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## ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

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To: Councillor Jenny Laing, Leader of Aberdeen City Council Chairperson; Councillor Martin Kitts-Hayes, Co-Leader of Aberdeenshire Council Vice Chairperson; and Councillor Jim Gifford, Professor Stephen Logan, Mr Patrick Machray, Councillor Richard Thomson, Councillor Ross Thomson MSP, Sir Ian Wood and Councillor Willie Young.

Aberdeen City Council Substitute Members:- Councillors Marie Boulton, Jackie Dunbar and Ian Yuill.

Aberdeenshire Council Substitute Members:- Councillors David Aitchison, Karen Clark and Alison Evison.

ONE Substitute Members:- Ms Jennifer Crow, Mr Colin Crosby and Professor Ferdinand Von Prondzynski.

**Please note that a substitute member may only participate in the meeting when a substantive member is absent.**

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 3 June 2016

### ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The Members of the **ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 4 - Town House on **FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2016 at 9.30 am.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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### ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 22 April 2016. Minute of Meeting of the ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Laing, Chairperson; Councillor Kitts-Hayes, Vice Chairperson; and Councillors Gifford and Richard Thomson (Aberdeenshire Council), Councillors Ross Thomson and Young (Aberdeen City Council); and Jennifer Crow (as substitute for Patrick Machray) and Sir Ian Wood (ONE).

Apologies: Professor Stephen Logan and Patrick Machray.

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#### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY 2016

1. The Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 24 February 2016 for approval.

With reference to item 1(A) Jennifer Crow advised that Professor Ferdinand Von Prondzynski would be the third named substitute representing ONE.

#### **The Joint Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to appoint Professor Ferdinand Von Prondzynski as ONE's third substitute member; and
- (ii) to approve the minute as a correct record.

#### PROGRAMME BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

2. The Joint Committee had before it a report by Richard Sweetnam (Head of Economic Development, Aberdeen City Council) and Belinda Miller (Head of Economic Development, Aberdeenshire Council) which proposed a terms of reference for an Aberdeen City Region Deal Programme Board.

#### **The report recommended –**

that the Joint Committee approve the terms of reference for and composition of the Programme Board.

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Members considered the report and discussed the remit and purpose of the Programme Board, as well as indicative reporting and monitoring arrangements of the various work streams and projects at a local level and to the Scottish and UK Governments. Members also discussed the proposed membership of an Enabling Group, and Richard Sweetnam advised that at this point no individuals had been approached to be members of this group of experts, after which Sir Ian Wood requested that the private sector be represented on this group.

### **The Joint Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to revise references within the report to the Programme Board's *implementation* of projects role and to replace these with a remit to co-ordinate and monitor the delivery of projects;
- (ii) to request that the private sector be represented on the proposed Enabling Group; and
- (iii) otherwise to approve the terms of reference for and composition of the Programme Board.

## **PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT APPROACH**

3. The Joint Committee had before it a report by John Paul Cleary (City Region Deal Programme Manager, Aberdeen City Council) which updated members on the programme management approach that had been adopted to manage and implement the City Region Deal.

### **The report recommended –**

that the Joint Committee approve the programme management approach proposed in the report.

Members considered the report and discussed the development of an integrated Communication Plan and members also highlighted the importance of providing early updates to elected members from both Councils to ensure they remained informed and invested in the City Region Deal particularly as a number of proposed projects had not been accounted for at this point in either Council's Capital Plans. To this point, Angela Scott explained that S95 Officers from both Councils were involved at Joint Committee level and would be able to provide members with an outline of funding availability going forward. Members also stressed the importance of developing robust business plans and models to ensure that support could be provided in an expedient manner to projects which were time sensitive due to the prevailing economic environment such as the development of Aberdeen Harbour and the creation of an Oil and Gas Technology Centre.

