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Development Team Annual Update

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Executive Summary

The Development Team is responsible for:

- Catalysing development
- Leveraging development
- Citywide strategic projects

These objectives are achieved by taking the lead on a number of projects and this report provides an update on progress since September 2015 and immediate forward actions.

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Development Team Annual Update

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Economy Committee is requested to note the impact of the work of the Development team with regard to its input towards The Economic Strategy: A Strategy for Jobs 2012-2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Development Team is responsible for:
- Catalysing development
 - Leveraging development
 - Citywide strategic projects
- 2.2 These objectives are achieved by leading on a number of projects including the successor to the Edinburgh 12, delivery of The Edinburgh Union Canal Strategy and the City Strategic Investment Fund. This report provides an annual update on activity and immediate forward actions.

3. Main report

Achievements

3.1 Catalysing Development

- 3.1.1 Register Lanes: The Register Lanes Project is ongoing and a Memorandum of Understanding between the partners was brought to Economy Committee on the 26 April. This takes the project another step forward in the revitalisation of the area.
- 3.1.2 Edinburgh 12: The Edinburgh 12 project has fulfilled its initial purpose with a number of successes being attributed to the programme, including: granting of St James Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), the Pre-Application Notice (PAN) for Dewar Place, the redesign of the Morrison Street frontage of The Haymarket to avoid utilities. New Waverley opened two hotels and “The Arches”, South St Andrew Street Development is expected to open in Quarter 4 of 2016 and the Quartermile is nearing completion. Fountainbridge, Donaldson’s and the India Buildings are all

expected to be on site in 2016. While the programme has largely been successful, the Royal High School development has not secured an agreed redevelopment proposal and the team will continue to support bringing this building back into use.

- 3.1.3 Edinburgh 12 successor: Following the success of the Edinburgh 12, the team will continue the good work achieved by this project, however it is recognised that the economic environment has changed since the initial Edinburgh 12 was developed. A paper on the legacy of the Edinburgh 12 ([Investment and Regeneration in Edinburgh Next Steps](#)) was approved by the Economy Committee on 28 June 2016.
- 3.1.4 New Waverley Community Fund: Application period for the New Waverley Community Fund (NWCF) closed at the end of July. Nine project bids have been received, which are currently being assessed. Successful bids will be announced on or before 15 September 2016 and will be advised at Committee. There is approximately £90,000 remaining in this fund for award to community projects.

3.2 Leveraging Development

- 3.2.1 Regeneration Capital Grant Fund: Successfully secured £1.9m from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, in partnership with the Edinburgh Printmakers, in order to bring the Castle Mill Works building at Fountainbridge back into use.
- 3.2.2 Coastal Communities Fund: A bid has been submitted to the Big Lottery fund for £300,000 to complete the next section of the Edinburgh Promenade. This bid was made in partnership with the Council's Cycling team, EDI and Sustrans. If successful the team will be invited to make a stage two bid in October 2016.
- 3.2.3 Bonnington Small Business Fund: Working with Planning and Transport, the team are developing a proposal to create a small business fund from a developer contribution for the benefit of businesses in Bonnington.
- 3.2.4 City Strategic Investment Fund: The team is responsible for administering this Council fund with allocation to date including provisional agreement from the Economy Council of £2.5m to acquire assets on Leith Walk. Construction of industrial units at Cultins Road has also commenced with completion due in spring 2017.
- 3.2.5 Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region (ESESCR) Deal: the team is supporting a number of activities within the ESESCR process including:
- Negotiations on the scope and size of a City Deal infrastructure fund are underway with both the UK and Scottish Government." [A report](#) with more detail on this was considered by Council on 30 June.
 - Project managing the City Region Deal proposal for a Regional Housing programme. Collaboration taking place with ESESCR Deal partners to

develop the programme with a series of investment propositions for the Regional Housing Programme.

- Developing initial proposals seeking City Deal investment to support the establishment of new creative workspaces in Edinburgh.

3.3 City Wide Strategic Projects

- 3.3.1 The team continue to support activities as part of the Edinburgh Union Canal Strategy; this includes the Canal Festival, supporting activities at Fountainbridge and the Calders as the current areas of focus for the strategy. The team have also been invited to take part in the World Canal Conference, which will be taking place in September.
- 3.3.2 The team are continuing to support Council projects including the Wayfinding and open space strategies.
- 3.3.3 Market intelligence: the production of information on supply/demand for space in the office, industrial, hotel, creative and student housing sectors. The team has also responded to a number of public queries in regards to locating in Edinburgh.

4. **Measures of success**

- 4.1 There are three headline key performance indicators identified in the Economic Development Service (EDS) operational plan. These are to:
- Support the creation and safeguarding of 4,100 (net) jobs in Edinburgh;
 - Support £600m (net) of physical investment in Edinburgh; and
 - Support the movement into work or learning of 18,000 people.

5. **Financial impact**

- 5.1 Supporting these activities will be met from the 2016/17 Economy budget as well as leveraging in funding from external organisations.

6. **Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

- 6.1 Risk is accounted for on a project by project basis.

7. **Equalities impact**

7.1 The requirements for Equality Impact Assessments are measured on a project by project basis and assessments will be attached to relevant reports.

8. Sustainability impact

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9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 The Council works closely with a wide variety of private and public sector stakeholders. Each project has undergone consultation and engagement with relevant partners prior to, and during, development.

10. Background reading/external references

[Investment and Regeneration in Edinburgh Next Steps](#)

[The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region \(ESESCR\) Deal](#)

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P15 - Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprises to promote Edinburgh to investors P17 - Continue efforts to develop the city's gap sites and encourage regeneration
Council Priorities	CP8 - A vibrant, sustainable local economy CP9 - An attractive city
Single Outcome Agreement	SOA1 - Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all
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