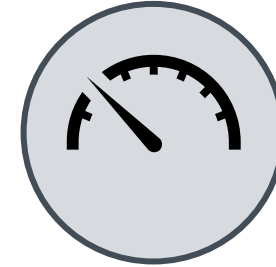
East Lothian

- 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 Torness Nuclear Power Station site is a significant longer term opportunity.

Our Economy

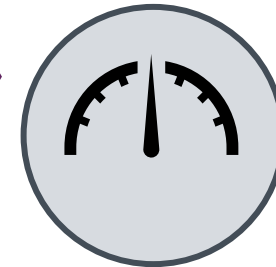
- **65%** of 1.4m residents are of working age. The Region's dependency ratio is projected to increase from **54%** in 2018 to **57%** by 2043, compared to Scotland's **60%** (number of dependents over the number of people working).
 - This is the fastest growing region in Scotland and one of fastest-growing in the UK. Forecasted change in population 2018 – 2043 is **9.1%**, compared with **2.5%** for Scotland and **9%** for the UK.
 - 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%** across the six 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 Gross Value Added 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.
 - **4.6** tonnes of CO2 emissions per head in 2020, similar to the UK and Scottish national positions.

Our Goals



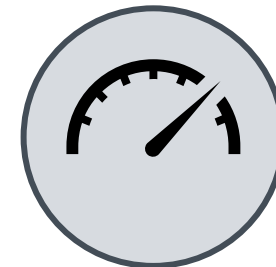
Reduce Economic Exclusion

- 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 (i.e. those not in work who depend on those in work) 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.
- Achieve net zero by 2045, with a 90% net reduction by 2040 and a 75% net reduction 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 the governments 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 the governments 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.

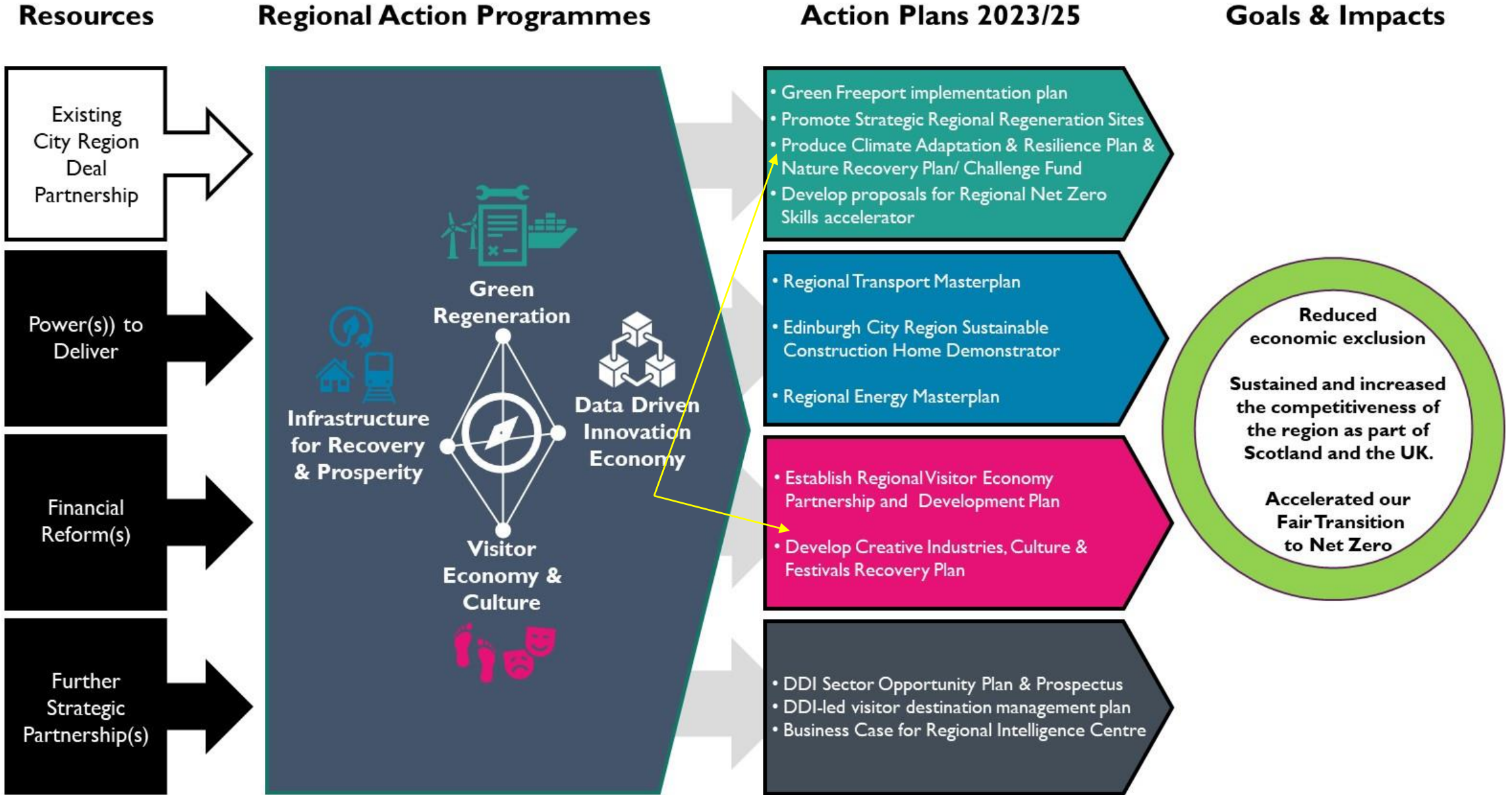
Labour shortages have been experienced in a wide range of sectors in the region. While shortages exist in Health and Social Care across all parts of the region, there is variation amongst other sectors.

