

# Minutes

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

### Microsoft Teams

**2.00pm, Friday 2 September 2022**

#### **Present:**

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

**City of Edinburgh Council** – Councillor Cammy Day

**East Lothian Council** – Councillor Norman Hampshire

**Fife Council** – Councillor David Ross

**Scottish Borders Council** – Councillor Scott Hamilton (substituting for Councillor Euan Jardine)

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

**Regional Enterprise Council** – Garry Clark

#### **In attendance:**

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council

Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council

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

Jenni Craig, Director – Resilient Communities, Scottish Borders 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

Lisa Howden, Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Robertson, Strategic Transport Manager, City of Edinburgh Council

Ken Gourlay, Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council

Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council

Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director of Place, East Lothian Council

Fiona Clandillon, Head of Development, Midlothian Council  
Gavin Reid, Chair, IMPACT Scotland  
Jerry Mungall, IMPACT Scotland  
Sarah Loveday, IMPACT Scotland  
Niall Martin, Senior Project Manager, Anturas Consulting

## **Apologies**

Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick (West Lothian Council) and Claire Pattullo (Regional Enterprise 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 24 June 2022 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 Education and Public Engagement Strategy Update**

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An update was provided on the Dunard Centre Education and Public Engagement Strategy. As detailed in reports of March 2022, IMPACT Scotland intended to appoint an artistic and engagement lead in late 2022/ early 2023 who, alongside an expanded group of artistic advisors, would shape a pre-opening activity programme, expanding towards venue opening in 2026, ensuring that communities across the City Region would have the opportunity to experience meaningful engagement with the project. At this stage in the project, the focus of the small IMPACT team was the construction project and fundraising to secure the remaining income against the financial target. Alongside this, the team would continue to build relationships with those identified as early key partners, and in line with the engagement vision.

The key elements of strategy were:

- Managing opportunities and monitoring of participation across the supply chain.

- Creating opportunities for learning and participation at every point.
- Ensuring a diversity of voices in the artistic governance.
- An artistic programme that reflected and was accessible to the diverse city region.
- Recruitment policies that were fair to all.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that this paper followed the Business Case for IMPACT Scotland: Dunard Centre which was approved by this committee in March 2022 to secure £25m from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City region Deal.
- 2) To note that the report was in response to a request for regular updates on community engagement requested by the committee.
- 3) To note that the current organisational priorities related to the construction programme (and associated fundraising), and that the report outlined an approach to engagement which would be further developed over the duration of the four-year construction programme, ahead of the venue opening.

(Reference – report by the Chair, IMPACT Scotland, submitted.)

## **4. A701 Relief Road and A702 Spur Road Project Update**

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The Joint Committee was provided with an update on the A701 Relief Road, A702 Spur Road project. The A701 relief road and its related projects on the A702 and the Sustainable Transport Corridor (collectively, the A701 Transport Corridor Improvement Programme) were critical to delivering Midlothian’s economic and development strategy. The A701 Improvement Programme supported Big Moves 2 and 3 of the Regional Prosperity Framework as they related to both Re-thinking Place and the delivery of Sustainable Transport. The improvements would assist in the delivery of 20-minute neighbourhoods by enhancing active travel connections between settlements, places of work and services. It would also support cross boundary active travel improvements and enhancement of the public transport infrastructure along the A701.

### **Decision**

To note, in relation to the A701 Relief Road, A702 Spur Road project:

- The STAG 2 Report had been finalised and Work Stage B was complete.
- The Consultation process associated with the STAG 2 appraisal process was complete in relation to the above project.
- A preferred route had been selected (Route C).

- Preparatory works for compulsory purchase were commenced to mitigate adverse implications on the project programme.
- The project was moving into Work Stage C (Specimen Design).
- In the course of Work Stage B, total overall estimated costs for delivery of the above project had risen to £55m (including cost of Sustainable Transport Corridor and Straiton Junction Signalisation).
- That this had resulted in the funding gap associated with this project currently estimated to be £33.2m.
- That while this funding gap may decrease through Stage C, with greater certainty over costs emerging, a significant funding gap was likely to remain.
- That Midlothian Council had therefore submitted an application to the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) to attract alternative funding into the project to close this gap.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer - Place, Midlothian Council submitted.)

## **5. Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Bus Partnership Fund Update**

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Niall Martin, Project Manager for the Edinburgh Corridors Bus Partnership Fund (BPF) project, gave a presentation on the BPF. The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal had been successful in obtaining a grant award of £3.03m from the Scottish Government BPF in June 2021 for the delivery of:

- Strategic and Outline Business Cases (SBC/OBC) for Bus Priority Improvements
- Quick Win Bus Priority Measures

Details were provided of the SBC/OBC geographic scope, which included seven different corridors in the region and orbital routes. The business case was being led by Jacobs and good progress was being made with the current plan. Engagement was taking place with bus operators and wider stakeholders. The Quick Wins workstream made the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund Measures, which had been implemented during Covid, permanent. Details were provided of the geographic scope (four schemes in East Lothian, one in Midlothian and six in Edinburgh). An underspend had been identified so it was intended to extend this to further schemes.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation.

## **6. West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Programme Update**

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A presentation was provided on the West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Programme. Details were provided of the project to date, which was divided as follows: Package 1 – A89; Package 2 – A8 Eastbound; Package 3 – A8 Westbound; and Package 4 – Gogar to Maybury. The Outline Business Case Stage 1a (the case

for change and options review) had been completed and the project was transitioning into Stage 1b, which involved a gateway review. It was intended that the OBCs would be brought to the Joint Committee in summer 2023, followed by the Full Business Case, Statutory Consents, procurement of contractors and construction, with construction taking place in 2025.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation.

## **7. Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework**

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Details were provided on progress that had been made on the Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework. Regional partners were seeking an extension to the programme timeline to enable partners to develop the regional approach to delivery and resourcing and ensure that it aligned closely to the emerging National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET) delivery plans, recommendations from the Scottish Government's Regional Economic Policy Review and Local Authority UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Local Investment Plan submissions.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the content of update report.
- 2) To agree for the programme timeline to be extend to March 2023.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council, submitted.)

## **8. City Region Deal Annual Report 2021/22**

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The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Annual Report summarised progress of the Programme for the third year since the signing of the 15-year programme (August 2021 to July 2022). The report contained a City Region Deal overview, Financial Statement (for the financial year 2021-22), a short summary of progress on each project and programme and expected milestones to be achieved in the next year. This year, a series of case study videos were embedded in the report to demonstrate how the Deal's projects and programmes were benefiting people. The report showed significant progress across the 20 projects and programmes within the City Region Deal. While cost inflation had affected the budget of some of the projects which were in delivery, all were considered to be within acceptable time and budget parameters.

### **Decision**

To note the annual report and offer the Joint Committee's thanks to the City Region Deal PMO team.

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

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

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The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal progress report provided an indication of progress across the City Region Deal programme. In this update, the overall status was assigned as “Green”. There were no actions required from 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.)