

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

Powering Tomorrow's World

Report Name	Aberdeen City Region Deal Quarterly Progress Update
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Governance	City Region Deal Joint Committee

1:	Purpose of the Report
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 A – Quarterly Progress Report and BioHub Update Appendix B	

2:	Recommendations for Action
It is recommended that the Joint Committee:	
i. Notes the content of the report, its appendices, and the progress made.	

3:	Summary of Key Information
Programme Dashboard	
3.1 Programme Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aberdeenshire City Council undertook an audit of Aberdeen City Region Deal between May and August 2020. The objective of this audit was to ensure adequate controls to protect the interests of Aberdeenshire Council, as Accountable Body, are in place. It found, this is the case, and the full report will be presented to Programme Board next quarter.• The OGTC Check Point Review and the Annual Meeting between the UK/SG and Regional Partners are both planned to take place in December 2020.• The Programme Board noted the progress that is being made in all projects despite the challenges during COVID19. The amber time status for the projects currently in implementation phase reflects the uncertainty around further COVID restrictions and the impact this may have on future milestones.• The Scottish Government have confirmed the monthly drawdown of payments for the BioHub in line with construction schedule. This risk will now be closed.• The Programme Board and Project Leads have access to the Equalities Training shared with Joint Committee.• The Full Fibre project remains a good example of community benefits through procurement with SSE having employed a modern apprentice from the Alford area. SSE will also be providing STEM education sessions via virtual learning to academies.	
3.2 Workstream updates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates on the progress of individual workstreams and projects are contained in the Programme Dashboard in Appendix A.	
1.3 BioHUb Update	

3:	Summary of Key Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix B provides the background and decision process for BioHUb funding and asks that the Joint Committee notes that the legal contracts are agreed and in the process of being signed.
4:	Finance and Risk
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. There are no risks for escalation in this report.