



**Note of the Scottish Cities Alliance Leadership Group meeting
Wednesday 11 September 2013
Glasgow**

Attendance

Cllr Barney Crockett	Aberdeen City Council
Gordon McIntosh	Director of Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council
Cllr Ken Guild	Leader, Dundee City Council
David Dorward	Chief Executive, Dundee City Council
Cllr Andrew Burns	Leader, City of Edinburgh Council
Greg Ward	Head of Economic Development, City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Gordon Matheson	Leader, Glasgow City Council
George Black	Chief Executive, Glasgow City Council
Cllr Drew Hendry	Leader, Highland Council
Steve Barron	Chief Executive, Highland Council
Cllr Ian Miller	Leader, Perth and Kinross Council
David Littlejohn	Head of Planning and Regeneration, Perth and Kinross Council
Cllr Johanna Boyd	Leader, Stirling Council
Bob Jack	Chief Executive, Stirling Council
Nicola Sturgeon MSP	Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
Onagh Gil	Head of Enterprise and Cities Division, Scottish Government
Prof Lesley Sawers	Chair, Scottish Cities Alliance

Strategic Discussion Speakers

Brian Devlin	Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services, Glasgow City Council
Dr Mary Keeling	Manager, Economic Analysis – Smarter Cities, IBM

Also in attendance

Andrew Sime	Director, Scotland and North Territory, IBM
Alison Muckersie	Senior Manager, Economic Development, City of Edinburgh Council
David Coyne	Head of Business and Economic Development, Glasgow City Council
Dr Morag Watt	Cities Team Leader, Scottish Government
Sharon Miller	Cities Team, Scottish Government
Beth Elliot	Private Secretary to the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Cities, Scottish Government
Andrew Unsworth	Smart Cities and Communities Project Manager, Scottish Government
Geoff Duke	Director, Scottish Cities Alliance, SCDI
Iain McCreaddie	Policy Executive, SCDI

Apologies

Valerie Watts

Sue Bruce

Bernadette Malone

Prof Iain Docherty

Mike Neilson

Chief Executive, Aberdeen City Council

Chief Executive, Edinburgh City Council

Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council

Scottish Cities Knowledge Centre, University of Glasgow

Digital Director, Scottish Government

Note of meeting

1. Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming Steve Barron to his first meeting. Apologies were noted. The chair introduced the guest speakers and others in attendance.

2. Strategic Discussion

Presentations were made by Brian Devlin on “Future City Glasgow” and Dr Mary Keeling on “Smarter Citizens – A Technologically Enabled Approach to Improving Outcomes.”

Following the presentations, there was a discussion which noted the opportunities that the Glasgow Demonstrator will provide for the other cities. Dr Keeling’s presentation had shown additional services which could be considered as part of a Smart City package. The difficulty of specifying and procuring a smart city was recognised. However, by having a strategic vision for the city, an incremental and integrated approach can be taken towards achieving it. There was an appetite to make progress in parallel to the Glasgow demonstrator and replicate modules where appropriate (e.g. the cycle path lighting approach). Recognition that the technology is largely proven and it is the application/implementation that is new. Dr Keeling considered that collaboration was particularly important in terms of data.

3. Note of previous meeting and matters arising

The note of the previous meeting (17 April 2013) was agreed and will now be published.

4. Strategic Implementation Plan – Overview of Progress

The SCA Director gave a summary of the SIP progress report noting that considerable momentum was being developed across the three strands of the SIP.

4. a. Attracting Investment: Technical assistance has been commissioned to develop City Investment Plans and associated funding frameworks. The City Investment Plans will be reported to the next Leadership Group meeting in December and the associated funding frameworks at the April 2014 meeting.

An investment promotion event had been held in London and was successful in attracting interest from a number of potential investors. Plans are well underway for a presence at MIPIM 2014.

A collaborative bid for European Structural Funds across four themes has been prepared and submitted. It has been well received and work will continue to refine it further. If successful, this will provide up to 40% funding and it was noted that match funding would be required over the 7 year programme.

- b. Creating the Conditions: The Smart Ticketing Report is on target for delivery in the coming weeks and is expected to identify a roadmap to deliver an integrated system that meets the requirements of customers and operators.

The Hydrogen Strategy Report is on target for delivery and is expected to identify opportunities for economies of scale and long term benefits. This strategy is one of the four themes for the European Structural Fund bid, which makes provision to further develop the

recommendations of this report. Furthermore, this collaborative action has attracted the attention of an EU public/private partnership looking to invest in a Scotland wide deployment of Hydrogen buses.

Further to the strategic discussions around smart cities at the previous meeting, resources are being put in place to take forward the smart cities agenda and develop a strategic programme which builds on the Glasgow Future Cities Demonstrator project.

c. Research and Best Practice: Resources are in place to take forward a knowledge exchange programme.

d. Budget: An update report was tabled showing the changes from the previous meeting. The increased level of spend reflects the momentum being developed across the SIP.

5. City Deals

Cllr Boyd provided a summary of the discussion that had taken place amongst the Leaders and the Minister for Local Government and Planning the previous evening. It was noted that there was a shared desire to explore the opportunities arising from city deals for Scotland's cities similar to those being developed for English cities.

There followed a discussion on how to develop a strategic approach. It was agreed to support, in principle, the City Deals Scoping Study Paper as part of the Strategic Implementation Plan. To avoid delay, final approval will be provided via email.

There was an appetite to develop, for consideration by Leaders, an additional strand of SCA work looking at what further powers and budgets might usefully be devolved to cities and city regions. The range of existing powers available to cities will also be reviewed and consideration given to the opportunities to make best use of these.

The meeting closed at 11:00am