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



OUR ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES

2023 - 2025



Green Regeneration

- **Successful 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 Energy Park Fife.*
- **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 & Prosperity

- **Regional Transport Masterplan**
 - Collaboratively develop a brief for the South East Scotland Regional Transport Masterplan, Funding & Delivery Programme.
 - The Masterplan will complement the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2, while providing influence and regional clarity on expectations.
 - The Masterplan will build upon the Regional Transport Strategy by reviewing and identifying cross boundary infrastructure and services improvements beyond the remit of SPTR2.
- **Edinburgh City Region Sustainable Construction Home Demonstrator**
 - New business model for delivering net zero affordable homes.
 - 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 and Culture

Visitor Economy

We will work in collaboration at regional level to responsibly grow, maximise and spread the benefits generated by the regions significant visitor economy by creating a:

- **Regional Visitor Economy Partnership:**

Seek to establish a Regional Partnership with Visit Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and others, to facilitate stronger more efficient and effective cross regional working to the benefit of the regional visitor economy.

- **Regional Visitor Economy Development Plan:**

Regional Partnership to co-produce a Plan that aligns regional ambitions and actions to become a world-class year round visitor destination, delivering a forward looking ambitious response to responsible tourism.

Culture

We will capitalise on the Region's reputation as a leading cultural destination maximising the opportunities of our cultural offering to benefit the wider region and support:

- **Festivals Recovery:**

Build on the ambitions of our festivals to strengthen the region's by establishing a Festivals Recovery Fund to enable festivals to recover and be more resilient through implementing a new business model.

- **Creative Industries:**

- *Define regional creative industries sectoral challenges and opportunities, and co-produce a recovery and growth plan.*



The Data-Driven Innovation (DDI) Platform: A Unique Regional Asset

- Phase One of DDI has focussed on the planning, construction, fitting out and initial launch of the six innovation hubs. This phase is now nearing completion and will offer 53,000 square metres of collaboration space.
 - Once complete the network of DDI Hubs will provide a unique regional asset with which to develop and experiment with new ways to innovate, teach and research in collaboration with schools, colleges, other universities, public authorities, industry and governments.
 - The National Robotarium is one of these Hubs. Opened in 2022, the centre facilitates pioneering research and aids rapid transition from lab to market, developing solutions to industry challenges and accelerating robotics, data & AI start-ups.
- To secure a permanent position as a data capital, outputs of DDI projects and activities need to lead to long-term outcomes and lasting impact. This is the focus for Phase Two.
 - The innovation platform will be applied to drive novel data science capacity, entrepreneurship and skills, and enable economic growth.
 - Already, a range of major partnerships have been formed with organisations including Legal and General, Baillie Gifford, UNICEF and the Scottish Government.
 - The immediate focus of DDI activity is to ensure that the programme evolves to meet the needs of our region and its key industry sectors.