### **The Joint Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to defer consideration of communication planning at programme, theme and project level and to request that an integrated Communication Plan for the

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- Programme be developed and brought back to a future meeting of the Joint Committee for decision making;
- (ii) to request that regular progress updates on the City region Deal be produced and circulated to the wider community on a regular basis;
  - (iii) to note that discussions would be held between ONE representatives and Programme Management on reporting arrangements to the Programme Board; and
  - (iv) otherwise approve the programme management approach proposed in the report.

### PROGRAMME UPDATE

4. The Joint Committee had before it a report by Richard Sweetnam and Belinda Miller which provided an update on the Programme to develop the specific projects under the City Region Deal Heads of Terms (£250m).

#### **The report recommended –**

that the Joint Committee note the progress on the Aberdeen City Region Deal Programme.

Richard Sweetnam spoke to the report and advised that following the signing of the Heads of Terms lead officers had been in discussion with the Scottish and UK Governments on the next steps in order to finalise the City Region Deal. Mr Sweetnam explained that there was a requirement to develop a City Region Deal Agreement and an Implementation Plan and a draft was currently being developed and expected to be finalised in the summer of 2016. He added that lead officers would continue to provide regular updates on progress to the Joint Committee and its constituent bodies.

Thereafter members questioned officers on additional plans the City Council had to develop Aberdeen Harbour and there was recognition of the importance of the Harbour project and the oil and gas industry to North East Scotland's Regional Economic Strategy. Further to this, Derek Murray (Director of NESTRANS) provided an update on ongoing regional transportation and infrastructure projects and the City Centre Masterplan and advised that he expected these existing projects would eventually be integrated within the wider City Region Deal strategy but would continue in the meantime regardless of the progress of the City Region Deal Agreement and Implementation Plan.

#### **The Joint Committee resolved:-**

to note the progress on the Aberdeen City Region Deal Programme.

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

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5. The Joint Committee had before it a report by Richard Sweetnam and Belinda Miller which provided an update on the additional funding of £254m announced by the Scottish Government when the City Region Deal Heads of Terms Agreement was signed in January 2016.

**The report recommended –**

that the Joint Committee note the update on the additional funding.

The Chair highlighted that clarity had been sought from the Scottish Government on the new funding package and Richard Sweetnam advised that lead officers would look to formally engage with the incoming Scottish Government after the Scottish Parliamentary elections in order to clarify that element of funding and whether it could be brought into the existing City Region Deal governance arrangements. Stephen Archer (Director of Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council) added that constructive discussions had been held with the Scottish Government with regards to infrastructure improvements at Laurencekirk and explained that he had been advised that improvements would be implemented in an expedient manner.

**The Joint Committee resolved:-**

to note the update on the additional funding.

### **JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES TO MAY 2017**

6. The Joint Committee had before it a set of proposed meeting dates for approval.

The proposed dates were as follows:-

9:30am, Friday 20 January 2017, Committee Room 4, Town House

9:30am, Friday 17 March 2017, Committee Room 4, Town House

**The Joint Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the meeting dates; and
- (ii) to instruct the Clerk to liaise with Committee Services at Aberdeenshire Council in order to set meeting dates post May 2017.

**COUNCILLOR JENNIFER LAING, Chairperson.**

## ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL: Powering Tomorrow's World

<b>Progress Report</b>	Aberdeen City Region Deal – Programme Update
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Economic Development (Aberdeen City Council & Aberdeenshire Council)
<b>Report Author</b>	John-Paul Cleary
<b>Date of Report</b>	10 June 2016
<b>Governance</b>	Joint Committee

<b>1:</b>	<b>Purpose of the Report</b>
i.	To provide an update on the Programme to develop the specific projects under the City Region Deal Heads of Terms (£250m).

<b>2:</b>	<b>Recommendations for Action</b>
i.	That the Joint Committee notes the progress on the Aberdeen City Region Deal Programme.

