

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal

Note of Meeting between SPOKES, Transport Scotland, City Region Deal PMO, Midlothian Council and The City of Edinburgh Council

20 Feb 2019, 10AM -11:15 A.M. , City Chambers, Edinburgh.

Attendance:

Laura Cockram – Spokes
Cllr Cammy Day – Depute Leader, The City of Edinburgh Council
Dave du Feu – Spokes
David French - Spokes
David Hanna: ESESCR Deal PMO
Michaela Jackson - Spokes
Ewan Kennedy – The City of Edinburgh Council
Ricky Moffat: Midlothian Council
Cllr Adam McVey – Leader, The City of Edinburgh Council/Chair of the City Region Deal Joint Committee
Andy Nichol: ESESCR Deal PMO
Phil Noble – The City of Edinburgh Council
Jamie Robertson The City of Edinburgh Council
David Torrance – Transport Scotland
Dr Charles Wallis – Spokes

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- Spokes had written to The City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Council Leaders, as well as Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure in October 2018. The main points in the letter were presented at the meeting. The main point being that while the latest design of the roundabout does include provision for cycling, the routes connecting to the roundabout are not cyclist-friendly. Spokes' view is that the project should incorporate the costs of improved cycling provision on the routes connecting to the roundabout in Edinburgh and Midlothian to be a truly integrated project, and that these costs should not be left to the local authorities to fund.
- The petition with 694 signatures to the Cabinet Secretary to call for an integrated project to improve cycle routes was also shared with the City of Edinburgh Council Leader.
- David Torrance stated that the commitment in the City Region Deal from Transport Scotland was for grade separation at the roundabout, and not cycling provision in proximity to the roundabout. This will cost up to £120 million. Transport Scotland would cover any overspend. The current design for the roundabout is at Stage 2. Until the price for the contractor to deliver the separation is reached it will not be clear if there is an underspend.
- Cllr McVey confirmed that should there be an underspend, the City Region Deal Joint Committee would determine which project(s) this money would be spent on.
- The next Joint Committee meeting will take place at 10 AM on Friday 1 March. There will be an item on the agenda to update Committee on the Sheriffhall project. Cllr McVey will let Committee know that this meeting has taken place and relay the main messages from the meeting. The meeting is public. Papers will be available on Monday 25 February at [this link](#) . The meeting can will be webcast live via [this link](#) .
- Cllr McVey will also inform Cllr MacInnes, Convenor of the Transport and Environment Committee, The City of Edinburgh Council of this meeting.
- Ricky Moffat will inform relevant elected members and senior officers at Midlothian Council of the meeting.