Data-Driven Innovation Economy

- **DDI Prospectus and Sector Opportunity Plans:**
 - *Re-assess the data and AI marketplace, revise existing DDI plans and develop an investment prospectus to extend the role and impact of data services across the regional business base and public sector.*
- **Secure Exascale Investment:**
 - *Secure the first next-generation Exascale supercomputer in Europe, reinforcing the position of the region as a global centre for high-performance computing. Exascale computing is up to 1,000 times faster than current supercomputers, supporting complex applications in everything from medicine to climate sciences, nuclear physics and national security.*
- **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 and allow for the implementation of innovative digital assets to help work towards a truly responsible and sustainable visitor economy for the region.*
- **Regional Intelligence Centre Establishment:**
 - *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

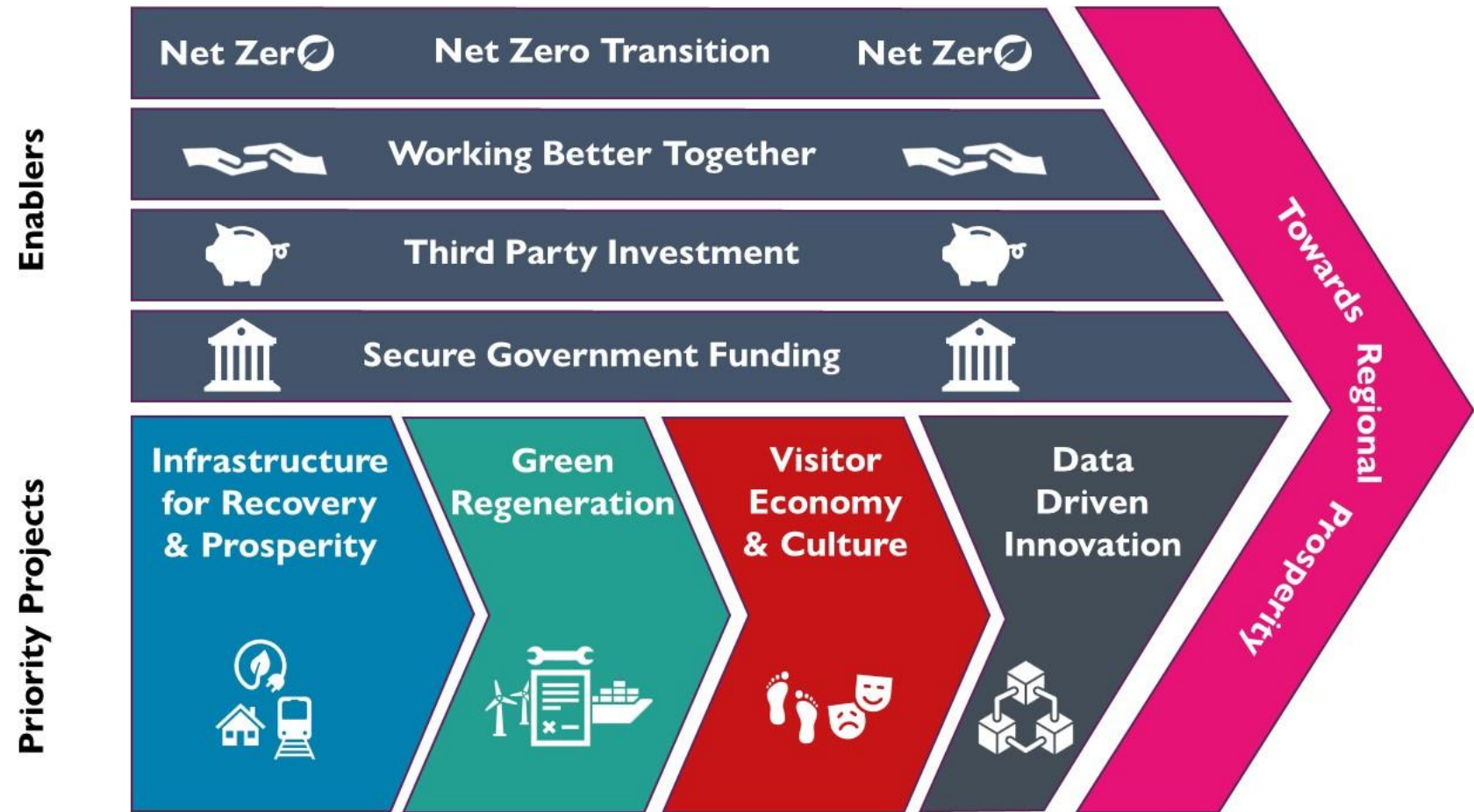
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A Call to Action

