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UPDATE BRIEFING ON THE GLASGOW CITY REGION CITY DEAL



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Leader Glasgow City Council and
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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the second Glasgow City Region City Deal newsletter. I am delighted to report that we continue to make significant progress.

In June, we agreed to take on responsibility for new priority areas of work, which will help deliver some of the City Deal's 28,000 new jobs.

We also committed to developing a manifesto for economic development for the City Region. As the economic powerhouse of Scotland, it is crucial that we are at the forefront of shaping long-term growth for our local communities. Later this year we will set out our aspirations for how we want the City Region to maximise its economic potential.

There is welcome debate opening up about a host of issues, such as regional economic partnerships, and we will work with all of our key partners in government and national and regional agencies as we help shape the future landscape.

The City Deal also marked a number of significant milestones; the establishment of a new brand, the completion of the first City Deal infrastructure sub project by East Renfrewshire Council, and the first meeting held for the Region's Commission for Economic Growth. You can read more about these inside.

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Finally, the City Deal website and Twitter feed are now live, so please visit the website to keep up-to-date on progress and show your support by following us on Twitter.

I hope you find this briefing interesting and welcome any comments you may have.

Councillor Frank McAveety



NEWS



Councillor Tony Buchanan (left) congratulates apprentice Cameron Laidlaw (19), with Martin Kiely WH Malcolm, Crossmill Business Park.

Completion of First City Deal Infrastructure Sub Project at East Renfrewshire

In early July, East Renfrewshire Council celebrated the completion of work at Crossmill Business Park in Barrhead, marking an important milestone for the City Deal and demonstrating the ambition of supporting

business growth and creating employment opportunities.

Councillor Tony Buchanan, East Renfrewshire Council Convener for infrastructure and sustainable growth, commented: "City Deal is great news for East Renfrewshire. Our ambitious vision for the future development of the area has been enhanced and accelerated thanks to our £44 million City Deal investment. Flexible commercial units are now open for business at Crossmill Business Park and a 17-acre former factory site has been prepared for private investment,

supporting business growth and providing employment opportunities."

Three local businesses are already set to move into the units which will provide the additional space needed to further their expansion plans. Community Benefits as part of the contract allowed site contractor, WH Malcolm, to offer work experience placements to young apprentices, one of whom Cameron Laidlaw, has secured a permanent job with the company.

View short film clip.



A New Look for the City Deal

The creation of a brand for the Glasgow City Region City Deal demonstrates successful partnership working across the Region.

A two-stage approach was adopted by the eight Heads of Comms and Marketing for the creation of the brand, with an initial independent consultation exercise carried out

ensuring the views of over 70 regional partners were taken on board. Findings and recommendations informed the subsequent creation of the communication strategy, the brand design and provided an agreed new name for the partnership - from the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal to the Glasgow City Region City Deal. A team of designers from across the member authorities then developed the new brand design which fittingly represents the solidity of the partnership and references all member council brand colours.



View a short film about the new brand.



NEWS

National Panel and Commission on Economic Growth

A detailed evaluation of the City Deal will be built around five yearly Gateway Reviews.

A number of cities/city regions across the UK have secured funding as part of individual City Growth and Devolution Deals agreed with the UK Government. While each deal is different, the common thread is that well-targeted investments at a city region level can unlock economic growth in city regions and nationwide.

For reasons of consistency and cost, a single approach to evaluation across the localities in receipt of the funds has been proposed by the UK Government. However, as the Glasgow City Region City Deal is funded by equal contributions from the Scottish and the UK Government, the intention is that the national evaluation will be complemented with additional activity specific to the Glasgow City Region, recognising additional and complementary priorities.

More detailed plans are now being progressed for a National Evaluation Panel and a local Glasgow City Region Commission on Economic Growth.

Working in partnership, nine UK City Regions (Glasgow, Greater Cambridge, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Sheffield, North East, Tees Valley, West Midlands and Liverpool) are seeking to appoint a National Evaluation Panel, an independent advisory panel to oversee the rigorous economic impact evaluation of their programmes of

local growth interventions, to inform how further allocations of funding will be made by Government at five yearly Gateway Reviews, which are a feature of all the individual deals. An assessment of the work required by the panel is underway. Once completed, a procurement exercise to appoint panel members will commence, led by Transport for Greater Manchester on behalf of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.



