

Minutes

Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

Edinburgh, 10.00am, Friday 7 June 2019

Present:

City of Edinburgh Council:- Councillor Adam McVey (Chair)

Fife Council:- Councillors David Alexander, David Ross and Morag Miller

Scottish Borders Council:- Councillor Shona Haslam

Higher/Further Education Consortium: - Professor Charlie Jeffery

Regional Enterprise Council:- Leeann Dempster and Claire Pattullo

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee of 1 March 2019 as a correct record.

2. Presentations from Transport Scotland

The Joint Committee considered presentations from Sandy Jamieson, Paul Junik and Colin McCallum from Transport Scotland (TS) on the Sherrifhall scheme and the Strategic Transport Projects Review.

The following points were made during the presentation and discussion on the Sherrifhall scheme:

- The detailed development assessment for the preferred option for Sherrifhall was currently being taken forward and the work was well progressed.
- TS were on target to published draft orders and the environmental scheme later on in the year.

- Delivery of the scheme would be subject to successful completion of the statutory process and representations made to the draft orders when they were published.
- Transport Scotland had engaged with active travel groups, various councils and bodies, and they were still progressing with that work.
- Complex ground investigation works had been carried out into the historic mine workings in the area, as part of the detailed development assessment TS had carried out. The findings of those investigations were key in terms of informing the improvement works at Sherriffhall.
- Whilst there was still a lot of development work to be carried out to deliver the scheme, TS were pushing the work forward as quickly as possible. When the scheme was finally realised, it would bring economic benefits to the area.
- Stakeholder workshops had taken place with other local authorities, SPOKES, Sustrans and other active travel groups, and they have indicated that they would be appreciative of the active travel facilities that the improvements at Sherriffhall would provide when the scheme was implemented. TS viewed this work as breaking down the barrier of the A720 and allowing other routes to link in.
- Members asked if there had been an impact assessment carried out into the potential impact on the changes in flow of traffic at the Forth Bridge. TS advised that the focus of the scheme was on the improvements at Sherriffhall and would not extend beyond this.
- TS were asked how they planned to engage with the other strands of the City Region Deal to ensure that they had a properly joined up process, given that the Sherriffhall interchange was one of the most financially significant aspects of the City Region Deal. TS advised that they would like to get to the stage of being able to publish the orders which would open up engagement with local authorities, other bodies and the public. TS had developed strong links through the wider stakeholder workshops that had taken place with a broad range of attendees. Engagement would continue with a wide range of stakeholders as the project progressed.
- As part of the procurement process there would be community benefits to and employment opportunities in the local area. TS welcomed engagement with the Edinburgh Napier University's skills activities, as part of the City Region Deal around housing, construction and infrastructure skills. This would ensure that the right skills could be supplied within the region to meet the impetus of the City Region Deal and for the Sherriffhall scheme.

The following points were made during the presentation and discussion on the Strategic Transport Projects Review:

- The aim of the review was to look at the Strategic Transport Network across Scotland and would focus on delivering the outcomes of the National Transport Strategy. A review of the National Transport Strategy was also being undertaken in parallel to the delivery of the outcomes of the strategy.
- Consultation on the National Transport Strategy would begin in July 2019 and would run for twelve weeks.
- The purpose of the Strategic Transport Projects Review was to deliver a list of transport investment opportunities for Scottish ministers over the period 2022 to 2042.
- The review would include road, rail, park and ride, active travel and ferries.
- There was a wealth of data, and the challenge for the consultants would be to try to bring together all the various components.
- It was agreed that PJ would speak to colleagues about the concern expressed by local authorities about the rejection of SESplan and working more closely with local authorities to fill the gap that had been left by SESplan and would report back to the Committee.
- There had been a doubling of resources for active travel from £40m to £80m. Ministers were very aware of the need to shift the balance towards active travel and the review would recognise this shift. A range of interventions would be looked at as part of the review across modes of transport. Problems and opportunities in different modes of transport would be examined as part of the review and addressed accordingly.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentations by Transport Scotland on the Sherriffhall scheme and the Strategic Transport Projects Review.
- 2) To agree that Paul Junik from Transport Scotland would speak to colleagues about the concern expressed by local authorities about the rejection of SESplan and working more closely with local authorities to fill the gap that had been left by SESplan and would report back to the Committee.

3. Work Programme

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

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted).

4. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log was presented to the Joint Committee.

Decision

To note that Action 1 of the Rolling Actions Log was recommended for closure.

(Reference, Rolling Actions Log, submitted).

5. City Region Deal Progress Report

Details were provided of the progress of the City Region Deal.

A date for an annual conversation to be held with UK and Scottish Governments was agreed as the 12 September 2019, and annual report would be developed and brought to Joint Committee in September 2019.

A series of workshops had been held to look at performance reporting, monitoring and evaluation and logic modelling, and thanks were expressed to regional partners who played a significant part in this work. Government had participated in the workshops as appropriate.

Decision

To note the update.

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

6. Integrated Knowledge Systems Project Proposition

Approval was sought to implement the Integrated Knowledge Systems theme (as set out in the overarching IRES Programme Business Case), which had been developed in collaboration with regional and national partners to drive progress toward a more inclusive labour market.

It was recommended that Capital City Partnership undertook the lead partner role for the Integrated Knowledge Systems.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Integrated Knowledge Systems project, as detailed in the accompanying business case.
- 2) To agree that the Capital City Partnership undertook the lead partner role for the Integrated Knowledge Systems project.

(Reference – report by the Chair, Integrated Employability and Skills Board, Edinburgh, submitted).

7. Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation Project Proposition

Approval was sought to implement the Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation programme, (as set out in the overarching IRES Programme and accompanying Business Cases), which had been developed in collaboration with regional and national partners to drive progress toward a more inclusive labour market.

It was proposed that Skills Development Scotland took the lead for the Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation project.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation programme, as detailed in the accompanying business case.
- 2) To agree that Skills Development Scotland undertook the lead partner role for the Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation project.

(Reference – Chair, Integrated Employability and Skills Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted).

8. Integrated Employer Engagement (IEE) Proposal

The joint committee considered a report that sought approval to implement the Integrated Employer Engagement theme as detailed in the accompanying IEE business case proposal.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Integrated Employer Engagement Project, as detailed in the accompanying Business Case.
- 2) To agree that accountable body for delivery of the IEE Project would be Capital City Partnership through a delivery agreement with the ESES City Region Deal Lead Accountable Body (City of Edinburgh Council), with strict monitoring of IEE Project progress within an approved agreement framework.

(Reference – Chair, Integrated Employability and Skills Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted).

9. Workforce Mobility Proposition

The Joint Committee considered a report that sought approval to implement the Workforce Mobility project as detailed in the accompanying business case proposal.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Workforce Mobility Project, as detailed in the accompanying project proposition.
- 2) To agree that the accountable body for delivery of the Workforce Mobility Project would be Scottish Borders Council through a delivery agreement with the ESES City Region Deal Lead Accountable Body (City of Edinburgh Council), with strict monitoring of project progress within an approved agreement framework.
- 3) To agree that funding was allocated in principle in accordance with the financial projections contained within the report and accompanying business case and subject to ongoing monitoring and review by the IRES Board.

(Reference – Chair, Integrated Employability and Skills Board, Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, submitted).