Early momentum is key to any major initiative and is embedded in the Action Plan. Our Call to Action does not require all **12** initiatives to be launched simultaneously and immediately. Instead, we will undertake the following four activities as a priority:

- Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity – developing, with the UK and Scottish Governments, a new funding model for regional infrastructure initiatives that incorporates capital and revenue place-based funding allocations.
- Develop an investment prospectus for the Green Regeneration (focused on the 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.



Our Ask of the Governments

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 Partnership

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 Benefits 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.

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National Strategy for Economic Transformation (SG)

Regional Prosperity Framework

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



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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**.



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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 Borderlands 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 were 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 18,000 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:

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Workforce Mobility (WFM)



Data-Driven Innovation (DDI) Skills Gateway



Housing Construction and Infrastructure (HCI) Skills Gateway



Integrated Knowledge Management Systems (IKS)



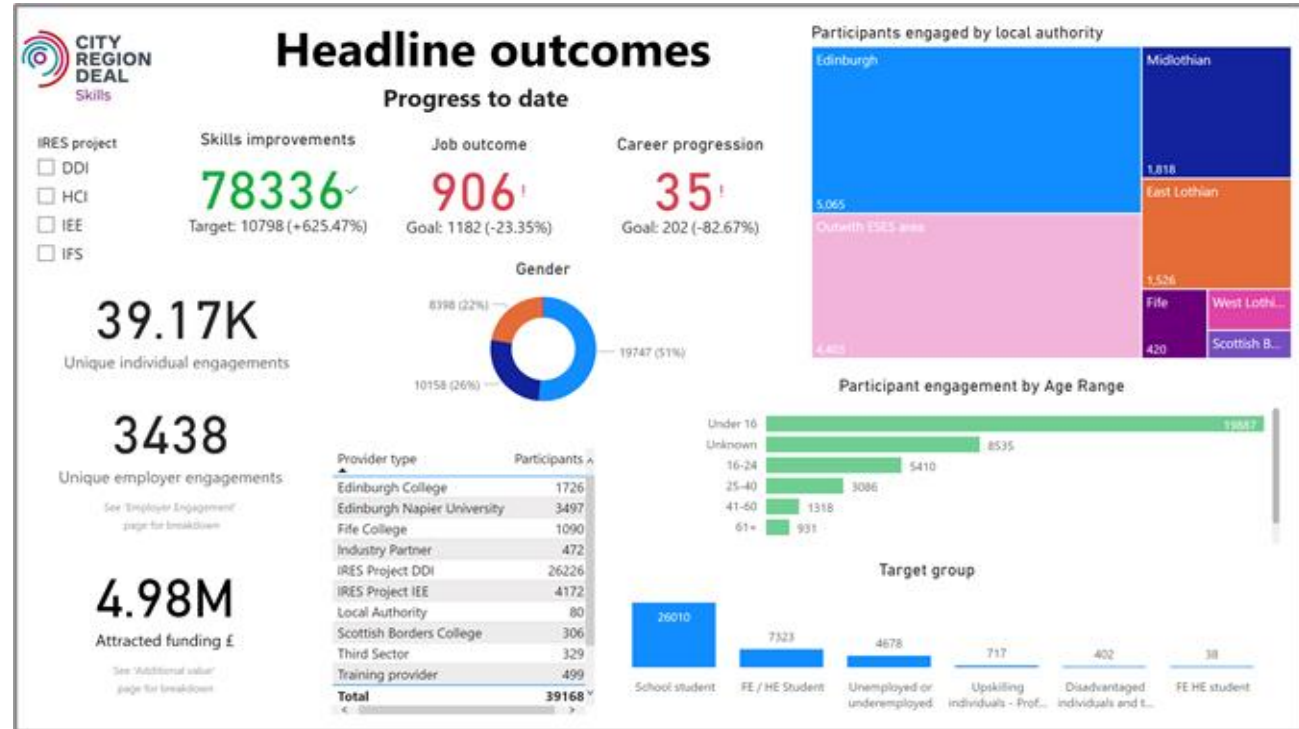
Intensive family support service (IFSS)



