

**Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESESCRD)
Annual Report 2022 - 2023****Kevin Anderson, Executive Director Place****Report for Information****1 Recommendations**

Council is recommended to note the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESESCRD) Annual Report 2022-2023.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

This report summarises the key findings on the appended City Region Deal Annual Report as approved by the City Region Deal Joint Committee on 1 September 2023.

Each year, the City Region Deal Programme Management Office is required to produce an annual report to assess how well the City Region Deal is aligning towards the overall vision and inclusive growth outcomes for the city region.

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3 Background/Main Body of Report

- 3.1** The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal was signed by the First Minister, Prime Minister and City Region Leaders on 7 August 2018 and 2023 marks the fifth year anniversary.
- 3.2** The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Annual Report summarises progress of the Programme for the fourth year since the signing of the 15-year programme (August 2022 to July 2023).
- 3.3** The report contains a City Region Deal overview, Financial Statement (for the financial year 2022-23), a short summary of progress on each project and programme and expected milestones to be achieved in the next year. Six case study videos are embedded in the report to demonstrate how the Deal's projects and programmes are benefiting people.
- 3.4** The report shows significant progress across the 20 projects and programmes within the City Region Deal. While cost inflation has affected the budget of some of the projects which are in delivery, all projects are considered to be within acceptable time parameters and all but one project is considered to be within acceptable budget parameters.
- 2 projects are in Stage 1: Define, which means that the project's business case is yet to be completed (same as in 2022);
 - 9 are Stage 2: Implement, which means that the project's business case has been approved by Joint Committee and is in the process of being implemented (15 in 2021);
 - 12 are Stage 3: Deliver, which means that the project has been implemented and is working towards delivering its objectives (6 in 2022);
 - 15 projects are considered to be on target to be completed on time (green score) or have been completed on time (14 in 2022);
 - 8 projects are delayed, but considered to be within an acceptable range, with management action in place to address the issue (amber score). (9 in 2022);
 - 17 projects are considered to be on target to be completed within the specified budget (green score) or have been completed within the specified budget (19 in 2022);
 - 2 projects were projected to cost more than the specified budget, but considered to be within an acceptable range, with management action in place to address the issue (amber score). (2 in 2022); and

- 1 project is projected to spend out with the acceptable budget (red score) (none in 2022)

3.5 As well as delivering on the projects in the Deal, the annual report demonstrates that the Governance structure, established to manage City Region Deal activity, has also enabled effective and strong regional partnership working on important cross-regional activities, including:

- Developing and publishing a Regional Prosperity Framework for Delivery which will be a catalyst for Regional Prosperity (led by a cross-regional officers' team, steered by the Regional Enterprise Council and overseen by the Elected Member Oversight Committee);
- Identifying propositions for regional collaboration that align with the [UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund](#).
- Continuing to develop [ESESCommunities portal](#) to assist with delivering community benefits across the programme;
- Working with CLES to develop and implement the '[Community Wealth Building Framework for Action](#)'.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

There is no financial impact relating directly to this report. The Financial Statement shows that £58.8 million of Government money was drawn down in 2022/23, in line with the financial plan.

4.2 Digital

Not applicable

4.3 Risk

Not applicable

4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)

An IIA is not required

4.5 Additional Report Implications (See Appendix A)

See Appendix A

Appendices

Appendix A – Additional Report Implications

Appendix B – ESESCRD Annual Report

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- Hub and Spoke
- Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement
- One size fits one
- None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- One Council Working with you, for you
- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious
- None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

Not applicable

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Inclusion and sustainability are key drivers for the City Region Deal. Business cases for projects included demonstrate how they will reduce inequalities and tackle the inclusion challenges specific to the city region.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

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

Appendix B – ESESCRD Annual Report 2022-2023

ESESCRD Annual Report – accessible version

https://esescityregiondeal.org.uk/s/City_Region_Deal_AnnualReport_202223_A4_08.pdf

ESESCRD Annual Report – interactive version

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a2dff8f2-a373-4568-909f-e07dfaf6caec>