

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

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Report Name	Aberdeen City Region Deal Quarterly Progress Update
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1:	Purpose of the Report
<p>To update the Joint Committee on the progress of the City Region Deal and its constituent workstreams, through the body of the report and Appendix 1 – Quarterly Progress Report.</p>	

2:	Recommendations for Action
<p>It is recommended that the Joint Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notes the content of the report, its appendix, and the progress made. 	

3:	Summary of Key Information
<p>Programme Dashboard</p> <p>3.1 Programme Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACRD PMO continues to work with UK&SG on COVID19 recovery in relation to the Deal • The Annual Grant Offer letter was received, outlining £51,320,000 for projects this financial year. • The SG Equalities & Investment project has developed a series of guides to support public spending decisions. Two new guides have been published on Scotland's Centre for Regional Inclusive Economic Growth website. The guides have been shared with project leads and Chris Oswald will cover these guides at his training session to ACRD Joint Committee. <p>3.2 Workstream updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OGTC has continued to deliver during COVID 19 and has supported companies in supplying equipment needed for the pandemic. A short delay in the opening of 	

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<p>the National Centre is anticipated. The OGTC Checkpoint Review was deferred and will be rescheduled in the coming months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bio-Hub was unable start to Construction in April 2020. Due to the added complexity of being on an NHS site during a pandemic, we expect that there may be a substantial delay and this will impact on profiled funding allocated for 20/21. • Planning progresses with “seedpod” and there are no reported delays at this stage. • Both Infrastructure projects are now in delivery across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. Construction was stopped initially but has resumed with social distancing measures in place. • The Strategic Transport and External Links to Aberdeen South Harbour, remain on schedule, although some delay, due to Consultation requirements, has been noted. 	

4:	Finance and Risk
<p>i. Risks that are to be escalated to Joint Committee would be included in Appendix 1.</p>	