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

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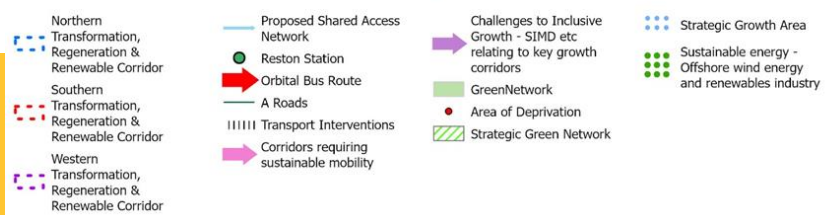
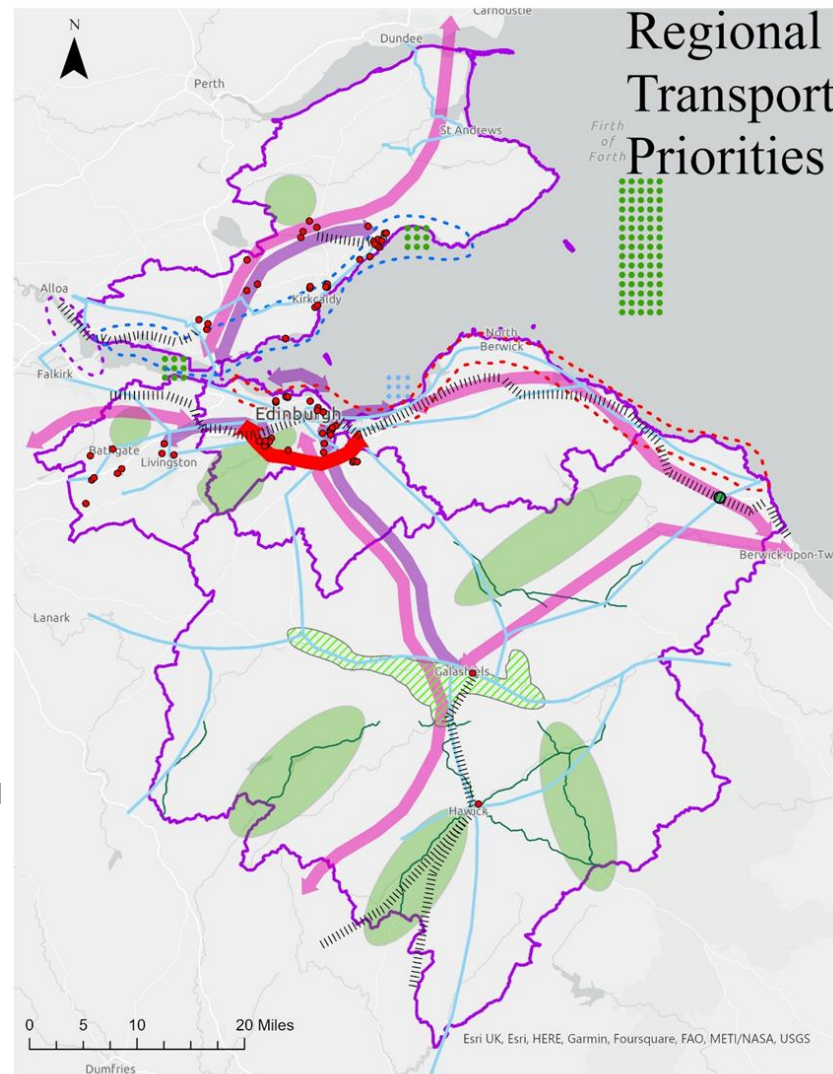
Case Study: Regional Transport Master Plan

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



Regional Transport Priorities

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.

