

## FACTSHEET: CITY DEAL

City Deal invites Councils to negotiate deals with central government over the long term economic development of a city region. The City Deal was launched in 2011 to the 8 largest cities.

In 2014 Glasgow and Clyde became the first area outside of England to negotiate a City Deal.

In 2016 Aberdeen City Region, Inverness & Highland Region confirmed City Deals. Negotiations started with Edinburgh, Tayside and Stirling & Clackmannanshire.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 the Chancellor of Exchequer confirmed the start of negotiations for a City Deal with Stirling and Clackmannanshire.

## Pillars of a City Deal

City Deal is based on four key economic pillars:

- Infrastructure
- Innovation
- Internationalism
- Inclusive growth

UK government are keen to see developments around digital connectivity and energy developments. Scottish Government like to see strong inclusive growth elements.

## Background

Stirling has prepared a plan with focuses on six key themed development areas:

- Mercat Cross & City Centre Regeneration
- Digital District
- The Harbour
- City Park
- Grow on Space
- The River
- Plus
- Rural connections
- Enabling Environment

Clackmannanshire's approach to City Deal is built around creating the conditions to unlock the full economic potential of the area for the benefit of its businesses, residents and visitors. The key developments for Clacks will be around the 'Inclusive growth' pillar but all pillars will be reflected in proposals.

The Clacks proposals will have to be integrated into the existing Stirling plan and also have its own distinctive approaches. The final plan will be a clear coherent joint bid that will strengthen the whole region.

### What happens next?

Stirling and Clacks will be resubmitting a bid. There is no deadline date for this at present. There will then be policy workshops held once the plan has been submitted where UK and Scottish Govt officials will challenge the proposals. This stage will be followed by a development phase. A 'Deal' will then be negotiated between the governments and Councils based on the final proposals. At present there is NO fixed amount agreed. Additional funding can come from private investors and charitable and social economy funding routes.

### Consultation

The City Deal is about the 'big stuff'. Major developments that will change the area for the long term and safeguard jobs and create new businesses.

The main themes of development area for Clacks will be around:

- Business, Skills & innovation
- A focus on place
- Skills for life & participation
- Infrastructure

A new website is being constructed and a Programme Manager has been appointed from the Council.

### How can the Third Sector be involved?

CTSI has already asked for the Third Sector to play a key role in the development of proposals that will help reduce inequalities and disadvantage in our area. This includes supported employment opportunities, gender pay equality, improved housing and travel solutions, social benefit clauses etc. CTSI seeks the values of the Third Sector to be embedded through the Deal developments.

There is also a recognition that the Third Sector can bring additional funding to the City Deal developments and have necessary skills in attracting additional funding.

The Third Sector can influence community-led ideas and host local consultations that ensure the proposals have residents' agreement.

