

# ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

Powering Tomorrow's World

<b>Report Name</b>	Aberdeen City Region Deal Progress Update
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## 1: Purpose of the Report

- i. To update the Joint Committee on the progress of the City Region Deal and its constituent workstreams, through the body of the report and its appendices:
  - Appendix 1 – Programme Dashboard
  - Appendix 2 – Benefits Monitoring Dashboard.

## 2: Recommendations for Action

- i. It is recommended that the Joint Committee –
  - a. Notes the content of the report and its appendices, and the progress made.

## 3: Summary of Key Information

### **Annual Report and 'Annual Conversation' Meeting**

- i. At the City Region Deal Joint Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the request for an Annual Report and Annual Conversation was discussed, relating to letter received on 18<sup>th</sup> April from the Scottish Government. The letter requested the Annual Conversation was to take place in June, however the Scottish Government later altered this to October, and the Annual Conversation meeting has been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> October, with the Annual Report to be issued in advance of that.

### **Digital Infrastructure Lead**

<b>3:</b>	<b>Summary of Key Information</b>
ii.	At the City Region Deal Joint Committee of 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018, funding was approved for the appointment of a dedicated Digital Infrastructure Lead for the Aberdeen City Region Deal. This post has now been filled with the appointment of Wendy Robertson to the role and she has begun work immediately.
	<b>City Network Extension Project</b>
iii.	On 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, construction work began on the first phase of the £40 million investment into fibre infrastructure in the City, starting with streets in Kincorth and Cummings Park followed by Smithfield.
	<b>Programme Dashboard</b>
iv.	Updates on the progress of individual workstreams and projects are contained in the Programme Dashboard in Appendix 1.
	<b>Economic Benefits Dashboard</b>
v.	The benefits of the City Region Deal are contained in the Economic Benefits Dashboard in Appendix 2. These be reported six-monthly hereafter. The report monitors the agreed benefits for those projects where business cases have been approved and the projects are in implementation stage.

<b>4:</b>	<b>Finance and Risk</b>
i.	The financial implications are included at a high level in the body of the report and its appendices.