<b>3:</b>	<b>Background</b>
i.	Following the signing of the Heads of Terms, the lead officers have been in discussion with the UK and Scottish Government officials on the next steps and stages to finalise the City Region Deal.
ii.	The requirement is to develop a final City Region Deal Agreement and Implementation Plan. A draft is being discussed by both Governments and it is expected that this will be finalised in the coming months.
iii.	Meanwhile both Governments have advised that work on the business cases for each of the agreed City Region Deal projects should continue. This report provides detail on the progress of this work.

<b>4:</b>	<b>Programme Update</b>
i.	A revised Deal Document addressing comments from UKG and SG and

providing other requested information was issued to civil servants of both governments on 20th May. Initial feedback will be discussed on 8th June to agree next steps and timescales, and in the context of reporting to the respective Councils.

- ii. Work is also ongoing to agree a single appraisal and approval process with both governments for individual business cases, distribution of funds and progress reporting. Following the first meeting of the Programme Board, the Programme Manager has raised a list of outstanding issues for civil servants from both governments to clarify. We anticipate that there is no existing blueprint for a 'Scottish City Deal' that can be used and later Scottish Deals are likely to use the model developed for Aberdeen.
- iii. The Programme Manager will be attending a Business Case Workshop on 6th June at the Home Office in London, to help ensure business case development adheres to the expected standards.

## 5: Project Updates

### **i. Oil and Gas Technology Centre**

#### COMMITMENT from the Heads of Terms

Both Governments support the vision of developing a world-leading Oil and Gas Technology Centre. Both Governments invite the Aberdeen City Region to submit a fully developed business case and future technology road map.

#### COMMITMENT from the Heads of Terms

As a first step in a phased approach to delivering the Oil and Gas Technology Centre, both Governments support regional partners' plans to implement new Solutions Centres, which will bring together innovation funders and providers, academia and test facilities to address specific industry challenges. Subject to final business cases, these will come on line progressively during 2016 and will provide engineering and applied research solutions for current industry challenges.

#### Progress to Date

Opportunity North East and Scottish Enterprise have been working closely with the OGA, Technology Leadership Board, Oil and Gas UK, University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University to progress the next phase of work for the Oil and Gas Technology Centre.

- The company has been set up and the first Board meeting took place on 14 April 2016.
- £500k start up development funding secured from ONE and SE.
- CEO and Solution Centre Manager (SCM) roles scoped and



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recruitment firms appointed.

- OGTC Business Plan and Business Case development underway.

Key Next Steps

- Interim project team in place.
- Further preparation for OGTC Solution Centre work definition statements.
- Integrate the strategic business case for Big Data into OGTC plan.
- CEO and key staff to be secured by September.
- Establish Memorandum of Understanding between OGTC and Robert Gordon University and University of Aberdeen.
- Secure formal ACRD funding agreement with funding bodies by August 2016; agree draw down tranches and matching funding interlocks.
- First drawdown from ACRD funding by latest September 2016.

Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None

**ii. Agri-Food and Nutrition Innovation Hub**

COMMITMENT from the Heads of Terms

Both Governments recognise the importance of the Aberdeen City Region's continued economic diversity and support innovation in the biopharmaceutical and food and drink sectors. This Deal will provide funding for new Innovation Hubs subject to Aberdeen submitting fully developed business cases for these investments.

Progress to Date

The strategic business case has been reviewed and further developed and the concept broadened in scope in the last two months in discussion with the ONE Food Drink and Agriculture Board.

The centre would be a flagship project for innovation development for the sector at a regional and national level. It will provide a mix of bespoke development laboratory, test kitchen and pilot production space with demonstration equipment including novel food processing capability, a sensory suite and start-up company space alongside the researchers, nutritionists and food technologists. The centre would be a resource for both start-up businesses and existing growth companies.

The Innovation Centre will include:

- A research translation capability to broker projects between industry and research teams.
- A development team including food technologists to manage the product innovation development process from concept through to pilot

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production for new and novel products. This team would have a strong direct link to the Scotland Food and Drink market research team and will access existing capacity and capabilities at a national level.

