

Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Edinburgh, 2.00pm, Tuesday 3 September 2019

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Cammy Day (substituting for Councillor Adam McVey) (in the Chair).

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire (substituting for Councillor Willie Innes).

Fife Council – Councillor David Alexander and Morag Millar (substituting for Councillor David Ross).

Midlothian Council – Councillor Russell Imrie (substituting for Councillor Derek Milligan).

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Shona Haslam.

West Lothian Council – Councillor Andrew McGuire (substituting for Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick).

Higher/Further Education Consortium – Angela Cox (substituting for Professor Peter Mathieson).

Regional Enterprise Council – Claire Pattullo.

In attendance:

Councillor Eleanor Bird (SNP Group Leader) (observer)
Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council
Angela Leitch, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council
Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council
Andy Nichol, City Region Deal PMO

David Baxter, Strategy & Communications, City of Edinburgh Council
Rob Dickson, Senior Responsible Officer, Scottish Borders Council
David Hanna, Strategy & Communications, City of Edinburgh Council
Ian Johnson, Head of Communities and Economy, Midlothian Council

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

Sat Patel, Senior Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Ken Shaw, Economic Development, City of Edinburgh Council

Hugh Edmiston (University of Edinburgh)

Colan Mehaffey (University of Edinburgh)

Professor Nicholas Mills (University of Edinburgh)

Professor Aziz Sheikh (University of Edinburgh)

1. Appointments

1.1 Appointment of Convener

In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Cammy Day was appointed to chair the meeting. The Joint Committee noted its congratulations to Councillor Adam McVey and his family.

1.2 Appointment of Higher and Further Education Consortium Representative

The Committee noted that Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal of Edinburgh University had been appointed to the Joint Committee in place of Professor Charlie Jeffrey who had taken on a new role at the University of York. The Joint Committee noted thanks to Charlie Jeffrey for his time and commitment.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee of 7 June 2019 as a correct record.

3. Work Programme

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 Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted)

4. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log was presented to the Joint Committee.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 1 - Forward Plan for Business Case Approvals – Sheriffhall Roundabout Business Case
 - Action 2 - Presentations from Transport Scotland – SESPlan
- 2) To invite Transport Scotland to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to present a progress update on the A720 City Bypass grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout Project.

(Reference - Rolling Actions Log, submitted).

5. City Region Deal Progress Report

Details were provided of the progress of the City Region Deal and the performance report was presented.

The overall status of the City Region Deal was assigned 'amber' and there were no actions required from the Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the update.

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

6. City Region Deal Annual Report 2018/19

The annual report for 2018/19 set out the progress for the first year of the 24 projects and programmes within the City Region Deal.

Information was also provided on the developments expected during 2019/20.

Decision

To note the progress across the City Region Deal Programme from the Deal signing on 7 August 2018 to present.

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

7. Usher Institute Business Case

Approval was sought to secure funding and enact the Usher Institute project. The business case which had been led by the University of Edinburgh was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Usher Institute final business case and implementation of its activities and organisational structure.
- 2) To note that the individual activities to be undertaken as part of Usher will be approved separately and reported to the Joint Committee.

(Reference – report by Senior Responsible Officer, Data Driven Innovation Delivery Board, Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted).

8. Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Regional Growth Framework

A report was presented outlining the project brief to guide the production of a Regional Growth Framework which would enable the region to manage its growth and deliver inclusive growth to benefit local communities across the South East of Scotland. A Spatial Strategy would align to the Growth Framework and would follow on and flow from its production.

The Joint Committee were asked to approve the project brief and governance and reporting structure.

Decision

- 1) To approve the project brief and that officers commence the production of a Regional Growth Framework.
- 2) To approve the governance and reporting structure outlined in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer.

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

9. Regional Housing Programme Update Report

An update was presented on the Regional Housing Programme which was based on key feedback from regional housing partners and input received across workshops held in June 2019 with over 60 key stakeholders.

The Regional Housing Programme: Forward Work Programme: Full Report was appended to the report.

Decision

- 1) To approve the recommended work programme and next steps summarised in table 1 of the report by the Chief Officer.
- 2) To recognise that the regional housing programme formed an integral part of the emerging Regional Growth Framework.

(References – Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Committee 1 March 2019 (item 13); report by Chief Officer and Chair of Regional Housing Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted)

10. City Region Deal Regional Transport Appraisal Board Update

An update was provided on the current and planned input of the Transport Appraisal Board to emerging national policy and strategy, and the current position at regional level.

The report outlined the work currently being undertaken to identify and co-ordinate a comprehensive inventory of programmed and potential transport interventions to support the full range of City Deal themes.

A summary was also provided of the priorities and work programme for the Board over the short to medium term which would include further reporting to the Joint Committee.

Decision

- 1) To note the emerging national and regional transport and planning strategies and programmes, and the role of the Transport Appraisal Board in providing City Deal input.
- 2) To note the extent of progress on projects at A720 Sheriffhall Junction and West Edinburgh.
- 3) To note the terms of the prospective work programme of the Transport Appraisal Board as set out in the report.
- 4) To note that individual proposals, once prepared, would be presented to the Joint Committee for approval.
- 5) To require further regular update reports on the work of the Transport Appraisal Board.

(Reference – report by Chair, Transport Appraisal Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted)