

Infrastructure Delivery Group – Meeting Note – 29 October 2019

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Sandra Hebenton	Network Rail
Ian Chapman	BT Open Reach
Jonathan Padmore	Tactran
Fiona Brown	Transport Scotland
Mark Hunter	Scottish Water
Robert Nicol	COSLA
Barbara Kowalczyk	Scottish Gas Networks
Euan Norris	SP Energy Networks
David Leslie	HoPS (CEC)
Iain Graham	NHS Lothian
Shirley Laing	Scottish Government
John McNairney	Scottish Government
Robin Campbell	Scottish Government
Fiona Simpson	Scottish Government
Nathan Harris	Scottish Government
Lisa Bullen	Scottish Government
Liz Pringle	Scottish Government
Kat White	Scottish Government
Hannah Smith	ICE
David Wilson	SNIB
Steve Dunlop	Scotent
Iain Ritchie	Procemx

**1. Welcome and Introductions.** JM welcomed the group and introductions were made. JM explained the context around why there had been an extended period since the last meeting, in particular in relation to the Planning Bill.

**2. Previous meeting actions.** JM indicated that a table of actions from the previous meeting was issued prior to the meeting and the group noted this.

### **3. Member Perspectives**

Edinburgh Bio-quarter – Iain Graham (NHS Lothian) presented details of the existing and proposed development at the Edinburgh Bio-Quarter. A discussion followed focusing on the need for discussion with infrastructure providers who advocated early engagement. It was discussed that engagement was important ideally before plans were worked up to avoid limiting solutions. Several infrastructure providers advocated early informal engagement to scope out the issues and way forward. The IDG offered to form a sub-group for the EBQ to take things forward and the potential for a site visit for interested members of the IBG was discussed. **IG to action site visit / seek IDG sub-group if appropriate.**

Scottish Enterprise – Steve Dunlop described the importance of presenting the opportunity and potential that Scotland offers to investors in a coherent way. Enhancing collaboration through regional partnerships can assist with this to support the growth of vibrant economic communities. Place based, joined up approaches to strategic planning could play a key role in supporting greater alignment and collaboration.

**4. Presentation and discussion.** Iain Ritchie (ProceMX) described the work he has undertaken in New York City around the co-ordination of utility providers, with specific reference to minimising disruption and costs associated with undertaking street works within the City. Iain described how the ProceMX software tracked thousands of utility projects across NYC in order to ensure effective management and co-ordination of these works. An example of this relates to the notification of utility providers prior to road re-surfacing. The group discussed the potential power of digital solutions to achieve alignment of infrastructure projects.

### **5. Scottish Government Updates**

**Planning Act** - JM provided an update on the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. The Bill became an Act when it received Royal Assent on 25 July 2019. Each section will be brought into force on a specified date by commencement regulations which are laid in the Scottish Parliament. Further details on the post-Bill work programme can be found [here](#).

#### **Digital update / demo**

Liz Pringle and Nathan Harris from the Digital Team within the Planning and Architecture Division (PAD) gave a demonstration of the digital mapping work which is being progressed, focusing on its relevance for infrastructure.

## **Infrastructure Investment Plan**

Kat White of the Infrastructure Investment Unit (IIU) provided an update on the progress of the next IIP. Later in 2020, the next Infrastructure Investment Plan will be published – focusing on three core long-term outcomes of inclusive economic growth, tackling the global climate emergency, and building sustainable places. The Infrastructure Investment Plan will include the response of the Scottish Government to the recommendations of the Commission. The importance of links between the IIP and NPF4 was highlighted. The National Infrastructure Commission was also discussed, further detail can be found at: <https://www.nic.org.uk/our-work/resilience/>

## **6. Next steps for the group**

Fiona Simpson (PAD) provided some background and an up-date on the preparation of NPF4, including the new legislative framework for the NPF, its relationship with the development plan system, and its key drivers and potential priorities.

Post-meeting note: . We have now commenced our early engagement period. Our [Programme for Engagement](#) highlights the package of engagement opportunities over the coming months to help gather ideas to inform the draft NPF4, which we will publish for consultation in September 2020. We have also opened a Call for Ideas and are inviting any comments within the scope of the NPF by 31 March 2020

Discussion on future engagement – the group discussed the future work of the IDG and areas which it could focus upon in 2020. One specific area which was identified was input to the preparation of NPF and in particular the policy options for the review of SPP. It was raised that at the last meeting (Dec 2018), future work streams were discussed and that it would be useful for a draft work programme for the group to be prepared for comment and agreement by the group. **Action for PAD.**