- Development laboratory space, test kitchen, pilot production plant and sensory suite.
- An accelerator and incubator space for spin-out companies and high growth start-up businesses.
- A hub for the development and training to advanced level of food industry specific skills including food technology.

### Key next steps

- Interim project team to be set up including the ONE Food and Drink Director, plus RGU, University of Aberdeen and Rowett Research Institute, ONE Board members and SE.
- Further testing of the concept - to be undertaken with industry at a regional and national level.
- Outline business case to be developed by August 2016.

### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None

### **iii. Bio-Therapeutic Innovation Centre**

#### COMMITMENT from the Heads of Terms

Both Governments recognise the importance of the Aberdeen City Region's continued economic diversity and support innovation in the biopharmaceutical and food and drink sectors. This Deal will provide funding for new Innovation Hubs subject to Aberdeen submitting fully developed business cases for these investments.

#### Progress to Date

Significant progress has been made in refinement of the strategic business case with more clarity on the physical space requirements and preferred location. Dr Magnus Nicolson, ONE Life Science Director is now in post and supporting the development of the Centre with the ONE Life Sciences Board members from University of Aberdeen, Robert Gordon University, NHS Grampian, James Hutton Ltd, SE and the industry.

Additional testing of the concept has is being undertaken with key stakeholders at a national level.

There is consensus that the Centre should contain both space for existing companies as well as Incubator space for new life science companies. Several companies have expressed an interest in locating into the centre when constructed – estimate of 2019-20.

The centre will be 60- 80,000 sq. ft. will be a mix of shared and dedicated lab

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space with the option of bespoke fit out for new and existing companies.

The key bioscience competencies have been agreed by the ONE Life Science Board. This model enables historic and present competencies like Peptide and Antibody Engineering to be seen in association with growing competencies like Cell and Gene Therapy. There is a high degree of synergy within the competencies and significant and growing demand for their biopharmaceutical and biological products.

### Key next steps

- Location of Centre on preferred site to be investigated
- Outline business case for review and approval by end May 2016.
- Full Business case and Business Plan to be developed by the project team by October 2016.

### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None

## **iv. Digital Infrastructure**

### COMMITMENT from Heads of Terms

Local partners will perform a gap analysis, and then explore with both Governments the digital needs for the region. This is with a view to creating a digital infrastructure fund which will address the digital challenges of both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and underpin enhanced service delivery across private and public sectors. With the additional Scottish Government funding to fund an extension of digital infrastructure in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire area above and beyond the commitment through the City Deal.

### Progress to date

During a meeting between the two Councils, Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) SG Digital Directorate, DCMS and Digital Scotland it was agreed that a gap analysis should be undertaken to determine infrastructure shortfalls as a means of evidencing financing requests.

Cube Ultra was subsequently appointed to undertake this work and also help identify ways in which public funding could be used to stimulate investment or directly provide enabling infrastructure to close some of the gaps to address commercial demand requirements in particular without invoking State Aid challenges.

### Key Next Steps

Aberdeen City Council is currently rolling out the Swan contract and is

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assessing the feasibility to use this to attract private sector investment across the city and beyond.

Meetings continue with SFT and SG to ensure an integrated approach.

### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None

## **v. Strategic Transport Appraisal**

### Commitment from Heads of Terms

A transport appraisal, supported by both Governments and local partners, will take a long-term strategic view of the transport implications of the investment unlocked by this deal across modes including road and rail. This work will commence in 2016 and will be based on Scottish transport appraisal guidance and will recognise the priorities of local, regional and national transport plans and programmes. Transport Scotland will work with NESTRANS and the two local authorities and scope out requirements for the next 20 years, building on the completion of the AWPR and other planned investments.

