

# Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals

## Scrutiny tool checklist for councillors

This scrutiny tool is designed to provide councillors with examples of questions they may wish to ask to help them better understand their council's deal and to scrutinise performance.

| <b>How well informed am I?</b>  |   |   |
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| <b>Questions for councillors to consider</b>  | <b>What do I know?</b>  | <b>Do I need to ask further questions?</b>  |
| <b>Part 1: The introduction of deals in Scotland</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Do you know what impact the council's deal is expected to have on local and national priorities?</b> | Members have signed up to the Heads of Terms with both Governments and Tay Cities governance arrangements. Alignment to local priorities are set out in the Angus Community Plan and Council Plan, both of which align with the National Performance Framework. | In due course, and once the Tay Cities deal agreement is signed off, further details of project alignment with local and National priorities will emerge. |

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| <p><b>Do you feel you learn lessons from other councils and other deals about what works well??</b></p>   | <p>The process for deals is evolving in Scotland. Officers are in contact with other authorities and Tay Cities benefits from the inclusion of Fife Council who are also involved in the Edinburgh deal. However the Tay Cities partnership has had a specific mention in the report as having positive governance arrangements which is welcomed.</p>  | <p>Note the continued need to explore good practice.</p>                                    |
| <p><b>Part 2: Making, managing and monitoring a deal</b></p>  |   |   |
| <p><b>Do you know the reasons why projects were selected and not selected for your deal?</b></p> <p><b>Has your council informed local communities?</b></p> | <p>Project selection evolved through the partnership arrangements for Tay Cities and submission of proposals to both Governments. Governments then established what they would agree to fund and set this out in the Heads of Terms which partners signed in November 2019.</p> <p>A report outlining the details of the Heads of Terms was considered by Angus Council and subsequent reports to committee have been published. More information to communities will be forthcoming when the deal is signed and projects get underway.</p> | <p>Note the background and need for wider communication with communities in due course.</p> |

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| <p><b>Do you know how much money your council is contributing to the deal?</b></p> <p><b>Has your council informed local communities?</b></p> | <p>The deal is for Tay Cities rather than Angus Council and there is to be an investment of £300m from both governments with an expectation that this levers in a further £400m over 10 – 15 years. Angus Council has already set aside £4.5m capital to contribute towards the £400m expectation. A further £500k of revenue funding has been agreed alongside around £45k contribution to the Programme Management Office for Tay Cities deal. This information is publically available in reports to committees.</p> | <p>Further resources are requested in the current budget considerations for Angus Council and this is likely to feature in each budget round across the 10 – 15 year period of the deal.</p> |
| <p><b>How is progress of the overall deal and individual projects reported to the council?</b></p> <p><b>Does this work well?</b></p>         | <p>Background reports and briefings have been presented to P&amp;R committee and Council. It is envisaged that when the deal is signed bi annual reporting of progress will be established.</p>   | <p>Ensure bi annual reporting is considered.</p>   |
| <p><b>Do you think the council has the capacity to deliver the deal?</b></p>  | <p>The additional £500k tempoary revenue resource has added to the capacity of key council services to ensure Angus has the capacity to deliver the deal.</p>   | <p>Note the current position and consider any future needs as they are brought forward for committee consideration.</p>  |
| <p><b>Do you know who the council's partners are?</b></p>   | <p>The Tay Cities Partnership consists of the four Local Authorities, Scottish Enterprise, TACTRAN, Skills Development Scotland, University, Third and Private Sector's.</p>  | <p>Note current partners.</p>  |

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| <p><b>What engagement has the council had with partners when establishing and delivering the deal?</b></p>   | <p>The partnership has been fully engaged in the governance of the deal through the Joint Committee, Management Group and Thematic Boards.</p>  | <p>Note continued engagement with partners.</p>   |
| <p><b>What involvement have local communities had in the deal process?</b></p> <p><b>Is this appropriate?</b></p> <p><b>Are links with community planning plans such as Local Outcome Improvement Plans clear?</b></p> | <p>Involvement with the local business community in Angus has been extensive over the last year with over 100 private sector organisations engaged in three stakeholder engagement events. We would wish to continue this high level of engagement as it will help to deliver better outcomes in terms of business investment, jobs and skills development.</p> <p>The links with our Community Plan are explicitly made.</p> | <p>Note and value the engagement of the local business community.</p>   |
| <p><b>What involvement have local businesses had in the deal process?</b></p> <p><b>Is this appropriate?</b></p>   | <p>As above.</p>  | <p>As above</p>   |
| <p>Is there clarity on your role and responsibilities in relation to the deal? Do you need further guidance on how to fulfil your role?</p>  | <p>You have identified three representatives for the Tay Cities Joint Committee.</p>  | <p>Reports to Council and further briefings will be arranged once the deal has been agreed with both Governments.</p> |

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| <p><b>Does your council publish an annual report on the performance of the deal?</b></p> <p><b>Does this include progress against performance or outcomes?</b></p> <p><b>Does this include emerging risks?</b></p> | <p>There is a requirement to publish an annual report on performance, however we need to agree the deal in the first instance.</p>   | <p>Note requirement to prepare an annual report on performance which the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of Angus Council may wish to monitor.</p> |
| <p><b>Part 3: Impact of deals and risks to their successful delivery</b></p>   |  |   |
| <p><b>Do you see a clear link between the deal and priorities identified by local communities?</b></p>   | <p>Economic growth is a key priority for communities across Angus. This is established in all four of the locality plans.</p>  | <p>Ensure economic growth remains a priority for communities over time.</p>   |
| <p><b>Do you know how the council will measure the impact of the deal and deal projects?</b></p> <p><b>Will this show the deals contribution to the national outcomes in the</b></p>                               | <p>A business case will be signed off by Tay Cities Joint Committee for all projects and programmes in the deal agreement. These business cases set out the anticipated economic impact for each project and the annual report on the deal will measure progress against this. Further monitoring will</p> | <p>Note further reports can be expected over the lifetime of the deal, once it has been agreed.</p>   |

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| <p><b>National Performance Framework?</b></p> <p><b>Will you be able to assess value for money?</b></p>  | <p>be reported to committee on a bi annual basis.</p> <p>The integration with the Community Plan and Council Plan means there will be annual performance reports linked to the outcomes in the National Performance Framework. Financial reports demonstrating value for money will be considered through the normal budget processes for Angus Council's contributions towards the deal.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Has the council considered the impact of its financial commitment to the deal within its longer-term financial plans and borrowing strategy? Is this regularly reviewed?</b></p> | <p>Angus Council is currently considering further contributions through its capital programme for Tay Cities Deal. This will be reviewed annually through the budget setting process.</p>   | <p>Note the need for Angus Council to contribute resources to the deal as it develops over the next 10 – 15 years.</p> |