Case Studies

Case Study: people, Place and Prosperity



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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,

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

10am, Friday 3 March 2023

Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 – Progressing Regional Interventions

Item number 4.3

Executive Summary

In December 2022, Transport Scotland finalised their second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2). This presented a wide range of 45 transport recommendations to Scottish Government for investment over the next 20 years.

STPR2 closely aligns with the Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework and key regional priorities (most notably proposals to improve; public transport and interchange, digital connectivity, active travel, demand led transport and workforce mobility).

Recommendation No.12, Edinburgh and South East Scotland Mass Transit, is the most significant proposal relevant to Edinburgh and South East Scotland the Region.

A Delivery Plan to prioritise STPR2 recommendations and inform funding decisions is expected to be published in the first part of 2023.

The ESES Region is collaborating and delivering successful projects through SEStran and the City Region Deal Transport Appraisal Board. For example, we have recently delivered the Regional Transport Strategy and have been successfully overseeing the Bus Partnership Fund.

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Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 – Progressing Regional Interventions

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the close alignment between the Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework and STPR2.
- 1.2 To note that successful existing structures are already making good progress with the development of Strategic Business Cases for the Bus Partnership Fund and Granton to Bio Quarter and Beyond Tramline.
- 1.3 To note that the STPR2 Delivery Plan is currently being developed by Transport Scotland and this will set the immediate funding priorities.
- 1.4 To note that undertaking interim activities now, in partnership with the relevant local authorities and SEStran, in a more formal and visible manner (and amplifying the communications promoting the outputs of this interim work) could be significant and positively influence the STPR2 Delivery Plan (confirming Recommendation No.12 as a key priority for investment: alongside Clyde Metro).
- 1.5 Recognising that there is limited time to influence the STPR2 Delivery Plan, to note that the Joint Committee, at its meeting on 3 March 2023, will be asked to approve that the City of Edinburgh Council to coordinate an initial meeting with relevant officers across the region to further discuss Recommendation No.12 and plan next steps and activities to be undertaken.
- 1.6 To note that at the same meeting, the Joint Committee will be asked to collectively agree that the ESESCR Joint Committee write to Transport Scotland and Scottish Government highlighting the strength of the regional collaboration and the readiness to deliver on the STPR2 recommendation No.12.

2. Background

STPR2

- 2.1 In 2019, Transport Scotland, commenced the second Strategic Transport Projects Review, It will help deliver the vision, priorities and outcomes that are set out in the [second National Transport Strategy \(NTS2\)](#).

- 2.2 STPR2 will inform transport investment in Scotland for the next 20 years. It provides an overview of transport investment, mainly infrastructure and other behavioural change recommendations, that are required to deliver the National Transport Strategy priorities and objectives of the Review.
- 2.3 The Edinburgh and South East Scotland Mass Transit proposal is the most significant for this Region and commits Transport Scotland to work with Regional partners to develop and enhance the cross-boundary public transport system for the Region, potentially comprising tram, bus (including Bus Rapid Transit) and bus priority measures. This provides a good opportunity to get regional consensus for a multi-modal, fully integrated transport programme.

SEStran and Transport Appraisal Board

- 2.4 Transport Scotland has kept partners and stakeholders updated and garnered input to the development and finalisation of STPR2 through ESESCRD Transport Appraisal Board, the Regional Transport Working Group (chaired by SEStran), and separate focused sessions such as workshops. The overall development of the final recommendations has been collaborative, and partners continue to seek opportunities to input to the finalisation of the Delivery Plan.

