Appendix 2 – Joint Committee Arrangements

Membership

There will be one representative from each council, except in the case where there are joint leaders, where two will be permitted. There will be three non-Council representatives (including a minimum of one business and one regional higher and further education representative from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland city region). Each representative organisation will be allocated one vote.

Period of Office

The period off office will be determined by each individual member authority, but must not extend beyond the next local government elections.

Meetings

There will be a minimum of six meetings per annum.

Convener and Vice-Convener

The chair and vice-chair will be rotated annually

Quorum

The quorum will be three elected members and three councils, plus one non-council representative.

Remit

- Oversee the implementation of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal programme;
- Monitor the impact of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Programme.
- Build and support inclusive growth focusing on the needs of the local area and strengthening the partnership between public, private and third sectors;
- Improve business involvement from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland city region in local decision making;
- Collaborate and work in partnership to assist in delivering regional planning and transport policy linking the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal to SESTRAN and SESPlan
- work in partnership on other initiatives across the Edinburgh and South East Scotland city region with the explicit support of individual constituent members.

Any additional powers will be able to be delegated by the constituent councils at any point.

This remit allows for work to commence supporting the new model of governance outlined in phase 2 of the Enterprise and Skills Review for some regional partners but further work is required for any involvement in the development of the regional partnership. In the case of the Scottish Borders, South of Scotland Enterprise Agency will be the primary vehicle for economic development priorities.

Standing Orders

The Joint Committee should adopt its own Standing Orders

Meeting Arrangements

Any minute of agreement should include the arrangements for the location of meetings and which constituent council will administer the meeting.

Timescales

These arrangements will be reviewed by the members after the first six and twelve months. After partners enter the delivery stage, this will be reviewed periodically as deemed appropriate.