Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

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City Region Deal Progress Report

Item number

Executive Summary

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

In this update, the overall status is assigned as "Amber". There are no actions required from the Joint Committee.

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Report

City Region Deal Progress report

1. Recommendations

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

2. Background

- 2.1 This progress report is being used across the City Region Deal's governance structure to monitor progress across all aspects of the City Region Deal. It is updated on a weekly basis and shared with Government. A RAG (Red, Amber, Green) scale is assigned to programmes and projects by the Programme Management Office (PMO), as well as scored for inclusive growth and partnership working.
- 2.2 Tables 1, 2 and 3 shows the guidelines that are used when determine RAG statuses and scores:

Table 1: RAG Status Guidelines

- T: Status against timeline set out in business case/implementation plan;
- B: Status against **budget** set out in financial plan

RAG Status	Definition - Timeline	Definition - Budget	Action Required
Green	In line with business case/implementation plan	In line with financial plan.	No management action required
Amber	Delay is considered acceptable by PMO.	Within acceptable range.	Management action is in place by senior management to address issues, and project is being closely monitored.
Red	Delay is significant.	Outwith acceptable range.	Immediate action is required by senior management and relevant Boards as appropriate to address issues. Issues must be highlighted to Government.

Table 2: Inclusive Growth Score Guidelines

Score	Definition
1.	Project's links with inclusive growth framework are being developed.
2.	Project's links with inclusive growth framework have been identified and are in the process of being implemented.
3.	Project's links with inclusive growth framework are being delivered and monitoring and evaluation is in place to assess impact.

Table 3: Partnership Working Score Guidelines

Score	Definition
1.	Links have been identified with projects in other themes/with regional partners outwith City Region Deal.
2.	Links are in the process of being established with projects in different themes/with regional partners outwith City Region Deal.
3.	Links are being exploited between this project and other themes/with regional partners outwith City Region Deal.

2. Main report

2.1 The performance report is shown in Appendix 1. The overall status of the City Region Deal is assigned as "Amber". There are no actions required from the Joint Committee.

3. Financial impact

- 3.1 A signed Grant offer letter for 2019/20 was received from Government 13 August 2019 which was duly signed and returned on 15 August. This will enable the draw down process once signed Partner Agreements are received.
- 3.2 The financial summary, updated quarterly, on Page 2 shows that £50.7 million (excluding funding issued by Transport Scotland and Scottish Government Housing) has been allocated for the programme for 2019/20, in addition to the £41.3 million drawn down in 2018/19.

4. Equalities impact

4.1 Inclusion is a key driver for the City Region Deal, and scores have been included for each project. Business cases for projects included demonstrate how they will reduce inequalities and tackle the inclusion challenges specific to the city region.

4.2 A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is being developed for the programme, which will incorporate clear indicators to align with the Scottish Government's Inclusive Growth Framework, also under development. The impact on equalities, human rights and sustainability are also being incorporated into the framework. The framework is expected to be complete by March 2020.

5. Background reading/external references

- 5.1 City Region Deal Document: August 2018
- 5.2 City Region Deal Annual Report: 2018-19

6. Appendices

7.1 Appendix: City Region Deal Progress Report