The Commission on Economic Growth, chaired and led by **Professor Anton Muscatelli** (pictured), Principal of the University of Glasgow, met for the first time in June. The Commission will act as the principal economic advisers to the Cabinet and will also provide input to the National Panel and its development of the UK core evaluation methodology. The Commission will link in with the Scottish Government and its key policy objectives, most notably promoting inclusive growth, whilst recognising the key policy and delivery role of local authorities and their partners. The immediate activities of the Commission involve a review of the remit, development of a work plan and engagement with a number of stakeholders with the intention of presenting a work plan to Cabinet in October 2016.

BUSINESS GROWTH AND INNOVATION

The Business Growth and Innovation Theme aims to support the development of small and medium enterprises and stimulate further growth in the life science sector through the establishment of world class research and development and commercialisation facilities.

The Glasgow City Region City Deal will not only deliver tens of thousands of jobs and massive infrastructural improvements over the next few decades, but also continue the City Region's rise as a leader in innovative industries such as life sciences, advanced design and manufacturing and new technologies.

A key aim of the Glasgow City Region City Deal is the creation of innovation and growth through the support of these key industries.

There are three innovation hubs in the Glasgow City Region supported by this City Deal: the Centre for Business Incubation and Development at the Tontine building in Glasgow's Merchant City; the University of Glasgow's Imaging Centre of Excellence, based at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital campus; and Medicity Scotland in Newhouse, North Lanarkshire.



The Tontine

The £4 million centre for business incubation and development, which opened in May, will support high-growth companies in the enabling technology, advanced design and manufacturing, and creative economy sectors, with between 5 to 20 employees.

The Tontine beside Glasgow Cross will host high-quality and flexible

workspaces for these companies, with a focus on those sectors which link with Strathclyde University - to maximise cross-fertilisation between growing companies in the city and major multi-nationals and research programmes situated close by.

There are three components parts to this exciting new addition to the City Region's economy: the Centre for Civic Innovation, where innovation through collaboration between the public sector and private enterprise (particularly small and medium sized businesses) will be explored; the Open Innovation Pilot Programme, where

best practice on the development and commercialisation of innovative technology will be shared and developed; and DEMOLA, an international platform for the co-creation of new products or services and hosted in partnership with Scottish Enterprise.

In the next five years, it is expected that 134 businesses will be supported at the centre, with each increasing their staff numbers by at least four per business. This will result in the creation of 536 new jobs resulting in an increased turnover of £53.6 million over the term of the programme.

BUSINESS GROWTH AND INNOVATION



Carol Clugston, MVLS College Secretary; Robert Calderwood, Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; and Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak, Vice Principal and Head of the College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences at the topping-out ceremony held on July 8.

The University of Glasgow's Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE)

The University of Glasgow's Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE), which is supported by £16 million of government funding through the Medical Research Council as part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal, is expected to open in early 2017. Based at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

campus, the ICE will house state-of-the-art technology to enable scientists to conduct new clinical research using advanced imaging.

The ground floor of the building will accommodate a £7 million 7 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner. The 7 Tesla MRI scanner is an ultra-high resolution scanner which will allow the development of advanced diagnostic imaging methodologies for use in stroke, brain imaging, cardiovascular and inflammatory diseases. ICE is expected to generate around 400 new jobs and

add nearly £85 million for the local economy over the next seven years. Alongside University of Glasgow researchers, corporate partners represented on site will include a range of large companies and SMEs in the diagnostics and medical imaging fields. The building will also accommodate clinical academic imaging specialists and clinical physics experts.

A celebratory topping-out ceremony took place in early July to mark good progress on the build programme.



Artist's impression.



BUSINESS GROWTH AND INNOVATION



MediCity

MediCity Scotland is a dedicated medical technology incubation facility based at Biocity Scotland Ltd.

The £4.6 million facility brings together academics, entrepreneurs, clinicians and business support services to assist the development of new healthcare services and medical technology.

A total of 11,000 square feet has been established through the refurbishment of an existing building at the BioCity campus. This state-of-the-art facility offers a choice of flexible office space, workshops and laboratories for new and existing medical technology and healthcare businesses in Scotland, thereby acting as a focus for expertise in the sector.

