

Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Microsoft Teams

10.00am, Friday 4 September 2020

Present:

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

East Lothian Council – Councillor Norman Hampshire (In the Chair)

Fife Council – Councillor David Ross, Councillor David Alexander

Midlothian Council – Councillor Russell Imrie

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Shona Haslam

West Lothian Council – Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick

Higher/Further Education Consortium – Professor Peter Mathieson

Regional Enterprise Council – Claire Pattullo

In attendance:

Monica Patterson, Chief Executive, East Lothian Council

Dr Grace Vickers, Chief Executive, Midlothian Council

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

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

Rebecca Andrew, Principal Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Rob Dickson, Executive Director, Scottish Borders Council

Adam Dunkerley, Opportunities Fife Partnership Manager, Fife Council

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

Ian Johnson, Head of Communities and Economy, Midlothian Council

Veronica MacMillan, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Morag Millar, Strategic Growth and City Deals Programme Manager, Fife Council

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

Henna Khatoon (Accountable Body)
Dr Mark Graham, Lead Economist, Data Driven Innovation

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee 7 August 2020 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Work Programme was presented and detailed the planned dates for the City Region Deal business case approvals by Joint Committee.

Decision

- 1) To note the Work Programme.
- 2) To note that updates on Sheriffhall Roundabout were included as part of the progress report each quarter and that Transport Scotland would be invited to the Joint Committee in March 2021.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. City Region Deal Progress Report

An update was provided on the progress that had been made across the City Region Deal Programme.

The progress report was being used across the City Region Deal's governance structure to monitor progress across all aspects of the City Region Deal. It was updated and shared with Government on a weekly basis and was taken to all Board meetings. A RAG (Red, Amber and Green) scale was assigned to programmes and projects by the Programme Management Office (PMO) as well as scored for inclusive growth and partnership working.

Decision

To note the progress made across the City Region Deal Programme.

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

4. Supplementary Agreement to Minute of Agreement for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region Joint Committee

Details were provided of the draft supplementary agreement to the Minute of Agreement for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region Joint Committee.

Committee received an update in March 2020 on the development of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region response to the National Planning Framework 4 “Call for Ideas”. The report highlighted that an Elected Member Oversight Group would be established to oversee the longer-term progress of the Regional Growth Framework and Regional Spatial Strategy. The Minute of Agreement set out the powers and duties delegated by member Councils to the Joint Committee. To ensure that the Joint Committee had the appropriate authority to delegate to the Elected Member Oversight Sub-Committee responsibility for overseeing the development of the Regional Growth Framework and the Regional Spatial Strategy it was necessary for this to be explicitly stated within the Minute of Agreement.

Decision

To approve the adoption of the supplementary agreement to the Minute of Agreement, approved by the Joint Committee in November 2018.

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

5. City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan

An update was provided on the City Deal Benefits Realisation Plan. The Plan set out the overarching approach to reviewing and evaluating benefits by addressing two central issues: how the City Region Deal was performing against delivery plans as set out in approved programme and project business cases and the overall Deal Document objectives, and what economic, social and other impacts may be generated as a result within the Region, Scotland and elsewhere in the UK.

In addressing these questions, the Plan initially set out the key outputs for the Deal in terms of the investment levels planned for each Deal theme together with the projected levels of new jobs that would be delivered as a result.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Plan and implementation of associated activities by each Programme theme.
- 2) To note that the monitoring and evaluation outputs would be regularly reported to and appropriately acted upon by the Joint Committee.

- 3) To note the thanks given to Dr Mark Graham for all the work he had carried out on the Benefits Realisation Plan.

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

6. City Region Deal Annual Report 2019-20

The Joint Committee considered the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Annual report which summarised the progress of the Programme for the second year since the signing of the 15-year programme (August 2019 to July 2020).

The report contained a City Region Deal overview, Financial Statement (for the financial year 2019-20), a short summary of progress on each project and programme and expected milestones to be achieved in the next year. Case studies were included across the report.

Decision

- 1) To note the appended annual report.
- 2) To note the thanks given to the PMO and to members of the regional partnership for all their hard work, and the positive relationships with the Scottish and UK Governments.

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