

Progress Report

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CITY REGION DEAL

Edinburgh & South East Scotland

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Recent Achievements and Milestones

Achievement/Milestone	Date
A701 Relief Road and A702 Spur Road – Phasing approach approved by Joint Committee	Mar 24
Fife Industrial Innovation Investment Programme – Tranche 3 Business Case approved by Joint Committee	Mar 24

Upcoming Milestones (expected)	Target Date
West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Plan to Joint Committee	Jun 24
Regional Prosperity Framework Annual Update to Joint Committee	Jun 24
Transport Programme Annual Update to Joint Committee	Jun 24

Financial Summary

*Funding issued by Transport Scotland and SG Housing not included in this total

Total CRD grant	CRD grant drawn down to date	23/24 CRD grant allocation	23/24 grant drawn down
£600m	£323.2m	54%	£37.9m*

Top 3 Risks (from PMO Risk Register)

Risk	Impact	Like hood	Sever -ity	Resolution Plan or Mitigating Action
Cost inflation (materials and labour) and related government policies, (e.g. rise in interest rates and changes to taxation) affects the ability to deliver projects to the standards required.	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular updating of progress report and monthly financial forecasts to ensure PMO is aware of issue(s) at an early stage and can raise with Government, Executive Board and Joint Committee as appropriate. Budget RAG scores report on in-year performance, are monitored closely by the PMO, and are reported on at every major Board meeting. Regular discussions on finance between project leads and PMO, Directors of Finance and PMO and PMO and Governments to capture issues arising.
Financial profile across programme is not met.	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to continue to spend according to agreed profile. Aim to achieve business case approval in line with Deal Implementation Plan. Quarterly meetings with regional Directors of Finance to consider profile and highlight problem areas Quarterly review meetings with Government. Partners asked to be realistic with their projections and to inform early if anticipating an underspend. Accountable body to challenge underspend and asked for reasons behind the slippage.
Failure to maximise the legacy from the City Region Deal, should IRES funding cease after 8 years (31/3/27)	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate IRES funding and activity beyond the initial 8 years period, in order to potentially align with the 15 year duration and help retain staff who have built up knowledge and skills in this area. Ensure that legacy is part of future benefits realisation work. Planning for IRES - phase 2 is in progress to position the programme to seek/respond to future skills needs and funding opportunities

Project Stages

Stage no.	Definition
1. Define	Business case being developed, and not yet approved by Thematic Board and Joint Committee.
2. Implement	Business case has been approved by Thematic Board and Joint Committee, and is being implemented. In a capital project, this may be construction; for skills projects this may be establishing a course or system.
3. Deliver	Project is in place and benefits realisation framework to assess if it is achieving its objectives.
4. Legacy	Project has resulted in mainstreaming or improvements to business as usual (impact) that is generated beyond the funded period

Red, Amber, Green

T=Timeline, B=Budget

RAG Status	Definition - Timeline	Definition - Budget	Mitigation
Green	Progressing in line with Implementation Plan or complete.	Project is in sound financial health. No significant financial concerns. Spending is largely in line with profile.	No mitigation required.
Amber	Moderate delay	Project is financially stable. Some low to moderate financial concerns. Spending is for the most part in line with profile.	Project team must have actions in place for improvement. Project should be closely monitored by senior management and relevant boards.
Red	Delay is significant	Project has some moderate to high financial concerns. Significant concerns with slippage.	Project team must have actions in place to establish a strategy to urgently address issues, with oversight from senior management and relevant Boards.

Strategic Added Value Score

Score	Description
1 (Low)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with one or two other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, to add value to the proposal has not been thoroughly considered, but may be possible, and should be explored. • One or two of the five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.
2 (Medium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with two or three other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, to add value has been factored into the business case to some extent, but there are opportunities to enhance. • Two or three of the five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.
3. (High)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are opportunities for links with three of four other CRD themes that may add value to the proposal. • Partnership working with wider stakeholders, e.g. private/third sector is already taking place and strategic added value effects are clear. • Three, four or five “inclusive growth” measures listed in the Deal Document could be incorporated into the delivery of the project.