### Progress to date

Initial discussions have taken place between the two Councils, Nestrans and Transport Scotland on the potential scope, extent and timescales of this project, as well governance and decision making arrangements. Discussions have taken place as recently as 01 June, considering membership of the transport working group, finance arrangements and further regular meetings planned.

### Key Next Steps

Key to the appraisal process will be a robust evidence base and development of an updated regional transport model. The current model requires significant upgrading to reflect the existing and future transport network, development pressures and travel patterns. It is proposed that this upgrading takes place in two stages.

- Stage 1, a relatively small scale upgrading of the existing model and data. This will provide information to support the development of the Strategic Development Plan which is being progressed to a timetable set out by statute. A tender has been issued for this initial model update, with responses due back late June 2016.
- Stage 2, a full upgrade to a modern transport modelling tool with new base data including post AWPR surveys. This will then be used to inform the full appraisal process.

Bearing in mind that the first stages of the area wide appraisal will be some

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months away and involve data collection and model upgrading, there may be a need to continue assessment work on projects which are already underway. These potentially include:

- City Centre Masterplan works (Including redefinition of the roads hierarchy)
- Locking in the benefits of the AWPR (Including radial route assessment)
- Cross City connections.
- Aberdeen to Peterhead/ Fraserburgh corridor study.
- Other strategic transport corridors such as A944, and A947.

Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None

**vi. Harbour Expansion Project**

Commitment from Heads of Terms

Both Governments are supportive of the expansion of Aberdeen Harbour and are committed to working with private sector partners to deliver this project. It is ultimately a decision for the private sector on whether to invest in the harbour expansion, but both Governments commit to working with Scottish Futures Trust and others to explore all financial mechanisms to deliver this project. Should the expansion go ahead, both Governments commit to finding a route to fund the supporting infrastructure that maximises the impact of the harbour project on the wider regional economy.

Progress to date

The scope of the works has yet to be decided and will be subject to confirmation of the new Harbour project being approved. It is thought that decisions on the Harbour approvals are likely in Autumn of this year.

Key Next Steps

The intention of this project is to overcome some of the strategic access issues to the new harbour and the surrounding area which is highlighted in the published Development Framework for the area. A scoping exercise should be carried out for this project which will require the approval of the CRD Programme Board in order to identify the appropriate funding sources through the Governments.

Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None.

**6: Finance and Risk**

<b>6:</b>	<b>Finance and Risk</b>
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- i. The full financial plan for the City Region Deal Programme is currently being worked on and will require the approval of a number of partners involved.
- ii. The Risks associated with the City Region Deal are considered and varied. Risk Assessments will be carried out as part of each of the workstream Business Plans and will form part of the Programme Risk Register.

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<b>Progress Report</b>	Aberdeen City Region Deal – Additional Update
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<b>2:</b>	<b>Recommendations for Action</b>
i.	That the Joint Committee notes the update on the additional funding.

<b>3:</b>	<b>Background</b>
i.	In January 2016, a Heads of Terms for an Agreement for a £250m City Region Deal was signed by the UK and Scottish Governments, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council and Opportunity North East (ONE). At the same time, the Scottish Government announced an additional £254m would be available to support the implementation of some elements of the original proposals that would not be funded within parameters of the signed Heads of Terms.
ii.	An agreement on the £254m has yet to be ratified and officers are working with the Scottish Government on this and whether it could be brought into the existing City Region Deal governance arrangements.
iii.	Once this is clarified by government officials, officers will update the Joint Committee on the next steps and stages to finalise this element of an overall City Region Deal Programme.
iv.	This report provides detail on the progress of the work relating to those proposals under the £254 element of the programme.

## **i. HOUSING**

### Description

Housing infrastructure fund – additional Scottish Government funding to unlock housing sites that are of strategic importance to the local authorities.

