

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL:

Powering Tomorrow's World

Report Name	Aberdeen City Region Deal Progress Update
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1:	Purpose of the Report
1.1	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 – Programme Dashboard• Appendix 2 – Benefits Monitoring Dashboard

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

3:	Summary of Key Information
Programme Dashboard	
3.1	Updates on the progress of individual workstreams and projects are contained in the Programme Dashboard in Appendix 1.
Digital Programme	
3.2	On 30 th August, this Committee requested a briefing paper illustrating all that was currently happening in digital connectivity in the region which would include details of further opportunities and gaps.
3.3	Developments in this area are currently underway, including the development of a Smart Cities Action Plan. The CRD Digital Lead,

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supported by the Digital Workstream group, will ensure alignment between the CRD Digital Programme and this and other developments with the objective of maximising the potential for the City Region to be at the forefront of digital connectivity. Further information will be provided at a future meeting of the Joint Committee once these concepts and plans have been developed further.

Economic Benefits Dashboard

3.4 The benefits of the City Region Deal are contained in the Benefits Dashboard in Appendix 2. The Benefits Dashboard will be reported each quarter, although some measures within it will only be updated six-monthly or annually. The report monitors the agreed benefits for those projects where business cases have been approved and the projects are in implementation stage.

The Oil & Gas Technology Centre (OGTC)

3.5 OGTC's 18 month Checkpoint Report was presented to this Committee on 4th May 2018 and was also issued to the UK Government and the Scottish Government at the same time. Further to discussions between the Aberdeen City Region Deal and representatives of the UK Government, Scottish Government and OGTC, the UK Government and Scottish Government have issued a joint letter detailing the conditions it requires to be met in order to approve the checkpoint report.

4:	Finance and Risk
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4.1 Project-specific financial implications are included in Appendix 1. There are no other financial implications of this report.