

Minutes

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

Microsoft Teams

10.00am, Friday 19 November 2021

Present:

Fife Council – Councillors John Beare and Altany Craik (In the Chair)

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Cammy Day and Adam McVey

Midlothian Council – Peter Smail

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Stuart Bell and Euan Robson

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire

West Lothian Council – Councillors Tom Conn

Higher/Further Education Consortium – Angela Cox, David Brown Simon Earp

Regional Enterprise Council – Garry Clark and Nile Istephan

In attendance:

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

David Hanna, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Lisa Howden, Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Ian Aikman, Chief Planning Officer, Scottish Borders Council

Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place, East Lothian Council

Keith Winter, Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council

Kirstin Marsh, Project Manager, Strategic Growth and City Deals, Fife Council

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director of Place, Midlothian Council

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

Dr Gemma Cassells, Lead Strategist, Data-Driven Innovation

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Councillor Russell Imrie (Midlothian Council) and Councillor Cathy Muldoon (West Lothian Council)

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee of 20 August 2021 as a correct record.

2. Regional Prosperity Framework Implementation Plan Update

Keith Winter updated the committee on the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) Implementation Plan. The RPF was approved at the 3 September 2021 Joint Committee meeting and would be used as a basis to guide and integrate public, private and third sector decision, actions, collaborations, strategies, policies and investments across areas such as sustainability, climate change, energy, transport, planning, housing, infrastructure, education, digital, services, equalities, well-being, economic development, procurement and delivery.

Details were provided of the nine major regional opportunities – “Big Moves” – which would be used to drive the delivery of the RPF. Implementation Plans would be developed for each of the Big Moves. Each Big Move should reflect what activities could be delivered over the short (years 1-3), medium (years 4-6), and longer (years 7-10) term horizons.

The Elected Member Oversight Committee was updated on key roles and responsibilities, governance and a timeline of key milestones. Members raised the potential risk to the timeline with the upcoming local government elections. It was suggested that this could be discussed at a workshop prior to ratification in September 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the update paper.
- 2) To note the draft programme delivery timeline and potential risk to June deadline due to local authority elections in May 2022 and to agree to discuss at a workshop meeting prior to ratification in September 2022.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council, submitted.)

3. Climate Resilience

Details were provided on the National Climate Summit Ambition Statement, which had been endorsed by more than 50 organisations and senior leaders at the Scottish

Government-hosted National Climate Resilience Summit on 1 October 2021. The Joint Committee was asked to endorse the Ambition Statement at the meeting on 3 December 2021.

Andy Nicol shared a presentation on Transitioning towards a Zero Carbon City Region.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To request that the slides be circulated to the Elected Member Oversight Committee.

(Reference – National Climate Resilience Summit: ambition statement, submitted.)

4. National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

Craig McCorrison updated members on the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). The consultation draft was published on 10 November 2021. A further paper would be submitted to the Elected Member Oversight Committee before 31 March 2022.

The draft set out a Vision for Scotland in 2045; a long term spatial strategy; a revised suite of national planning policies; NPF4's place within the statutory development plan; and a delivery programme.

Members were generally supportive of the approach, but raised the importance of increasing public understanding of NPF4 and accessibility, and the need to be agile throughout the ten year plan. It would be important to make sure that it catches local issues.

Decision

- 1) To note the update and feedback from members.
- 2) To request a briefing note that would be developed with the SEStran Project Board (the strategic planning advisory group to the City Region Deal) that sets out what NPF4 would mean for the City Region, and individual partners.

5. Next Meeting

Decision

- 1) To note that the date of the next meeting was still to be confirmed, but was expected to take place in January of early February.
- 2) To note that the Chair would be taken over by Midlothian Council (Councillor Imrie) from the next meeting, with Scottish Borders taking the Vice Chair.

- 3) To note that Kirstin Marsh would be leaving Fife Council and to offer the committee's thanks for her help in developing the regional prosperity framework.