

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
4 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits Realisation Plan Implementation Plan update • Consultation on Draft National Planning Framework 4: Proposed Response • IMPACT Scotland – Dunard Centre Business Case • Data-Driven Innovation progress update (presentation)
24 June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update (presentation)
2 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Region Deal Annual Report 2021/22 • Regional Prosperity Framework Implementation Plan • West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan Business Case
2 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A720 Sheriffhall roundabout progress update (presentation) • Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme 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.

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, and 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. A progress update on its implementation is being taken separately to this Committee.
- 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 took place in September 2021 to explain the guidance and agree actions required. Project leads have since categorised their projects in terms of carbon control and carbon influence. This will form an important part of regular reporting through the Benefits Realisation Plan.

6. Background reading/external references

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

7. Appendices

None.