Regional Prosperity Framework

- 2.5 The maturity of the regional partnership with UK and Scottish Governments has seen the ESES City Region Deal partners develop an ambitious Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) (formerly Regional Growth Framework), approved in [September 2021](#) before being ratified individually by each of the six Local Authorities and the University of Edinburgh Court.
- 2.6 The 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.
- 2.7 The RPF recognises that 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.
- 2.8 Since the publication of the RPF, regional partners have been developing the Delivery Plan. Partners have tried to develop a Delivery Plan that responds to these crises and recognises that the cost-of-living crisis 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.
- 2.9 Transport is a key enabler to unlock the region's potential, but in many areas due to limited accessibility, investment and coordination, it has constrained the realisation of opportunities and benefits for our people, place and economy. The national commitment to decarbonise transport and infrastructure provides a once in a generational opportunity to deliver a 'Just Transition' to tackle transport poverty and the inequalities that currently exists across the region.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Edinburgh and South East Scotland Mass Transit recommendation highlights; the limited public transport choices for cross-boundary trips, high amounts of congestion on the strategic road network and local corridors that buses use, which impacts on the attractiveness of public transport and a dominance of journeys by car across the region.
- 3.2 The recommendation commits Transport Scotland to work with Regional partners in the future to develop and enhance the cross-boundary public transport system for the Region, potentially comprising tram and bus-based transit modes including Bus Rapid Transit and bus priority measures.
- 3.3 The indicative extent of the recommendation is presented in Figure 1.1. below.

