

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

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Report Name	ACRD Benefits Realisation Plan
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Governance	Aberdeen City Region Joint Committee

1:	Purpose of the Report
i.	To present the Aberdeen City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan and gain approval from the Joint Committee for its wider publication and implementation.

2:	Recommendations for Action
i.	It is recommended that the Joint Committee endorses the report.

3:	Summary of Key Information
i.	The Benefits Realisation Plan is a requirement from UK and Scottish Government (UK/SG) laid out in the Grant Offer Letter. It will form the basis of the Annual Conversation and will be produced following the annual report.
ii.	Deal partners have been working with EKOS to produce the Aberdeen City Region Deal Benefits Realisation Plan (ACRD BRP). The ACRD BRP is at a programme level, across three themes and nine component projects. Of particular interest to Scottish Government is the contribution to policy priorities in relation to inclusive growth and net zero/just transition.
iii.	There are a few minor updates that will be incorporated into the BRP when they are available. These are dependent upon activity taking place elsewhere and we do not anticipate any issues in ensuring their inclusion in the BRP. These updates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporating the vision from the new North East Regional Economic Strategy currently under development and alignment to any additional relevant indicators in the strategy not currently included in the BRP once the strategy is published in 2023;• The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) is developing a report, expected in March 2023, with additional indicators on City Region Deal performance. This report will allow the DLUHC to advise on how these indicators can showcase Aberdeen City Region Deal in the best possible light and we will then consider including any relevant indicators;• Including a template to capture the data to record the benefits for project leads to complete (currently being developed);• Awaiting the UK/SG expectations on post deal reporting requirements.

3:	Summary of Key Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification with UK/SG officials around the detail of producing the BRP including issues around retrospective reporting, the ability to gather information on all indicators and interim evaluation expectations. <p>iv. The ACRD BRP will be made widely available, including through the City Region Deal, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, UK Government and Scottish Government websites.</p>

4:	Finance and Risk
	<p>i. No new financial or risk implications.</p>