

Minutes

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Microsoft Teams

10.00am, Friday 3 December 2021

Present:

Fife Council – Councillor David Alexander and Councillor David Ross

City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Adam McVey

Midlothian Council – Councillor Russell Imrie

Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Mark Rowley

Regional Enterprise Council – Garry Clark and Claire Pattullo

In attendance:

Steve Grimmond, Chief Executive, Fife 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

Adam Dunkerley, Opportunities Fife Partnership Manager, Fife Council

Keith Winter, Executive Director Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council

David Baxter, Senior Programme Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

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

Lisa Howden, Trainee Accountant, City of Edinburgh Council

Jamie Macrae, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council

Sat Patel, Programme Director - Edinburgh Waterfront, City of Edinburgh Council

Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director of Place, East Lothian Council

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

Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer & Communities, Scottish Borders Council

Amy Phillips, Transport Scotland

Mokshda Bheem Singh, Transport Scotland

Tommy Lawson, Schools Technology Adviser, University of Edinburgh

Apologies

Councillor Norman Hampshire (East Lothian Council), Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick (West Lothian Council), Professor Peter Mathieson

1. Condolences

Decision

To record the Joint Committee's condolences, following the passing of Councillor Willie Innes, East Lothian Council Leader.

2. Membership

Decision

To record the Joint Committee's thanks to Councillor Shona Haslam for her contribution to the Joint Committee, following her standing down as Leader of Scottish Borders Council, and to welcome Councillor Mark Rowley as the new Leader and as a member of the Joint Committee.

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee 3 December 2021 as a correct record.

4. 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 planned dates for future business for the City Region Deal Joint Committee.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

5. Internet of Things in Schools

Dr Grace Vickers and Tommy Lawson, Schools Technology Adviser, Data-Driven Innovation Programme, gave a presentation on the Internet of Things in Schools and the Joint Committee also heard from a group of P6 pupils from Roslin Primary School. The official launch of the Internet of Things in Schools project took place at

Roslin Primary School in November. Details were provided of the Data Education in Schools Programme – it was important for young people to drive innovation around data. The aim was to enable all young people to become data citizens. Sensor data would measure temperature, CO2, humidity and other things in the classroom, and air quality in outdoor spaces. The project included 550 schools and 121,000 pupils.

Decision

To note the presentation and update.

(Reference – presentation by the Chief Executive, Midlothian Council and Schools Technology Adviser, Data-Driven Innovation Programme, submitted.)

6. A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout

An update was provided by Transport Scotland on the progress that had been made with the Sherriffhall Roundabout.

Transport Scotland had been engaging with partners to provide further technical information on the Sheriffhall scheme. Since the last update, the focus had been on engaging with objectors to the scheme. When draft orders were published in 2019, around 2,800 objections were received. As of December 2021, Transport Scotland had responded to 96% of those objections, and were currently working towards responding to the remainder.

Transport Scotland had prepared a paper which considered wider impacts of the scheme, in preparation for a public local enquiry, including how the scheme supported the objectives of the City Region Deal.

Decision

To note the update.

7. City Region Deal Progress Report

The Joint Committee considered a report that advised of progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

A RAG (Red, Amber, Green) scale was assigned to programmes and projects by the Partnership Management Office (PMO), as well as scores for inclusive growth and partnership working. In this update, the overall status was assigned as 'Green' and there were no actions for the Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the progress across the City Region Deal Programme.

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

8. Edinburgh and South East Scotland Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme update

Adam Dunkerley provided an update on the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) Programme, covering key milestones/highlights, financial progress, monitoring and evaluation, key challenges and next steps.

In terms of key highlights, there had been some important work to respond to the impact of Covid-19, supporting business to retain jobs through the employer fund, and supporting employers by advertising vacancies through the employer portal. HCI Graduates exceeded the targets of female scholars at 60%. DDI had been running live lessons on data and data insights training. The programme had been looking at green energy skills, and how to roll out as part of future skills training, which would link in with the Regional Prosperity Framework. The new Helix information management system had launched in Midlothian, but would be joined by Scottish Borders, Fife and West Lothian over the next few years. There was a range of Mobility Mapping work underway.

Decision

To note the update.

(Reference – presentation by the IRES Programme Manager, submitted.)

9. Granton Waterfront Regeneration Outline Business Case

The Outline Business Case for the Granton Waterfront Regeneration project was presented to the Joint Committee, following Stage 1 and Stage 2 approval by the City of Edinburgh Council's Policy and Sustainability Committee in February and October 2021.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings and recommendations set out within the Outline Business Case.
- 2) To note the Stage 3 activities to be carried out to produce a Final Business Case for Phase 1 'Heart of Granton', which would include procurement of a development partner and progression of the business case stages for a low carbon district heat network.
- 3) To note progress with delivering Early Action Projects within the Programme.

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

10. National Climate Summit Ambition Statement

Details were provided on the National Climate Summit Ambition Statement, which had been endorsed by more than 50 organisations and senior leaders at the Scottish Government-hosted National Climate Resilience Summit on 1 October 2021. The Joint Committee was asked to endorse the Ambition Statement.

Decision

To endorse the Ambition Statement that was set out at the National Climate Resilience Summit, organised by the Scottish Government on 1 October 2021.

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