Overall Total				Project	23/24		
Project Budget	Total CRD Funding	Total CRD Funding Drawn Down	CRD Funding Drawn Down as %		Funding Allocation	Full Year Spend	Full Year Variance
Finances Managed via PMO							
£113.3m	£32.5m	£32.5m	100%	Bayes Centre	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£29.1m	£15.0m	£2.8m	19%	Borders Innovation Park*	£0.5m	£0.5m	£0.0m
£114.0m	£20.0m	£12.1m	60%	Dunard Centre*	£7.0m	£5.3m	-£1.7m
£87.1m	£17.4m	£17.4m	100%	Easter Bush	£0.9m	£0.9m	£0.0m
£68.0m	£10.9m	£1.5m	14%	Easter Bush Link Road*	£0.8m	£0.6m	-£0.2m
£274.8m	£57.9m	£57.9m	100%	Edinburgh Futures Institute	£0.0m	£0.0m	£0.0m
£51.9m	£30.0m	£4.6m	15%	Edinburgh Innovation Hub	£5.9m	£3.4m	-£2.5m
£134.1m	£79.6m	£65.3m	82%	Edinburgh International Data Facility	£9.9m	£14.4m	£4.5m
£53.7m	£35.0m	£19.8m	56%	Fife i3 Programme	£6.3m	£6.5m	£0.3m
£22.5m	£22.5m	£22.2m	99%	National Robotarium	£2.2m	£1.9m	-£0.3m
£126.2m	£49.2m	£49.2m	100%	Usher Institute	£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.0m
£36.0m	£20.0m	£0.3m	2%	West Edinburgh Transport Improvement Programme	£0.2m	£0.1m	-£0.0m
£25.0m	£25.0m	£15.8m	63%	Integrated Regional Employability & Skills Programme	£4.3m	£4.2m	-£0.1m
£1,138.7m	£415.0m	£301.3m	73%	Total	£37.9m	£37.9m	-£0.1m
Finances Managed directly with SG							
£120.0m	£120.0m	£6.6m	5%	Sheriffhall Roundabout	Transport Scotland delivering project.		
£263.0m	£15.0m	£15.0m	100%	New Housing Partnership - Edinburgh Living	City Region Deal funding fully drawn down.		
£50.0m	£50.0m	£0.3m	1%	Housing Infrastructure Fund	£5m allocation to Fife Council.		
£433.0m	£185.0m	£21.9m	12%	Total			
Full Deal							
£1,571.7m	£600.0m	£323.2m	54%	Full Deal Total	£323.2m of £600m SG/UKG funding drawn down.		

*Project with funding gap.

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Theme
Data-Driven Innovation

Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	SAV	Comments
Bayes Centre	Deliver	Sep 18: Opening	N/A	G	G	3	Major objective is to re-energise the EIE Investor Showcase event and continue to build momentum around Entrepreneurship ecosystems within the City Region.
National Robotarium	Deliver	Sep 22: Grand Opening	N/A	G	G	2	Commercial and research partnerships continue to strengthen.
Edinburgh Futures Institute	Deliver	Spring 24: Complete construction	N/A	G	G	3	Building open with phased occupancy underway.
Usher Institute	Deliver	Apr 24: Opening	N/A	G	G	2	Building open with occupancy commencing April 24.
Easter Bush	Implement	Jul 23: Continue to strengthen leading-edge data intensive research capabilities.	Jul 24: Recruit into priority areas which foster development of key data-driven activity within Agritech	A	G	2	Major objective is to develop Engineering Biology Mission Hub for Food Systems (in conjunction with other Institutes) and continue academic recruitment for leads of the four proposed DDI Agritech centres.
Easter Bush A701 Relief Road and A702 Spur Road	Design	Route selection	Q2 24: Specimen design planning application	A	R	2	Specimen design is progressing with the target of submitting a planning application for the Bush Loan Junction Q2 2024 and for the Relief Road Q4 2024. Revision to alignments due to landfill avoidance and required increase in roundabout sizes at Bush Loan and the A702 Spur Road junctions. Funding gap has increased to £38m. Revised alignment avoiding landfill adopted. Levelling Up Fund bid was unsuccessful. Alternative funding currently under consideration. February Council approved the progressing of Phase 1 (Bush Loan Junction) and Phase 2 (Active Travel Corridor) as the initial phases for delivery.
Edinburgh International Data Facility	Deliver	Nov 23: - First local authority completed for IoT in Schools service Deployment	N/A	G	G	2	Major objective is to ensure that key future DDI initiatives are included in the EIDF development roadmap and develop a service catalogue. Award of Exascale computer development is now being pursued (up to £900m).

