

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

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Regional Prosperity Framework – Update

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Executive Summary

This note aims to provide EMOC members with an update on the Regional Prosperity Framework consultation process; key feedback received from the consultation; and the proposed final version of the Framework.

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1. Recommendations

1.1

EMOC members are asked to provide final comments and sign off on the final version of the Framework to proceed to the 3 September Joint Committee meeting to seek approval.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Regional Prosperity Framework was approved for consultation by the Joint Committee on Friday 4 June 2021. The consultation period ran from Monday 14 June until Monday 26 July (6 weeks) and included a number of ways for respondents to contribute their views.

3. Main report

Progress since the last meeting on 16 July meeting

- 3.1 The consultation period ran from Monday 14 June until Monday 26 July (6 weeks) and included a number of ways for respondents to contribute their views. A list of key regional stakeholders was prepared in advance and direct approaches were made to encourage responses from a wide range of organisations, including the public, private and third sector, industry bodies and other representative organisations.
- 3.2 In total 71 responses were received through the consultation portal, or by email submission. The major emerging themes from the consultation are summarised below.
- **Travel** – including detailed feedback from Transport Scotland, also relates to environment
 - **Environment** – including Nature Scot.
 - **Society/Place** – including feedback from Scottish Government More Homes Division and NPF4 teams; Scottish Enterprise; Creative Scotland; and Homes for Scotland.
- 3.3 The online engagement events surfaced similar themes including:
- **People & Workforce** – access to skills and training is key, including upskilling and apprenticeships (perhaps with an emphasis on “green skills”), access to jobs, addressing skills shortages, developing transferable skills. The wider

context of EU Exit and Covid-19 as significant threats to future workforce stability and opportunities was highlighted.

- **Environmental** – appetite to place environmental sustainability more centrally in the vision and document (including development of microgrids, response to climate emergency);
- **Place & Transport** – quality of place; pride in place and a positive legacy; successful economy, access to affordable housing, changing patterns of travel accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic;
- **Wellbeing** – including fair work, active travel / core path improvements, addressing (fuel and other) poverty recognising the link between poverty and poor health, community wealth building, and the need to create better career paths in the care sector in order to meet our future care needs as a society;
- **Equality** – and a desire to see a fairer region.

3.4 Partners have worked to update the draft Framework to reflect key comments, views and ideas proposed by contributors to the consultation process. The latest version of the Framework is attached in appendix 7.1.

Governance Milestones and Timeline to Decision

3.5 Partners are seeking final input and endorsement from the EMOC ahead of issuing the final version of the Regional Prosperity Framework on 30 August for Joint Committee approval on the 3 September 2021.

3.6 Subsequently, each of the partners will seek ratification at their respective organisation committees or courts.

Next Steps

3.7 Post Joint Committee meeting an implementation and action plan will be developed to support delivery of the Framework; and an investment prospectus will be produced in collaboration with EMOC members.

4. Financial impact

4.1 Work has been undertaken to date by the Thematic Leads Officer Group.

4.2 Consultancy support, paid for by monies received from Scottish Government and £30k SESplan rebate carried over into this financial year

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

5.1 The Regional Prosperity Framework builds on the City Region Deal ambitions of delivering inclusive growth and seeks to deliver a holistic economic framework that will provide the basis for economic recovery post-pandemic and future direction for major projects and investment that support inclusive growth and transition to a net zero economy over the next 20 years.

6. Background reading/external references

6.1 [Regional Prosperity Framework - Consultation Draft](#) - Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee, Friday, 4th June 2021

7. Appendices

7.1 Regional Prosperity Framework – Final Draft Version