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## UPDATE BRIEFING ON THE GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL

### Dear Colleagues

In this briefing we reflect back on the significant progress made by our partnership of eight councils since the City Deal was agreed in 2014 and consider what is ahead in 2019.

The £1 billion of City Deal funding secured from the UK and Scottish governments is set to deliver dramatic change across Glasgow and our region's many towns and districts, an area of over 1.8 million people. By the end of last year, six of our 27 projects have been completed (as well as five sub projects).

The City Deal projects, together with our shared Economic Strategy commitments, are changing the region's landscape, how people get about - our road and transport networks, and are helping to grow and support local businesses, generate more jobs, better housing, build our resilience for the future and our ability to compete with other national and international city regions.

You'll find more detail on our website and in our [Annual Performance Report](#) for the last year. If you'd like to keep up to date on progress, [please register](#) for future briefings.



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### Key achievements



**All projects**

selected and funding allocated



**>£22 million**

52% of all Tier One contracts won by local companies



**27**

high level City Deal Projects:  
6 projects and  
5 sub projects completed to date



**8,000**

young people supported into employment through Youth Gateway



**Over**

**£200 million**

infrastructure spend approved

**City Deal**  
as a stimulus for investment



# PROGRESS SO FAR

The Glasgow City Region City Deal is the first and largest City Deal in Scotland and is one of the largest in the UK. It will fund major infrastructure projects; create thousands of new jobs and assist thousands of unemployed people back into work; improve connectivity, including roads and public transport; drive business innovation and growth and generate billions of pounds of private sector investment.

Six projects have been completed so far.

COMPLETED PROJECTS	
<b>MediCity Scotland:</b> a new medical technology incubation facility has revitalised 11,000 square feet of unused commercial floor space. So far companies based there have raised £3.8 million of private investment and launched 12 new healthcare/medical technology products.	North Lanarkshire £1.012 million
<b>Tontine</b> is supporting new SME start-ups, with 18 companies based on site, over 230 new jobs generated to date and success in terms of companies outgrowing the space and moving into larger premises, freeing up space for further new starts.	Glasgow £1.67 million
<b>Cathkin Relief Road</b> is improving the local road network, access to employment across Rutherglen and Cambuslang and reducing peak time congestion.	South Lanarkshire £16 million
The <b>Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE)</b> is translating science into economic and patient benefit, with three fully operational scanners, including the 7-Tesla MRI, the first of its kind fully integrated within a UK clinical site. Over 1,500 CT and MRI clinical scans have been completed there to date.	University of Glasgow £16 million
<b>Youth Gateway</b> , the integrated employment programme for young people (Aged 16 - 24), completed substantially ahead of target, with over 8,000 supported into employment.	Regional £31.8 million
The <b>In Work Progression</b> pilot, supporting the training and development of Care sector staff and sector resilience, completed in December 2018. An evaluation is underway.	Glasgow £600,000

Some highlights from the past year:

		
<b>OCEAN TERMINAL, INVERCLYDE</b>	<b>CLYDE WATERFRONT AND RENFREW RIVERSIDE</b>	<b>RAVENS CRAIG REGENERATION</b>
Plans revealed for a new berthing facility and visitor centre at Greenock to boost cruise ship passengers, helping to grow tourist numbers and annual visitor spend for the economy.	Approval from the Scottish Government for the first opening road bridge over the Clyde, which will connect communities and support jobs and investment.	Encouraged by North Lanarkshire Council's £190 million City Deal roads programme, private developers submitted an ambitious masterplan which aims to attract further significant investment into the site.

You can read a detailed [commentary](#) of our progress to date on the City Deal website.

**Glasgow City Region**  
Key moments and progress to date

AUGUST

JANUARY

MARCH

2014  
➔

Glasgow City Deal agreement signed between local authorities, Scottish and UK Governments

2015  
➔

Glasgow City Region Cabinet formally established

Assurance Framework submitted to UK and Scottish governments

MARCH

OCTOBER

AUGUST

MAY



MediCity opens

2016  
➔

City Deal Community Benefit Strategy approved

Working Matters begins

City Deal Procurement Strategy approved

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Launch of new GCR name, brand and website

Commission on Economic Growth in place



First City Deal Infrastructure sub project completes: Crossmill Business Park



Tontine opens

FEBRUARY

OCTOBER

AUGUST



Cathkin Relief Road opens



Launch of GCR Economic Strategic Action Plan

2017  
➔

City Deal Skills Investment Plan in place

In Work Progression starts

MARCH

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE) opens

Newton Farm Primary School opens

Strategic Infrastructure Summit

Sighthill Remediation Contract 1 completes

Newton Park and Ride completes

MARCH

JANUARY

JANUARY

Youth Gateway completes

Scottish Parliamentary Inquiry findings published

Approval of Education Improvement Plan

GCR Education Committee - appointment of Convenor

2018  
➔

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

AUGUST

DECEMBER

Glenboig Link Road opens

GR1 Baseline Report



GCR Tourism Strategy launch

Strategic Infrastructure Summit (2)

GR1 - One Year Out Report

MARCH

DECEMBER

Working Matters completes

2019  
➔



In Work Progression completes

# WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2019

The year ahead is set to see further progress.

The Sauchiehall Avenue project will hopefully be complete by the summer of 2019, and will see the stretch of Sauchiehall Street between Charing Cross and Rose Street transformed, with improved public realm and travel connections. This is the first of the Avenues projects to be delivered, so watch this space for the next phase of the programme.

The design for the Govan – Partick Bridge has just been unveiled, showing how these historic areas of the city will be reconnected through this cycle and pedestrian bridge, which will be a key part of the West End and Waterfront Innovation Quarter and will complement the exciting proposals for Water Row, Central Govan and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

At Sighthill, construction will start later in the year on a new, iconic bridge over the M8 and a new city park at Sighthill will open in the summer – sure to be a visitor destination. Building of the new homes will begin in spring and the new school will complete in December. Local flood management issues will be addressed with the completion next year of Europe's first ever 'smart canal' scheme close to Sighthill, unlocking a further 110 hectares in the north of the city and paving the way for more than 3,000 new homes.

City Deal funding is supporting the redevelopment of Motherwell Town Centre. Works will begin to upgrade infrastructure around Motherwell train station, improving access, reducing congestion, expanding the park and ride capacity and developing a high-quality travel interchange for bus bike and train transport in front of the existing train station. This will provide increased access for local people to jobs, education and training opportunities in Lanarkshire and beyond.

In East Renfrewshire, Greenlaw Business Centre in Newton Mearns will open, helping to support start-ups and meet the growing demand for flexible business space in the area. Works to improve the road network between Barrhead,

Newton Mearns and the M77 are also due to start. Further progress will continue at Newton in South Lanarkshire, assisting to improve transport connections, local roads access and support further house building. Work will begin on Renfrewshire's Glasgow Airport Investment Area project – delivering the infrastructure and environmental improvements underpinning development of a 150-acre investment area. The investment area will be at the centre of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS), home to the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) and the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre (MMIC).

<p><b>NEW BRIDGE OVER THE M8</b></p> <p>New pedestrian/cycle bridge connecting Sighthill to the near-by city centre. Contract award – Spring 2019 Start of construction – mid 2019.</p>	<p><b>MOTHERWELL TOWN CENTRE</b></p> <p>£3.5 million City Deal funding will contribute to Motherwell town centre and station access improvements.</p>

For more information and to view the latest performance report: [www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk](http://www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk) @GlasgowCityDeal