T: Time; B: Budget; SAV: Strategic Added Value score

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Edinburgh Innovation Park (QMU Food and Drink Innovation Hub)

Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	SAV	Comments
Edinburgh Innovation Park (Edinburgh Innovation Hub)	Implement	Design team novated. Contractor progress meeting held.	Monitor the construction and administer the contract. A1 signage progressing. Ongoing discussion on utilities.	G	A	2	Construction work progressing to programme "Meet the Buyer Event" to be held on 16 th May to promote work packages .

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Projects in Fife and Scottish Borders

Project	Stage	Last Milestone	Next Milestone	T	B	SAV	Comments
Borders Innovation Park	Implement	Start of construction of Phase 3 road and service infrastructure.	Development Partner model being developed with assistance of Hub SE.	A	G	1	<p>Construction of the road and service infrastructure for Phase 3 is ongoing.</p> <p>Preferred tenant has been selected to let the remaining space within the Phase 1 building.</p> <p>The delivery programme for Phase 3 remains under review and an update is under consideration by Scottish Government.</p>
Fife Industrial Innovation Investment (Fi3P)	Implement / Deliver	Q4 23/24: Stage 2 Planning submitted for Levenmouth Business Units, Phase 2.	<p>Q1 24/25: Fife Interchange North – wind and watertight.</p> <p>Q1 24/25: Levenmouth Task Force Units: substation energised.</p> <p>Q2 24/25: Levenmouth Task Force Units: Construction complete.</p>	G	G	2	<p>Demand for completed units remains strong, good market interest for serviced sites.</p>

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IRES Programme	Deliver	IRES board was held on 7 May 2024, with positive discussion on projects and next steps. IRES webpages updated, and a video produced for the annual report presentation at Joint Committee on 1 December 2023.	Work is underway to consider future funding and activity options beyond March 2027 as agreed at Joint Committee. A strategic workshop is being held on 27 June to develop thinking around regional delivery, governance, finance, priorities and vision.	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IRES board was held on 7 May 2024 with updates and discussion on Integrated Employer Engagement, Housing Construction & Infrastructure – Powering Futures, Regional Skills Planning research, Strategic Housing sites, the forthcoming strategic workshop as well as Financial and Quarterly report updates. IRES Programme Connector continues to work with Project Leads and Benefits Realisation Officer to further develop monitoring and evaluation, and feed into the overall Benefits Realisation plan framework - reporting with increased automation and online tools. The next IRES board is on 13 August 2024.
Integrated Knowledge System (IKS)	Deliver	Helix system providing reporting for No One Left Behind, City Deal and UK Shared Prosperity Fund projects across the region. Smart Data Foundry data analysis project completed. Midlothian data transferred to Hanlon and test site developed for testing.	<p>Midlothian test site to be signed off and migration date to be set.</p> <p>West Lothian test data to be transferred for testing ahead of migration.</p> <p>Data analysis projects with DDI, Edinburgh Napier University to report.</p>	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helix holds all employability delivery data from Edinburgh, East Lothian and Scottish Borders Council; UKSPF delivery for Midlothian and West Lothian and all Intensive Family Support Service and Integrated Employer Engagement data for clients, training, events, employers and vacancies. Migration of Midlothian Council to Helix on track to take place in this quarter. The new test site needs to be tested and signed off, reports generated, training provided and new migration date set. 3 early-stage data analysis projects underway. The Smart Data Foundry work completed, showing client engagement mapping onto data showing financial difficulty in a Post Code area. Trial of Helix to track community benefits under discussion with East Lothian and other councils.
Labour Market Analysis and Evaluation (LMAE)	Deliver	Completed Creative Industries research. Developed approach to refresh Regional Skills Investment Plan. Delivered final report for Digital Health Skills research.	<p>Develop research ideas for 2024/25 programme.</p> <p>Agree research commissions for 2024/25.</p> <p>Commission research for 24/25 research programme.</p>	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussions with partners in regard to 24/25 research programme.



