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City Deal Review – Update

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Executive Summary

Since the last meeting of the E&SB, a detailed consultants brief outlining the scope of the review, timeline for completion and procurement arrangements have all been agreed by the Review Group. The procurement process for selecting consultants is about to commence, with a view to them starting work on the project by mid March. A response from Government as to their level of engagement in the review is awaited.

This report also confirms that the findings and recommendations of the previously completed Resources Review, will be fed in to and reported as part of this wider City Deal Review.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Background and Advice

At the September 2017 meeting, the E&SB agreed to bring forward the Review scheduled for Year 5 of the Deal (2018/19). It was agreed as part of that report that this Review will need to be informed by all three stages of the Resources Review undertaken by Keppie Massie. Stages one and two have been previously reported to the E&SB and the Stage three findings will be reported as part of this Review.

Current Position

Since the last meeting, work has been undertaken to develop a detailed consultant's brief informed by the terms of reference signed off by the E&SB at its last meeting in November. An indicative timeline for completing the review has also been prepared and the procurement process is about to commence.

The review is being overseen by a Review Group which comprises, the three local authority Chief Executives, the two Chairs of the E&SB and the Chair of the Growth Deal Management Board. The first meeting of the Review group took place on 7th February 2018 where the consultants brief was discussed and approved, subject to some refinements being made. Government colleagues have been asked to participate in the Review and a response is awaited.



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Throughout the Review, the City Deal partners will have the opportunity to work closely with the consultants, whether it is providing information/evidence to support the research phase, identifying challenges to overcome or sharing future ambitions for City Deal.

It is intended that the successful consultants will be appointed by mid March 2018, and will report to the meeting of the E&SB scheduled for June 2018. The Review Group will oversee the appointment of consultants and members of the City Deal E&SB will be advised as to who has been appointed in due course.