MediCity Scotland provides companies an environment in which businesses are more likely to be successful. In addition, to the space, MediCity also offers business training and coaching, help with access to finance



and connections to an industry wide network.

The facility aims to support up to 150 new med-tech jobs by 2021, develop links between the commercial and academic communities and showcase Scotland to inward investment opportunities in this growing field. In addition, over the next five years MediCity Scotland is expected to deliver:

- 20 workshops/development programmes/events;
- dedicated support for up to 80 med-tech companies;
- leverage up to £5.6 million of additional investment from supported companies;

- assist in the creation of 19 new companies and the launch of 40 products.

As of the end of Q2, the MediCity Scotland Team has delivered one DEVELOP Business Acceleration Programme and will be supporting a number of companies on a one to one basis. 20 participants completed our first Bootcamp in early June and over 130 industry representatives have attended events on site.

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MEET THE TEAMS: EAST RENFREWSHIRE CITY DEAL PROJECT TEAM



Left to right:
 Emma Edwards, Christine Browne,
 Martin Heath, John Wilson,
 Gerry Mahon, James Mullen,
 Dianne Pirie, Ian Conway,
 Iain MacLean, Alan Robertson,
 Andrew Cahill, Catherine McKay,
 Anne McAleer,
 Michael McKernan,
 Lorraine McMillan

East Renfrewshire's £44 million City Deal investment is focused on six key projects around the M77 Strategic Corridor.

Projects have been designed to deliver the infrastructure to support and enhance the place making strategy adopted through the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP).

The City Deal team is made up of representatives from across the council including; economic development, finance, procurement, legal and roads. A number of dedicated officers have joined the economic development team led by Gillian McNamara, Economic Development and Regeneration Manager, to help manage City Deal infrastructure projects and marketing.

Officers meet every six weeks at a City Deal liaison meeting, chaired by Iain MacLean, Head of Environment. Updates from City Deal sub-groups are discussed along with project progress, actions and future plans. A quarterly Regeneration Board chaired by Environment Director Andrew Cahill and attended by

Chief Executive Lorraine McMillan, provides a forum for discussion, management approvals and overall strategic input.

Levern Works, Barrhead

Modern, flexible commercial units of 72 sqm (995 sqft) are now available to lease at Crossmill Business Park. A 17-acre former factory site has been prepared for private investment through remediation and ground formation works (this project was also funded and supported by Scottish Ministers, COSLA, the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund).

Dams to Darnley Country Park

Exciting plans are in place to transform East Renfrewshire's hidden gem into a must visit leisure destination including a wake park, visitor centre and boardwalk with improved accessibility for the communities of East Renfrewshire and beyond.

Enhanced road network

Surface transport connectivity, including pedestrian routes, will be improved between the communities of Barrhead, Newton Mearns and the M77. The first works are programmed

to commence in 2017 with the realignment of sections of Aurs Road.

New railway station

A new purpose built railway station and bus interchange is planned for opening at the end of 2019 at Barrhead South. On the Glasgow to Neilston line, it will improve access to jobs, services and communities.

Greenlaw Business Centre

Meeting a growing demand for flexible business space, a new business centre with office and workshop space is coming to Newton Mearns. Completed by the end of 2018 it will provide support for start-ups and micro businesses.

Foundry links

Building on the success of Barrhead Foundry, additional business space and learning opportunities will be created in Barrhead town centre.



MEET THE TEAMS: CONTINUED

East Renfrewshire City Deal Project Team

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- Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive
- Andrew Cahill, Director of Environment
- Iain MacLean, Head of Environment
- Gillian McNamara, Economic Development and Regeneration Manager

Core City Deal Team

- Ian Conway, Development Team Leader
- Michael McKernan, Business Development Team Leader – Employability and Support to Business

- Anne McAleer, Principal Development Officer – Dams to Darnley Visitors Centre
- Lorna Wallace, Senior Economic Development Officer - Community Benefits Lead
- Christine Browne, Economic Development Officer – Foundry Links
- James Mullen, Development Officer – Levern Works and Dams to Darnley Wakeboard Centre
- Alan Robertson, Development Officer – Greenlaw Business Centre
- Martin Heath, Major Development and Transportation Projects Co-ordinator – Roads and Rail
- Catherine McKay, Marketing Officer
- John Wilson, Senior Estates Surveyor

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