
MEMBERSHIP OF EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND CITY REGION DEAL OVERSIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE

**Briefing Note by Executive Director, Corporate Improvement &
Economy**

EMERGENCY POWERS – COVID-19

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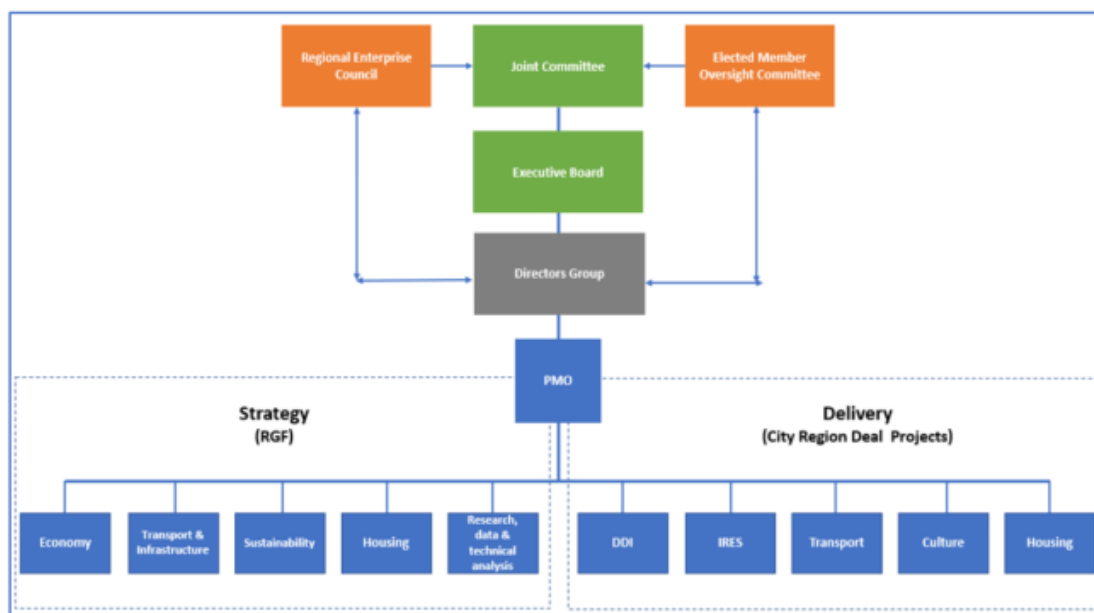
1 DECISION(S) REQUIRED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- 1.1 I recommend that approval is given to appoint two Elected Members to the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Members Oversight Sub-Committee.**

2 CITY DEAL ELECTED MEMBERS OVERSIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE

- 2.1 At the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region (ESESCR) Deal Joint Committee meeting on 3 September 2019 it was agreed that an Elected Members' Oversight Sub-Committee (EMOC) be constituted to provide scrutiny and assistance to the Joint Committee. The Sub-Committee would oversee the preparation of the Regional Growth Framework (RGF), as well as subsequent preparation of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).
- 2.2 The RGF document is currently being developed and will be a matter for the EMOC to examine at an early date. As it will be a critically important statement, and one which will provide direction to the preparation of the subsequent RSS. Whilst the nature of RSS is yet to be defined, work has commenced on developing an interim RSS, which will inform National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). It will be important to ensure the inclusive nature of the RGF, through genuine regional partnership working not only within the governance structure of the City Region Deal, but also with bodies at national level such as Scottish Enterprise and Transport Scotland, and at regional level including the partnerships for transport (SEStran) and planning (SESplan).
- 2.3 The Oversight Sub-Committee will be a sub-committee of the Joint Committee and consist of 2 elected members from each of the constituent local authorities, together with representatives from the Regional Enterprise Council and the Higher/Further Education Consortium. The proposed terms of reference for the EMOC are set out in Appendix A.
- 2.4 Figure 1 shows the proposed governance structure for the City Region Deal. The "Strategy" section on the left, which will focus on the RGF and RSS, has been incorporated into the structure alongside to the "Delivery" section for City Region Deal projects, as included in the City Region Deal Document, signed in August 2018.

Figure 1: Governance Structure for City Region Deal



- 2.5 Once partners have appointed their nominees, the sub-committee will meet monthly but may meet more frequently if determined necessary by the Chair or the Sub-Committee.

3 IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Financial

- (a) There will be modest additional costs associated with travel and expenses to attend meetings of the Oversight Sub-Committee but it is likely these will be held remotely for the time being due to the Covid19 outbreak.
- (b) At present, there is no indication that preparation of the RGF and RSS, including the governance arrangements, will require any additional budget contributions from partner Councils and bodies. This assumes that there is existing staff resource within the partner Councils to support the preparation of the RGF and RSS. Scottish Government have provided modest funding (£5k) to enable initial thinking on the development of Regional Spatial Strategies.
- (c) As the programme for preparation of the RGF and RSS is only at an initial stage this matter of resource requirements will need to be kept under review.

3.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The governance arrangements of the City Region Deal and Borderlands have established risk management processes associated with work programmes.
- (b) The formation of the oversight sub-committee will ensure appropriate political scrutiny of the City Deal process and the development of the RSG and RSS

3.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this study and it is not anticipated there will be any adverse equality implications.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Executive Director Finance & Regulatory, the Service Director HR & Communication, the Monitoring/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.
- 7.2 The Convener, the Leader of the Administration and the Leader of the Opposition are being consulted and any questions will be responded to by relevant Officers and any comments received will be considered by the Chief Executive in arriving at her decision.

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APPROVED:

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(Finance & Regulatory)

Having consulted -

Leader of the Administration: Cllr Shona Haslam Date: 6 July 2020

Convener: Cllr David Parker Date: 6 July 2020

Leader of the Opposition: Cllr Stuart Bell Date: 6 July 2020

NOTE: Cllrs Bell and Robson are the two Elected Members on the Sub-Committee, with Cllr Heather Anderson as substitute.