

Q3 2024/25 PROGRAMME EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PART 1: PROGRAMME DASHBOARD			
LAST COMPLETED MILESTONES	TIMELINE	NEXT MILESTONE	TIMELINE
2024 Annual Conversation to be held	January 2025	2025 Annual Conversation to be scheduled	December 2025
Internal Audit has signed off all of the ACRD Internal Audit recommendations (2023/24) as being implemented	December 2024	Next Internal Audit (2025) to be scheduled	2025

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
TOTAL UK/SG GRANT	TOTAL UK/SG DRAWDOWN	
£250,000,000	£196,858,073	79%
TOTAL SG MOU DIGITAL INVESTMENT		
£10,000,000	£5,953,948	60%
TOTAL COUNCILS ALLOCATION		
£7,000,000	£4,136,247	59%

PART 2: PROJECT DASHBOARD							
DIGITAL THEME	DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME	OVERALL STATUS LAST PERIOD	OVERALL STATUS THIS PERIOD	TIMELINE	BUDGET	BENEFITS	RISK/ISSUE
<p>RISK DESCRIPTION: The Tripartite financial agreement offers grant funding between FY 2016-2027. Allocation of the remaining funding within Digital theme is subject to approval of forthcoming business cases for projects capable of delivering within the remaining timescale of the Deal.</p>				<p>RISK MITIGATION (COUNTER MEASURES): The Digital Programme is supported by a Digital Working Group consisting of experts and representatives from wider networks. The Group meets regularly to collaborate and explore new project ideas qualifying criteria for the remaining Digital infrastructure funding.</p>			
<p>ISSUE DESCRIPTION: Scottish Government (SG) advised that they will not be able to commit any of the unallocated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Digital Connectivity Funds during this financial year. This creates an unforeseen risk to the Digital Programme as it will reduce the time available to approve and use uncommitted funds before the Deal ends.</p>				<p>MITIGATION ACTIONS (COUNTER MEASURES): The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Joint Committee wrote to the Deputy First Minister seeking clarification on MoU Funding access. The Scottish Government confirmed the funding remains available but could not specify when it would be accessible. Recent discussions within the Digital Working Group have suggested proceeding with the development of business cases while awaiting clarity from the Scottish Government on budget.</p>			
DIGITAL THEME	5G PORT OF ABERDEEN	OVERALL STATUS LAST PERIOD	OVERALL STATUS THIS PERIOD	TIMELINE	BUDGET	BENEFITS	RISK/ISSUE
<p>ISSUE DESCRIPTION: The completion of the network infrastructure installation in South Harbour is being delayed due to the lack of the working 5G kit as well as supply chain issues delaying the project completion.</p>				<p>MITIGATION ACTION (COUNTER MEASURES): The project team look to resolve this issue by February 2025, however the Port recognises that Tall Ship preparation and event may take priority over the spring and summer period.</p>			
TRANSPORT THEME	EXTERNAL TRANSPORTATION LINKS TO ABERDEEN SOUTH HARBOUR	OVERALL STATUS LAST PERIOD	OVERALL STATUS THIS PERIOD	TIMELINE	BUDGET	BENEFITS	RISK/ISSUE
<p>RISK DESCRIPTION: If the Scheme Costs exceed the current available funding, it may not be possible to deliver the project in its entirety, which may reduce the benefits of the scheme.</p>				<p>RISK MITIGATION (COUNTER MEASURES): The scheme estimate has been revised as part of the updated Outline Business Case. The risk allocation within the Quantified Risk Assessment includes a range of costs with the most probable risk outcome pushing the scheme estimate over the current available budget. Options for additional funding routes or potential phasing of delivery are being considered and include consideration of use of part of the Council's budget allocated to the Strategic Transport Appraisal. A report is before this Joint Committee to consider the process to proceed.</p>			