

# ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee
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<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	5G ONE Pop-Up Project
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<b>1:</b>	<b>Purpose of the Report</b>
	<p>i. To inform and seek approval from Joint Committee for 5G Pop-Up network project material change request.</p>

<b>2:</b>	<b>Recommendations for Action</b>
	<p>It is recommended that the Joint Committee:</p> <p>i. Approves the material change request (Appendix A).</p>

<b>3:</b>	<b>Summary of Key Information</b>
	<p>i. Project 5G ONE Pop Up Network Digital Infrastructure Business Case Gap Analysis was approved at Aberdeen City Region Deal (ACRD) Joint Committee in November 2022.</p> <p>ii. The project objective is to drive the adoption of 5G in key sectors of the regional economy – including energy, utilities, ports and logistics. The potential to expand its activities by funding ‘pop up ‘ coverage in the region to enable companies to test applications in a real-life environment.</p> <p>iii. The initial deployment revealed several challenges, including limited technical capabilities of businesses, delays in installation and suitability assessments, seasonal industry challenges, evolving equipment</p>

<b>3:</b>	<b>Summary of Key Information</b>
	<p>specifications, high costs of Internet of Things and 5G devices, and longer deployment times needed.</p> <p>iv. The recommendation of the material change request (Appendix A) is to proceed with Option 2 to change project delivery approach, adjust key deliverables and deployment timelines to maximise the impact for recipient businesses and deliver high-impact case studies and a playbook for regional digital transformation, focusing on fewer, more impactful deployments.</p>

<b>4:</b>	<b>Finance and Risk</b>
	<p>i. The total budget of £327,200 and the overall project timeline remain unchanged. The revised claim profile will support continued project delivery.</p>