

# Minutes

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

### Microsoft Teams

**10.00am, Friday 17 February 2023**

#### **Present:**

**Scottish Borders Council** – Councillors Euan Robson (in the Chair) and Elaine Thornton-Nicol

**City of Edinburgh Council** – Councillor Lesley Macinnes (substituting for Councillor Adam McVey)

**East Lothian Council** – Councillors John McMillan and Andrew Forrest (substituting for Councillor Norman Hampshire)

**Midlothian Council** – Councillors Russell Imrie and Kelly Parry

**Fife Council** – Councillors David Alexander and Altany Craik

**West Lothian Council** – Councillors Tom Conn and Kirsteen Sullivan

**Higher/Further Education Consortium** – David Brown, Simon Earp and Ritchie Somerville (substituting for Jane Grant)

**Regional Enterprise Council** – Garry Clark

#### **In attendance:**

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

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

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

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

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

Daniel Stevens, City Region Deal PMO, City of Edinburgh Council

Lisa Howden, Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place, East Lothian Council

Andrew Stewart, Project Manager, East Lothian Council

Ken Gourlay, Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council  
Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council  
Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place, Midlothian Council  
Alice Mitchell, Economic Development and Regeneration Manager, West Lothian Council  
Jarmo Eskelinen · Executive Director, Data-Driven Innovation, University of Edinburgh  
Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council  
Andrew Robertson and Graeme Johnstone, Glasgow Regional Intelligence Hub

## **1. Order of Business**

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### **Decision**

- 1) To appoint Councillor Euan Robson as Chair for this meeting of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee.
- 2) To note that that the formal appointment of the Convener of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee take place at next meeting of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee on 3 March 2023.

## **2. Minutes**

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### **Decision**

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee of 13 January 2023 as a correct record.

## **3. Glasgow Regional Intelligence Hub**

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Andrew Robertson, Glasgow Regional Intelligence Hub Manager, gave an update on the work of the Hub, which was established in July 2019. The Hub's main functions were data analytics, economic modelling, research and strategy development and business case development. There were currently 5 officers in the Hub, with recruitment underway to recruit an additional GIS officer. Details were provided of the Hub's key achievements.

### **Decision**

To note the update by the Glasgow Regional Intelligence Hub Manager.

## **4. Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan**

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An update was provided by Paul Lawrence, Senior Responsible Officer, Regional Prosperity Framework on the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan, which set out an ambitious and dynamic series of four key programmes to deliver the region's ambitions:

- Green Regeneration;

- Infrastructure for Recovery and Prosperity;
- Visitor Economy and Culture; and
- Data Driven Innovation (DDI) Economy

These programmes would enable the city region to maintain and enhance its global reputation and become the data capital of Europe, delivering sustainable and inclusive growth. The Delivery Plan aligns with Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), Scotland's Regional Economic Policy Review recommendations, and UK Government's Levelling Up priorities. Regional Partners ask the Scottish and UK Governments to continue to commit to work in tripartite partnership to deliver a Blueprint through a long term, integrated, place-based funding allocation to deliver shared outcomes.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan.
- 2) To note that the Delivery Plan had been considered by all six constituent Local Authorities in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region (ESESCR).
- 3) To write to both UK and Scottish Government's to promote the Delivery Plan and seek their support to realise the ambitions of the Regional Prosperity Framework and deliver the Programmes within the Delivery Plan.

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

## **5. Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 – Progressing Regional Interventions**

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Details were provided of Transport Scotland's second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), which was finalised in December 2022. This presented a wide range of 45 transport recommendations to Scottish Government for investment over the next 20 years. STPR2 closely aligned with the Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework and key regional priorities (most notably proposals to improve; public transport and interchange, digital connectivity, active travel, demand led transport and workforce mobility). Recommendation No.12, Edinburgh and South East Scotland Mass Transit, was the most significant proposal relevant to Edinburgh and South East Scotland the Region. A Delivery Plan to prioritise STPR2 recommendations and inform funding decisions was expected to be published in the first part of 2023. The ESES Region was collaborating and delivering successful projects through SEStran and the City Region Deal Transport Appraisal Board.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the close alignment between the Regional Prosperity Delivery Framework and STPR2.
- 2) To note that successful existing structures were already making good progress with the development of Strategic Business Cases for the Bus Partnership Fund and Granton to Bio Quarter and Beyond Tramline.

- 3) To note that the STPR2 Delivery Plan was currently being developed by Transport Scotland and this would set the immediate funding priorities.
- 4) To note that undertaking interim activities now, in partnership with the relevant local authorities and SEStran, in a more formal and visible manner (and amplifying the communications promoting the outputs of this interim work) could be significant and positively influence the STPR2 Delivery Plan (confirming Recommendation No.12 as a key priority for investment: alongside Clyde Metro).
- 5) To note that, recognising that there was limited time to influence the STPR2 Delivery Plan, the Joint Committee, at its meeting on 3 March 2023, would be asked to approve that the City of Edinburgh Council to coordinate an initial meeting with relevant officers across the region to further discuss Recommendation No.12 and plan next steps and activities to be undertaken.
- 6) To note that at the same meeting, the Joint Committee would be asked to collectively agree that the ESESCR Joint Committee write to Transport Scotland and Scottish Government highlighting the strength of the regional collaboration and the readiness to deliver on the STPR2 recommendation No.12.

(Reference – report by the Chair, Transport Appraisal Board, submitted.)

## **6. Date of next meeting**

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### **Decision**

To be confirmed.