

Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Main Council Chamber, City Chambers, Edinburgh

10.00am, Friday 6 December 2019

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Adam McVey (in the Chair)

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire (substituting for Councillor Willie Innes)

Fife Council – Councillor David Ross

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Mark Rowley (substituting for Councillor Shona Haslam)

Higher/Further Education Consortium – Professor Peter Mathieson

Regional Enterprise Council – Leeann Dempster and Claire Pattullo

In attendance:

Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council

Monica Patterson, Depute Chief Executive, East Lothian Council

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

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

Ken Shaw, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Brian Frater, Service Director Regulatory Services, Scottish Borders Council

Ian Johnson, Head of Communities and Economy, Midlothian Council

Ewan Kennedy, Policy & Planning Manager, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

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

Morag Miller, Strategic Growth & City Deals Programme Manager, Fife Council

Mark Graham (University of Edinburgh)

Rebecca Andrew (Accountable Body)
Henna Khatoon (Accountable Body)

Pamela Gidney (Transport Scotland)
Alison Irvine (Transport Scotland)
Sandy Jamieson (Transport Scotland)
Colin McCallum (Transport Scotland)

1. Presentation from Transport Scotland

Transport Scotland delivered a presentation on the new design for the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass Sherrifhall Roundabout Scheme and the timeline and key stages for the works. The need for the scheme had initially been identified in the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) in 2008 in response to congestion and significant queuing, particularly at morning and evening peaks. In addition, significant growth had been identified in traffic volumes and planned developments in the surrounding area. The three stages of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) were now completed and the project was currently at the Statutory Process stage, which included publication of draft Road Orders, Compulsory Purchase Order and Environmental Impact Assessment Report. Following this stage, procurement and construction would take place.

There were Public Exhibitions scheduled for 18 and 19 December 2019. The statutory consultation period would conclude on 31 January 2020, following which any representations received on the draft Orders would be reviewed and the need for a Public Local Inquiry would be determined. The timetable for construction would be determined once the scheme was approved under the statutory procedures.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To agree that Transport Scotland would help to resource any further public sessions organised by the local authorities.

2. West Edinburgh Transport Infrastructure Programme Update

Details were provided of progress on delivery of the West Edinburgh Transport Infrastructure Programme as planned under the City Region Deal. £20 million had been committed from the Scottish Government towards the delivery of public transport infrastructure and the City of Edinburgh Council had committed a further £16 million towards the delivery of the programme of improvements. Approval was sought to progress the procurement of consultants to undertake Stage 1 of the project, in line with the agreed plan.

Decision

To acknowledge progress to date on delivery of the City Region Deal West Edinburgh Transport Infrastructure Programme and to approve the procurement of consultants to progress with Stage 1 of the project, as reported and agreed at the Transport Appraisal Board.

(Reference – report by the Policy and Planning Manager, City of Edinburgh Council, submitted).

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee of 3 September 2019 as a correct record, subject to the following correction: Councillor Mark Rowley attended on behalf of Scottish Borders Council, rather than Councillor Shona Haslam, as recorded.

4. Work Programme

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

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted)

5. City Region Deal Progress Report

Details were provided of progress across the City Region Deal Programme and the performance report was presented.

The overall status of the City Region Deal was assigned 'amber' and there were no actions required from the Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the update.

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

6. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework Progress Update

An update was provided on the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, to be reported to the Joint Committee on 6 March 2020.

The framework was being developed to measure not only the impact that the projects and programmes towards the objectives set out in their respective business cases, but also how the City Region Deal was performing in relation to the five themes in its Inclusive Growth Framework.

The impact of the Deal on people with protected characteristics and environmental sustainability would also be captured, along with the process for change controls for projects. Tolerances would be set for when projects required Thematic Board or Joint Committee/Government exception reports.

Decision

- 1) To note that significant progress had been made in the development of a robust Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the City Region, in partnership with both UK and Scottish Governments.
- 2) To note that the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework would be submitted to the Joint Committee for approval on 6 March 2020.

(Reference – report by the City Region Deal Programme Manager, City of Edinburgh Council, submitted.)

7. The Edinburgh & South East Scotland Home Demonstrator: Application to the UK Government Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

The Joint Committee was advised that a bid had been submitted to the UK Government Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund to support a Demonstrator project. The project would seek to deliver a new, innovative business model that would support use of offsite construction methods to deliver high quality new homes with a focus on quality, low carbon options and whole life performance.

This project aligned closely with the two strategic aims of the Regional Housing Programme to deliver a step change in innovation and inclusive growth in the housing and construction sectors; and to deliver a step change in the supply of new homes across the South East of Scotland.

The City of Edinburgh Council would act as lead local authority partner with funding sought as part of the bid process to support the Council to coordinate, manage and develop input into the project from across Council teams and local authority partners.

Decision

- 1) To note that a bid had been submitted to the UK Government Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund with the City of Edinburgh Council acting as lead local authority partner.
- 2) To note that the Regional Housing Board would receive regular updates on progress with taking forward the project.

(Reference – report by the Chair of Regional Housing Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted).