

# Business Bulletin

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Virtual - via Microsoft Teams

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## Recent news

### **Adaptation and Renewal Programme – All Party Oversight Group (APOG)**

As COVID-19 restrictions are removed and the development and delivery of the business plan is taken forward, the Adaptation and Renewal (A&R) Programme will move into a review phase capturing lessons learned and then move to formally close the programme.

We are therefore recommending that the A&R All Party Oversight Group (APOG) ceases to meet; the key policy and strategy decisions which came out of the programme are now into set up and delivery phases. The strategies and emerging programmes of work will form part of the governance of the organisation and will be presented to the relevant committee when appropriate. Specific lessons learned workshops will be arranged and conducted at the appropriate time.

The Programme Update report will continue to come to Committee until the programme has reached a formal decision to close. The report for this meeting of the Committee covers the Scottish Governments decisions regarding restrictions from the 19 July onwards and any indicative plans for the 9 August.

### **Energy for Edinburgh**

A Business Motion from the Committee meeting on 20 April requested that a report on Energy for Edinburgh be prepared in two meeting cycles. This report was to detail the options for Energy for Edinburgh's involvement in accelerating the delivery of the Council's carbon emissions reduction plan and the contribution it could make to a city-wide 2030 Climate Strategy.

As part of the draft 2030 Climate Strategy, the Council has committed to working with key city partners to develop a city-wide heat and energy masterplan, which will set out potential future approaches to meeting the city's energy needs. This will also encompass a Local Heat Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES), which the Council is required to develop by 2023. Officers are in the process of commissioning further research into the options available to the Council in terms of the different delivery mechanisms that may be required to take this forward, having regard to

## Background

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energy opportunities and challenges for the city and the contribution different delivery vehicles might make to achieving net zero by 2030. This research will set out recommendations for next steps and options for the Council's arms-length company, Energy for Edinburgh, and an update on this work will be brought to Committee as part of the final draft of the 2030 Climate Strategy and supporting implementation plan in October 2021.

Officers will also ensure this work informs and is integrated within the final draft of the Council's Carbon Emissions Reduction Plan, due to be brought before Committee in November 2021.

### **Business Tourism Update**

Partners from across the city have continued to discuss plans to support the Business Tourism sector in the city.

A consultant review, which is assessing all aspects of the Visitor Economy (including Business Tourism), is currently underway. This will consider structural and organisational responsibilities, as well as resourcing, to ensure that appropriate arrangements for supporting the Visitor Economy in the future are in place.

In advance of the outcome of this review being known, to ensure that the city's Business Tourism sector is supported, an agreement has been made with Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) to manage Business Tourism support on a short-term basis.

EICC staff will lead on the operational aspects of 'convention bureau type activities' across the city and will do so separately from their own marketing and sales activities. This operational activity will be delivered under the direction of the EICC board, but in close collaboration with a partnership board consisting of members from the sector as well as Council officers. It is envisaged that the arrangement will be in place for 18 months, at which point transitioning to a permanent solution will begin. This will take account of the feedback received from the consultant's review.

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### **Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal and Regional Prosperity Framework**

An update was provided to Committee on 20 April 2021 on the Edinburgh and South East Scotland (ESES) City Region Deal and on the development of the Regional Prosperity Framework – a strategic regional economic framework.

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Consultation on the [Regional Prosperity Framework](#) closed on 26 July 2021. Sustained and proper consideration is being given to the responses received and a final version will be presented to the ESES City Region Joint Committee on 3 September 2021. The final Framework will also require to be considered by each of the constituent councils.

Joint Committee, on 3 September 2021, will also consider the Deal's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report, recommendations from a feasibility study for a public/private sector data platform to assess outcomes and impacts of City Region Deals (after which we can report to Committee on the outstanding action from 6 October 2020 regarding the Benefits Realisation Plan for the Deal) together with consideration of a recommendation from the ESES Transport Appraisal Board (TAB) to approve the design of the improvements to the A720 City Bypass for the grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout. The TAB has analysed the Local Model Validation and Forecasting Report associated with the design and the Active Travel and Public Travel benefits. Transport Scotland, as an active member of the Transport Appraisal Board, has also confirmed that the Sheriffhall upgrade will align with other policies and projects such as National Transport Strategy 2 and Strategic Transport Projects Review 2.

Deal projects are progressing well and, in 2021/22, the maximum funding available for both the Capital and Revenue projects through the City Region Deal was drawn down including accelerated capital funding of £12.7m. The projected drawdown for the financial year 2021/22 is £56.8m.

A Report will be brought to Policy and Sustainability Committee on 5 October 2021 which will include the ESES City Region Deal's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report and specific updates on projects within the Deal for which CEC is the lead authority. Committee will also be asked to consider the final Regional Prosperity Framework.

### **Forthcoming activities:**

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