

# Minutes

## Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

### Microsoft Teams

**10.00am, Friday 4 March 2022**

#### **Present:**

**Fife Council** – Councillor David Alexander and Councillor David Ross

**City of Edinburgh Council** – Councillor Cammy Day (substituting for Councillor Adam McVey)

**Midlothian Council** – Councillor Russell Imrie (in the Chair)

**East Lothian Council** – Councillor John McMillan (substituting for Councillor Norman Hampshire)

**West Lothian Council** – Councillor Tom Conn (substituting for Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick)

**Scottish Borders Council** – Councillor Mark Rowley

**Regional Enterprise Council** – Garry Clark and Claire Pattullo

**Higher/Further Education Consortium** – Professor Peter Mathieson

#### **In attendance:**

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council

Monica Patterson, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council

Netta Meadows, Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council

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

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

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

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

Amir Darwesh, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Lisa Howden, Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Karl Chapman, Head of Heritage, Culture Venues & Museums, City of Edinburgh Council

Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council

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

Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer & Communities, Scottish Borders Council

Jarmo Eskelinen, Director of Data-Driven Innovation, University of Edinburgh

John Scott, Head of Delivery, Data-Driven Innovation Programme, University of Edinburgh

Mark Graham, Technical Director at Social and Human Capital Coalition, University of Edinburgh

Abby Manz, Impact Strategy Manager, Smart Data Foundry

**IMPACT Scotland** – Joanna Baker (Executive Director), Jerry Mungall (Development Director) and Gavin Reid (Chief Executive of Scottish Chamber Orchestra)

## **Apologies**

Councillor Norman Hampshire (East Lothian Council) and Councillor Adam McVey (City of Edinburgh Council).

## **1. Minutes**

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### **Decision**

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee of 3 December 2021 as a correct record.

## **2. Work Programme**

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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 planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

## **3. IMPACT Scotland – Dunard Centre Business Case**

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Joanna Baker, Executive Director, IMPACT Scotland, gave a presentation on the Dunard Centre and presented the report, which sought approval for the Final Business Case for Dunard Centre, a new 1000 seat concert hall and performance venue on Edinburgh's St Andrew Square. The Dunard Centre would be home to the

Scottish Chamber Orchestra, a key venue for Edinburgh International Festival and offers the ideal conditions for excellence in music making, delivering performance, educational and outreach programmes to inspire and support audiences of all ages.

## **Decision**

- 1) To approve the Summary Business Case (SBC) included as an Appendix to the report by the Executive Director of IMPACT Scotland.
- 2) To note that the paper followed the Business Case for 'IMPACT Centre' submitted and approved by this committee in 2019 to secure £25m from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal.
- 3) To note that the revisions in the report related to the revised design scheme for the building and associated business plan for the venue.
- 4) To note that City of Edinburgh Council's Development Management Sub-Committee granted planning approval and listed building consent for the scheme in November 2021.
- 5) To agree to write to Carol Greigor to thank her and the Dunard Fund/trustees for their support and private financial contribution.
- 6) To agree to a future report on inclusion and what would be done to ensure that young people from all areas of the city were able to access the facility.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of IMPACT Scotland, submitted.)

## **4. City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Implementation Plan update**

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In March 2021 the Smart Data Foundry (formally known as Global Open Finance Centre of Excellence (GOFCoE)) successfully applied for Scottish Government regional recovery and renewal funding to undertake a: “feasibility study for a public/private sector data platform to assess the outcomes and impacts of the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland (ESES) City Region Deal.”

Completed in early August 2021, one of the key recommendations of this study was the need to examine further, for the purposes of the Scottish and UK Governments Quinquennial review of the City Region Deal in 2023, what needed to be in place and when to best report outputs and any impacts by 2023 and thereafter (particularly given that projects across the “five” City Region Deal Themes are at different stages of implementation).

Mark Graham and Abby Manz presented the full City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Implementation Plan to the Joint Committee for approval.

## **Decision**

To approve the report's recommendations and their implementation by the City Region Deal PMO notably:

- i) To appoint as Senior Responsible Officer for the Benefits Realisation Programme by the City Region Deal Directors' Group.
- ii) To appoint a Benefits Realisation Officer to measure and report benefits to the standard described in the Benefits Realisation Plan.
- iii) To develop a consistent and comparable outputs, outcomes and impacts reporting framework; prior to circulating for wider review by CRD project.

(Reference – report by the Head of Delivery, Data-Driven Innovation Programme, University of Edinburgh and Senior Responsible Officer for the Benefits Realisation Plan for the City Region Deal, submitted.)

## **5. City Region Deal Progress Report**

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The Joint Committee considered a report that advised of progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

A RAG (Red, Amber, Green) scale was assigned to programmes and projects by the Partnership Management Office (PMO), as well as scores for inclusive growth and partnership working. In this update, the overall status was assigned as 'Green' and there were no actions for the Joint Committee.

## **Decision**

To note the progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

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

## **6. Consultation on Draft National Planning Framework 4: Proposed Response**

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Craig McCorrison updated the committee on the Consultation on Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), and shared the proposed consultation response, due to be submitted by 31 March 2022. NPF4 would replace strategic development plans as an element of the development plan for all parts of Scotland. As well as replacing strategic development plan, NPF4 would replace Scottish Planning Policy and, in doing so, introduce a proposed suite of 33 new and revised national planning policies.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the publication for consultation by the Scottish Government of a proposed National Planning Framework 4.

- 2) To note that when approved NPF4 would replace the SESplan Strategic Development Plan, National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy.
- 3) To note that comments on the proposed NPF4 were invited.
- 4) To note the proposed response to the consultation, attached as Appendix 2 to the report.
- 5) To note that the proposed response remained subject to on-going consultation with City Region Deal partners.
- 6) To agree that the Elected Member Oversight Committee be delegated to approve the final response, noting that the EMOC may also wish to delegate to a specific officer of one of the constituent councils in order to complete the response by the deadline of 31 March 2022.

(Reference – report by the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration, West Lothian Council, submitted.)

## **7. Data-Driven Innovation progress update**

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A presentation on Data-Driven Innovation (DDI) progress was provided Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Edinburgh and Jarmo Eskelinen, Director of Data-Driven Innovation, University of Edinburgh.

The Joint Committee was updated on the planned roll out of the six DDI Hubs in Edinburgh over the next 18 months (two of which were currently operational). The programme continued to perform beyond its original targets, and had supported wider regional activities including the City Region Deal's Benefits Realisation Programme, the DDI Skills Gateway and the development of the long-term Regional Prosperity Framework. Details were provided of the DDI Programme's Future Vision and the links with the Regional Prosperity Framework's Nine Big Moves.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation.

(Reference – presentation by the Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Edinburgh and Director of Data-Driven Innovation, University of Edinburgh, submitted.)