

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

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Work Programme for City Region Deal Joint Committee

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Executive Summary

This paper outlines the planned dates for City Region Deal business case approvals by Joint Committee.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The City Region Deal partners and Government are working towards business case approval timelines, as set out in this report. This matches with the timeline for drawing down funds from Government over the 15 years of the City Region Deal as set out in the Financial Plan agreed in summer 2018, and the grant offer letter for 2021/22.
- 2.2 In addition to the business cases, other reports that are expected to be submitted to Joint Committee are included in the work programme.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The work programme for Joint Committee meetings that partners are currently working towards is shown in Table 1. The dates are subject to business cases being approved by: The Scottish Government; the UK Government; the relevant Boards within the City Region Deal structure; and the relevant Council committees and/or Higher and Further Education Courts, prior to Joint Committee consideration.

Table 1: Work Programme for Joint Committee

Joint Committee Date	Reports for consideration
3 September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESESCR Deal Bus Partnership Fund Award: Funding Announcement and Next Steps • A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout • Edinburgh and South East Scotland Regional Growth Framework: final report • ESESCR Deal Annual Report 2020/21
3 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update (presentation) • Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme Report Update (presentation)
4 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunard Centre Revised Business Case • West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan Business Case
June 2022 (date TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update (presentation)

3.2 The A720 City Bypass grade separation of Sheriffhall Roundabout is being managed and delivered by Transport Scotland. Transport Scotland are scheduled to provide updates on progress to the Transport Appraisal Board, as well as the Executive Board and Joint Committee every six months. For this Joint Committee meeting, the Transport Appraisal Board have developed a paper with technical information on the project that was requested by the Joint Committee at the previous meeting.

4. Financial impact

4.1 There is no financial impact relating to this report. Financial cases are being set out in detail in the respective business cases. Financial contributions that are required by partner organisations for projects are being requested in separate reports to councils or courts prior to being taken to Joint Committee for approval.

5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions

5.1 Inclusion and sustainability are key drivers for the City Region Deal, and strategic added value scores have been included for each project. Business cases for projects included demonstrate how they will reduce inequalities and tackle the inclusion challenges specific to the city region.

5.2 The [City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan](#) (BRP) was approved on 4 September 2020. This incorporates indicators that align with the Scottish Government's Inclusive Growth Framework. The impact on equalities, human rights and sustainability will also be measured. A BRP Implementation Plan is currently being developed, with input from key stakeholder groups within and outwith the City Region Deal Governance structure, including a range of representatives from other

Scottish City Region and Growth Deals and Scottish and UK Government Departments. As part of this, a viability study, to enhance the monitoring, evaluation and on-going management of the outcomes and impacts of the Deal, is being conducted.

- 5.3 In August 2021, Scottish and UK Government have provided joint guidance for project owners on managing potential carbon emissions associated with Scottish City Region and Regional Growth Deal projects. It accords with HM Treasury Green Book requirements and supports the quantification and minimisation of whole life carbon and the identification of potential barriers to achieving net zero. A workshop with ESESCR Deal project leads has been scheduled for September 2021 to explain the guidance and agree actions required. An update will be provided to the next Joint Committee.

6. Background reading/external references

- 6.1 [City Region Deal Document](#): August 2018

7. Appendices

None.