£130m of affordable housing grant – five-year certainty of affordable housing grant for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

### Progress to Date

Housing infrastructure fund: Officers are in discussion with Scottish Government officials regarding the terms and conditions of the housing infrastructure fund that will be available to support the acceleration of Affordable Housing throughout Aberdeen City and Shire. The Housing Infrastructure Fund has been considered at the Future Infrastructure Requirements Group which is keen to have a role in its development going forward.

£130m of affordable housing grant: Both local authorities have developed strategic local programme agreements with the Scottish Government for 2016-17. Sites have been identified in partnership with registered social landlords and developers. Spend of approximately £12.3m in Aberdeenshire and £18m in Aberdeen City has been identified for 2016-17. These figures may change subject to development timescales and the availability of new opportunities. Both Councils have affordable housing delivery groups comprising the local affordable housing providers and the Scottish Government to closely monitor progress and identify opportunities for further investment. A meeting involving the Scottish Government and the two Councils is being organised to ensure an overview for the City Region is also in place.

### Key Next Steps

It is anticipated that guidance and an application form for the housing infrastructure fund will be made available shortly. Local partners will need to meet to consider the suitability of the terms and conditions and its attractiveness to the private sector. Once the scheme is in place, officers of the local authorities will carry out feasibility studies to identify those sites which will benefit most from this support, produce best value for the City Region Deal and best support the delivery of affordable housing. In addition, officers are seeking to clarify whether further funds could be available following the feasibility studies from the recently announced national £50m infrastructure fund should it be needed.



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### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

The Joint Committee will need to agree the allocation of the housing infrastructure fund once sites have been proposed and assessed.

### **ii. DIGITAL**

Investment in Digital infrastructure formed part of the Heads of Terms Agreement for the £250m City Region Deal. An additional £10m was earmarked to contribute towards the delivery of the digital proposals to create a digital infrastructure fund which will address the digital challenges of both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and underpin enhanced service delivery across private and public sectors (see Programme Update in Item 3).

### **iii. TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Laurencekirk Flyover**

##### Description

This is part of the additional Scottish Government funding to support improvements to the key A90/A937 south junction at Laurencekirk. Nestrans, with Aberdeenshire Council, Transport Scotland, Angus Council and Tactran has completed a STAG appraisal study making a case for the development of improvements to the Laurencekirk junctions including a grade separated junction at the south end of the village. The outcomes from the STAG appraisal have been accepted, and Transport Scotland are committed to progressing the next stage of project development, which is a DMRB Stage 2 (route option assessment) and Stage 3 (development of preferred junction option) study, up to the preparation of Draft Road Orders.

##### Progress to Date

A meeting of the Laurencekirk Partnership Group was held in May 2016, which discussed proposals for the next stages of work.

##### Key Next Steps

Transport Scotland to commence DMRB studies, following procurement exercise.

### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None.

### **iv. Rail to Central Belt**

##### Description

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This is part of the additional Scottish Government funding to help improve journey times and increase capacity on key rail links between Aberdeen and the Central Belt. Initial discussions have taken place with Transport Scotland and Network Rail. Transport Scotland have indicated that this project will be taken forward using their normal processes. The initial, additional £200m allocated to this project is currently being considered by Transport Scotland and Network Rail. They are scoping the extent of works bearing in mind this additional commitment and the Strategic Transport Projects Review commitment to reducing the journey time between Aberdeen and the Central Belt by 20 minutes.

##### Progress to Date

##### Key Next Steps

##### Issues for attention of the Joint Committee

None.

#### 5: Finance and Risk

- i. Subject to the clarification by the Scottish Government on these elements of an overall Programme, it is anticipated that a full financial plan for the City Region Deal Programme may include the elements of the £254m announcement. This will be reported to the Joint Committee.
- ii. The Risks associated with the City Region Deal are considered and varied. Risk Assessments will be carried out as part of each of the workstream Business Plans and will form part of the Programme Risk Register.

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### **Proposed Joint Committee Meeting Dates to December 2017**

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