

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

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Work Programme for City Region Deal Joint Committee

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Executive Summary

This paper outlines the planned dates for City Region Deal business case approvals by Joint Committee.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The City Region Deal partners and Government are working towards business case approval timelines, as set out in this report. This matches with the timeline for drawing down funds from Government over the 15 years of the City Region Deal as set out in the Financial Plan agreed in summer 2018, and the grant offer letter for 2022/23.
- 2.2 In addition to the business cases, other reports that are expected to be submitted to Joint Committee are included in the work programme.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The work programme for Joint Committee meetings that partners are currently working towards is shown in Table 1. The dates are subject to business cases being approved by: The Scottish Government; the UK Government; the relevant Boards within the City Region Deal structure; and the relevant Council committees and/or Higher and Further Education Courts, prior to Joint Committee consideration.

Table 1: Work Programme for Joint Committee

Joint Committee Date	Reports for consideration
24 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update • Edinburgh Innovation Hub (East Lothian Council / Queen Margaret University) VAT Reinvestment • Green Freeport bid for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region
2 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Region Deal Annual Report 2021/22 • Regional Prosperity Framework Implementation Plan
2 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update • Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme Update (presentation)
3 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data-Driven Innovation Programme Update (presentation) • Benefits Realisation six-monthly update.

3.2 The A720 City Bypass grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout is being managed and delivered by Transport Scotland. Transport Scotland are scheduled to provide updates on progress to the Transport Appraisal Board, as well as the Executive Board and Joint Committee every six months.

4. Financial impact

4.1 There is no financial impact relating to this report. Financial cases are being set out in detail in the respective business cases. Financial contributions that are required by partner organisations for projects are being requested in separate reports to councils or courts prior to being taken to Joint Committee for approval.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

5.1 Inclusion and sustainability are key drivers for the City Region Deal, and strategic added value 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.

5.2 The [City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan](#) (BRP) was approved on 4 September 2020. This incorporates indicators that align with the Scottish Government's Inclusive Growth Framework. The impact on equalities, human rights and sustainability will also be measured. Six-monthly updates will be provided to Joint Committee from March 2023.

5.3 Scottish and UK Government provided joint guidance for project owners on managing potential carbon emissions associated with Scottish City Region and

Regional Growth Deal projects. It accords with HM Treasury Green Book requirements and supports the quantification and minimisation of whole life carbon and the identification of potential barriers to achieving net zero. This will form an important part of regular reporting through the Benefits Realisation Plan.

6. Background reading/external references

6.1 [City Region Deal Document](#): August 2018

7. Appendices

None.