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Integrated Employer Engagement (IEE)	Deliver	<p>'Understanding Domestic retrofit qualification' – training underway (all 95 places filled). Work on Retrofit sectoral awareness campaign. Edinburgh Innovation Hub; Community Benefits agreed & active. Secured year 3 of FORT/FORTY delivery for 24/25 (Recruitment Skills Centre). Launched Social Enterprise directory for deal suppliers. Cable telecoms skills centre now open in Scottish Borders.</p>	<p>Filming to complete for Usher Institute. Agree process for phase 2/3 of Borders Innovation Park community benefits. Editing to commence for 'Retrofit' sectoral awareness campaign. Confirm Community Wealth Building (CWB) Pledge commitment on behalf of IRES. Complete filming of Retrofit qualification masterclasses at regional colleges re Annual Report. Phase 2 Dunard Centre community benefit design to start.</p>	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FORT programme at Fort Kinnaird Recruitment Skills Centre – year 2; complete – final job outcomes – 188. FORT year 3 launched; 8 job outcomes to date. FORTY 1 course planned for June 2024 + SIA course for FORT clients. ESESCommunities have delivered 101 matches between suppliers and good causes. Exploring the functionality within Helix to capture the fair work commitments of all employers engaged under IEE; reporting now in place through IRES Dashboard. IEE working with The Verdancy Group (TVG) to create and deliver an alternative to retrofit academy for Scottish market. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOCN accredited & SCQF credit rating underway All 4 colleges taken places, Local Authorities finalising places, SME/Industry places proving popular. Masterclasses & assessments delivered throughout May. Evaluation, recommendations report and next steps planned for June. Exploring widening retrofit offer through Climate Action Networks. CWB Pledge – working with DDI programme to commit to pledge asks, led by Social Impact team at University of Edinburgh. Bus Driver Roadshow launched 2nd May – Edinburgh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th May – Galashiels Other dates TBC
Intensive Family Support (IFS)	Deliver	<p>Collaboration with City of Edinburgh Council and IFS families on stigma charter resources. Planning underway for IFS Collaborative event. Scottish Borders IFS expansion underway. Meetings with key IRES partners to explore links between IFS & IRES workstreams.</p>	<p>Launch of Anti-stigma Charter. Refreshed Community of Practice schedule in place. Development of IFS evaluation scope - PhD student to complete project scoping. Monitoring and Recording Workshop to be held with IFS providers.</p>	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 627 individuals registered on Helix engaging with IFS. 248 new engagements in Phase 2. 59 employment outcomes recorded: 26 FT employment outcomes, 29 PT employment outcomes recorded, 3 in work progression, 1 retained employment. 154 education outcomes across all categories (including employability training, vocational training, volunteering). 55 re-engagements in education where there was non-attendance in school. 24 individuals have entered full time education and 14 individuals have entered part time education. 24 qualifications have been gained to date. Ongoing Helix support in place for service providers.

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Housing and Construction Infrastructure (HCI) Skills Gateway	Deliver	HCI Higher Education, Further Education and other delivery partners enter their final agreed year of HCI funding. East Lothian and Midlothian Councils launched the Global Infrastructure qualification.	Finalisation of financial profile for year 24/25 and confirmation of agreements with funding partners.	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As well as its strategic support for the Timber Development UK (TDUK) Skills Action Plan, HCI featured at the Structural Timber Trades Association (STTA) MSP Timber Showcase. Held at the Scottish Parliament hosted by Fergus Ewing MSP and Willie Rennie MSP, and attended by MSP's & industry leaders. A new Level 6 qualification in Global Infrastructure and the Built Environment is moving towards delivery; ready for pilot delivery through certain schools in East and Midlothian. High levels of interest in the qualification evidences the potential to upscale across ESES. Additional support received from Bentley Systems, a world leading provider of infrastructure related software. HCI sponsored the Women in Architectural Technology event held on January 26th - the first of its kind networking event for Women Architectural Technologists in Scotland. Hosted by the Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) in collaboration with Equate Scotland, Edinburgh Napier University and Robert Gordon University.
Data Skills Gateway (DSG)	Deliver	Data Skills for Work (DSW) team to commence updating of Data Skills Framework to reflect developments in AI across the workplace. Data Education in Schools running AI for Secondary Teachers course.	DSG Advisory Board to meet on May 13 when the team will be presenting on activities underway to embed AI across the programme. DSW team to award funding to upskilling Training Providers – working in partnership with Tay Cities.	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DES has engaged with over 40,000 learners through its Live Lessons programme. The team also jointly won the 2024 Information Literacy Award which is organised by the CILIP Information Literacy Group (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) and the Information School at the University of Sheffield. Data Education in Colleges has been shortlisted again for a Herald HE Award. Data Education in Universities team are hosting curriculum development workshop on 14 May to explore approaches to embedding data skills across HE curriculum areas. Recruitment underway for 24/25 Teacher Professional Learner programmes.
Workforce Mobility (WFM)	Deliver	November 2023 IRES Board – Year 2 Performance Review. Supported SBC with performance of Berwickshire Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) bus service for 23/24, with new type of DRT service being committed to in 24/25.	November 2024 IRES Board – Year 3 Performance Review. 'Bus Driver Career' launch event with Transport Minister held on 2 May with agreement with IEE to deliver a series of 'Bus Driver Careers' roadshows.	G	G	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan; part of RPF with SEStran. Developing Regional EV Charging infrastructure collaboration with SEStran/SFT. Multiple Local Authorities out with City Deal boundary interested in the use of data, the tools and processes that the project team have developed. Using data and the tools developed to help inform Strategic Transport Planning at ELC, and Local Development Plan evidence reports at MLC and SBC in 24/25. Supporting the SBC procurement of new services from the Bus Network Review, that will be shared with all Local Authority partners. Funding & coordinating the delivery of Journey Hub and Active Travel analysis for East Lothian Council. Report to be complete end May 2024. Commenced data collection from businesses in Midlothian. Analysis of Mobile Phone data to follow for project development with Midlothian Council.

