

Notice of Motion by Councillor Crockett

Council -

Notes the success of the Aberdeen City Region Deal, a 10-year deal signed in 2016 by the former Leader of Aberdeen City Council, noting the key themes within the Aberdeen City Region Deal are innovation, internationalisation and diversification. Its key projects areas are:-

- Innovation - including NZTC (former name OGTC), Agri-Food and Nutrition Hub and Bio-Therapeutic Hub
- Digital Connectivity
- Road infrastructure supporting the Aberdeen South Harbour Expansion
- Strategic Transport Appraisal of priority regional projects

Agrees that Aberdeen has been let down by the Scottish and UK Governments who have made decisions detrimental to the North East economy despite Aberdeen having the skills, expertise and infrastructure which could accelerate the energy transition.

Agrees that it is now essential that the Council approaches the UK Government to start negotiating on a new Aberdeen City Region Deal or an extension of the Aberdeen City Region Deal which is due to expire in 2026 in order for the city to remain competitive as it moves towards Green and renewable energy.

Therefore, agrees to the setting up of a cross party working group comprising the 4 group leaders to discuss and agree a Council strategy in order for the council to start the process to either extend or renew the Aberdeen City Region Deal with the UK Government.