



Item 7

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Glasgow City Region Cabinet

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PROPOSED UPDATES TO CITY DEAL PROGRAMME ASSURANCE, GOVERNANCE AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (2025v1)

Purpose of the Report:

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Recommendations:

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- b) Agree that Lead Officers' Group be given delegated authority to approve the finalised document and any required changes to the Programme Management Toolkit resulting from the changes to the Assurance Framework.

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2. Background

- 2.1 The City Deal Agreement requires the development of an Assurance Framework. The first version was approved in March 2015, with a revised versions being approved in February 2021 and May 2025.
- 2.2 The 2025 update noted that the Framework will be 'reviewed annually and amended to reflect any changes in practices, processes and procedures. Any amendments to the Framework as a result of these reviews will be subject to approval by the Cabinet, and endorsement with UK and Scottish Governments.'
- 2.3 The Assurance Framework 2025 notes that, 'Where, in between annual reviews...changes to the arrangements set out within this document are required...the Chief Executives' Group will recommend to Cabinet appropriate new governance arrangements. Where Cabinet approves changes to specific governance arrangements, these will be reflected in the annual update to the Assurance Framework'.
- 2.4 All key changes, excepting the refresh to the names of Group members, reflect decisions which have already been approved by the CEG and Cabinet throughout the period since the approval of the Assurance Framework 2025.

3. Changes to Assurance Framework 2025

- 3.1 The key changes which have been made to the current Assurance Framework (2025v1) are summarised as follows:
 - a) update the business case appraisal approach to allow for approval of further statutory duty milestones after Full Business Case approval;
 - b) update the City Deal Scheme of Delegation to allow for certain financial Change Control Requests (virement with no descoping and increase to Member Authorities' financial contributions to increased project costs) to be approved by the Chief Executives' Group rather than Cabinet;
 - c) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to be added throughout as grantee for City Deal funding for Case for Investment
 - d) add the governments' Deal Closure Report requirements; and
 - e) update to governance group representatives and chairing arrangements for groups.

4. Changes to Key Supporting Governance Documents

- 4.1 The Programme Management Toolkit (PMT) is a key supporting governance document of the Assurance, Governance and Programme Management Framework.
- 4.2 Following the approval of the above changes to the Assurance Framework, the PMT will be updated to ensure the agreed changes are also reflected in the toolkit.

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