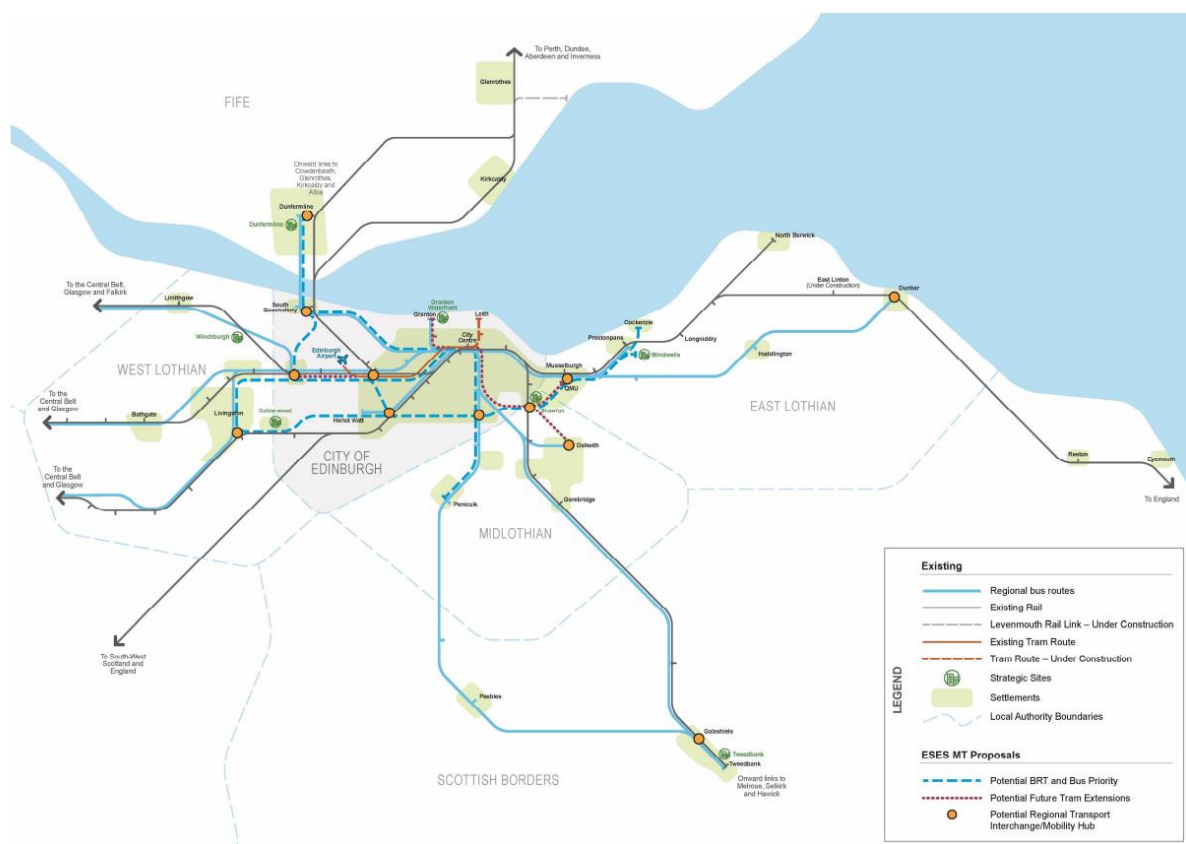


Figure 1.1 - Indicative extent of Mass Transit Recommendation

- 3.4 While STPR2 is currently not a funded document, a Delivery Plan to prioritise funding is currently being developed by Transport Scotland and is expected to be published in the first part of 2023.
- 3.5 Transport Scotland have committed to future working with regional partners to develop and enhance the cross-boundary public transport system, however, two major pillars of Recommendation No.12 are already underway.

These are;

- The development of business cases for Bus Priority interventions across the region. This work is governed through the City Region Deal and funded through the successful (£3million) bid into the Bus Partnership Fund (BPF).
- The delivery of a Strategic Business Case for a Tramline between Granton, the Bio Quarter and beyond. The City of Edinburgh Council is leading on this work and has initially engaged with neighbouring authorities (including Midlothian and East Lothian) and SEStran.

- 3.6 Under existing successful structures, good progress is being made on Strategic Business Cases for BPF and the future Tram from Granton to the Bio Quarter and beyond.
- 3.7 However, and in response to Transport Scotland's STPR2 recommendations, there is an opportunity to expand existing activities and governance (on an interim basis) to strengthen the cross-boundary elements of Tram. For example, as part of the existing Strategic Business Case works, detailed Tramline alignment assessments are underway but are currently focused, in the main, on the Edinburgh sections only, however, this could be easily expanded to explore detailed alignments within the neighbouring authorities (e.g. to Dalkeith and Musselburgh, onto Newbridge and beyond in the west).
- 3.8 Other technical works such as; examining the required depot locations, multi-model options appraisal and a preliminary cost-benefit analysis could also be undertaken.
- 3.9 Furthermore, specific activities to better coordinate engagement with stakeholders (including elected members) and amplify key regional messages could be undertaken.

4. Financial impact

- 4.1 While STPR2 is currently not a funded document, a Delivery Plan to prioritise funding is currently being developed by Transport Scotland and is expected to be published in the first part of 2023.
- 4.2 £3 million has been secured through the Bus Partnership Fund to develop business cases for Bus Priority interventions across the region This work is governed through the City Region Deal. The Strategic Business Case is near completion planned for consideration at the next Joint Committee meeting in June 2023. This will give an indication of costs towards delivering STPR2 recommendation 12.
- 4.3 A Strategic Business Case for a Tramline between Granton, the BioQuarter and beyond is also underway, led by the City of Edinburgh Council, who have initially engaged with neighbouring authorities (including Midlothian and East Lothian) and SEStran.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

- 5.1 An efficient regional public transport system will be an essential requirement if the regional economy is to experience strong and rapid recovery in a range of sectors, including employment, education/training, retail, commercial leisure and other services.

- 5.2 STPR2 sets out how the recommended investments will contribute to Net Zero, Inclusive Growth and our vision for a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.
- 5.3 At the core of STPR2 is the Sustainable Investment Hierarchy. The aim is to first to reduce the need to travel unsustainably, make better use of and enhance existing infrastructure, before investing in new capacity. This hierarchy is also central to the Infrastructure Investment Plan.
- 5.4 The outcomes from STPR2 will:
- help make Scotland more accessible for residents, visitors and businesses
 - create better connectivity with sustainable, smart and cleaner transport options
 - highlight the vital contribution that transport investment can play in enabling and sustaining Scotland's economic growth.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [STPR2 – Final Summary Report \(December 2022\)](#)