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A720 Sheriffhall <i>(last updated February 2024)</i>	Define	Public Local Inquiry concluded on 8 February 2023	Scottish Ministers to publish decision regarding the scheme following conclusion of the PLI (timing TBC)	A	G	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Region Deal Joint Committee ratified their support for the scheme as published on 3 September 2021, following the consideration of further technical information. Responses issued to all objections raised against the draft Orders – ongoing engagement with objectors to try to resolve issues wherever possible. Public Local Inquiry held between 30 January and 8 February 2023. DPEA Reporter issued their report to the Scottish Ministers’ advisors on 10 October 2023, subsequent decision from the Scottish Ministers regarding the scheme to be published in due course.
West Edinburgh Transport Improvements Programme	Define	Analyse feedback gathered and incorporate into OBC workstreams. Provide presentation to Joint Committee on Consultation analysis	Present OBC to Edinburgh’s Transport & Environment Committee. Provide update to EMOC. Transport Scotland to review final OBC.	A	A	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Concept Designs produced for the Public Consultation exercise. Stakeholder and public consultation was successfully executed and closed on 5 September. Analysis of consultation finds complete. Consultation results have helped inform finalisation of OBC. Early contractor engagement procurement exercise completed Update to EMOC March. Transport Scotland OBC “sign off” April/May Aiming to report OBC to Joint Committee in June 2024.

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Dunard Centre	Implement	Site Clearance Works in progress (completion due June 24) Stage 4 Design complete Advanced works complete	Completion of final enabling works – June 24 IMPACT tender acceptance – Nov 24.	A	A	2	Advanced works complete, Site clearance and No.35 basement works due for completion June 2024 which marks the conclusion of all enabling works. SRM's stage 2 tender could not be recommended as providing value for money by the cost consultants within the current market. Trustees have approved a recommendation to re-tender, and a PCSA was signed with Balfour Beattie at the end of April. No overarching programme impact anticipated with the target completion projected for later in 2028.

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Affordable housing	Deliver & Define	Collate LA SHIP data	Present Regional SHIP and budget impact to Board on 5 June 2024.	N/A	N/A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners will work collaboratively with Scottish Government, agencies, RSLs and other stakeholders to secure more investment, innovation, commitment and partnerships to address the challenges above and deliver at scale and pace.
Strategic sites	Implement & Define	Strategic Site Leads Meeting on 9 May 2024.	Develop Strategic Sites Investment Prospectus and economic modelling.	A	A	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development progressing for Blindwells, Granton Waterfront and Tweedbank.
Regional Delivery Alliance	Implement	Finalise arrangements for Delivery Partner and begin recruitment process.	Recruit Project Manager.	A	N/A	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider standardised housing types, procurement and delivery models to increase offsite. manufacturing and delivery of net-zero homes across the city region. .
Housing company	Deliver	Draw down of funds completed	Ongoing Delivery	G	G	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Futures Trust will continue to share learning and financial models with partners, to explore regional delivery models.