

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE
8 February 2019

ABERDEEN, 8 February 2019. Minute of Meeting of the ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Laing, Chairperson; Councillor Councillor Jim Gifford, Vice-Chairperson; Councillors Marie Boulton, Douglas Lumsden, Peter Argyle and Richard Thomson; Professor Stephen Logan, Mr Patrick Machray, OBE and Sir Ian Wood.

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1. DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

The Chairperson proposed that the Joint Committee consider items 7 (Aberdeen City Region Deal Progress Update – Exempt Appendix) and 8 (City Region Deal – Financial Update Q3 2018/19) with the press and public excluded.

The Joint Committee resolved:-

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting from item 7 of the agenda so as to avoid disclosure of information of the classes described in the following paragraphs of Schedule 7(A) to the Act:- articles 6 and 7 (paragraph 6).

2. APPOINTMENT OF OPPORTUNITY NORTH EAST SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee were advised that Professor John Harper and Trevor Garlick were nominated as named substitutes for Opportunity North East (ONE).

The Joint Committee resolved:-

to formally appoint Professor John Harper and Trevor Garlick as named substitutes of ONE.

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated in respect of the items on today's agenda.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 DECEMBER 2018

The Joint Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 7 December 2018.

In relation to article 3, the Joint Committee were advised (a) that Paul Finch had recently obtained the track diagrams, and that these would be circulated in due course; and (b) that the £200M for signalling capacity had been confirmed.

The Joint Committee:-

- (i) to note the information provided; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the minute.

5. ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL PROGRESS UPDATE

The Joint Committee had before it a report by the Programme Manager which provided an update on the progress of the City Region Deal and its constituent workstreams.

The report recommended:-

that the Joint Committee –

- (a) note the content of the report, its appendices and the progress made; and
- (b) note and endorse the two conditions which were to be included within the Oil and Gas Technology Centre Business Case, as a result of the 18 Month Checkpoint review as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

The Joint Committee heard the Programme Manager advise (a) that the STAG 2 tender was currently out for tender with an award date of 22 March 2019; (b) that leads were currently re-profiling milestones and budgets on the Business Cases approved in January 2019; (c) that the City Network Extension had passed 4600 homes; and (d) that Johannah Boyd and Chris Oswald from the Equalities Commission would be delivering a workshop for workstream leads on 25 February 2019.

The Joint Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) that a report in relation to the current digital landscape in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire (including R100 Scheme, 5G, BT broadband activity and AGRI TEC Innovation Solutions be submitted to the next meeting.

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In accordance with the decision recorded under article 1 of this minute, the following items of business were considered with the press and public excluded

ABERDEEN CITY REGION DEAL PROGRESS UPDATE - EXEMPT APPENDICES

6. The Committee had before it an exempt appendix relating to the Aberdeen City Region Deal Progress update.

The Joint Committee resolved:-

to note the information contained within the appendix.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE Q3 2018/19

The Joint Committee had before it a report by John Lovie, Aberdeenshire Council and Julie Richards-Wood, Programme Manager which provided an update in relation to the finances of the Aberdeen City Region Deal for the third quarter of financial year 2018/19.

The report recommended:-

that the Joint Committee note the content of the report and its appendices.

The Programme Manager summarised the report and advised that whilst no guarantees could be given, it was extremely unlikely that monies being carried over to the next financial year would be an issue and that dialogue continued to secure this position.

The Joint Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

COUNCILLOR JENNY LAING, Chairperson.