



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

South of Scotland Regional Economic Partnership

10th December 2021

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Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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KEY POINTS

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1. Main item for discussion was the roll out of the regional economic strategy delivery plan with a particular focus on the role of the REP- see slides attached.
2. Delivery plan was launched on 3 December following endorsement by the two councils and the SoSE.
3. The actions now have to be translated into milestones and outcomes.
4. There is a key role for the national agencies such as SDS and Scottish Enterprise.
5. The role of the REP is one of strategic oversight. The next steps are to create a development plan and measurement framework for the REP.
6. Quarterly meetings were proposed based on an annual review of the delivery plan. Each meeting will receive an update on two of the six themes at each meeting. They will be aligned with the South of Scotland convention meetings. There will also be opportunity to link with national strategic aims such as the Net Zero , Fair Work and National Economic Transformation.
7. It will be useful to look at the role of the Shared Prosperity Fund and how it can support the delivery plan.
8. There needs to be space for dealing with other strategic issues that may arise at each meeting.
9. I asked that the REP has a formal role in overseeing the management of risk (threats and opportunities) . Karen Jackson (SoSE head of strategy) agreed to take this away to consider how to address without making the reporting too bureaucratic.
10. I also asked whether the H&SCPs are to be asked to endorse the RES and delivery plan; this was agreed by Karen Jackson, and work is underway on this already.
11. I agreed to discuss within TSDG and with SoSE how we might communicate with the third sector to secure buy-in or even endorsement of the work so far. I agreed to come back to the REP with proposals.
12. I also suggested that the REP should be looking at linkages with Borderlands and the Regional Spatial Strategy, this was noted.
13. There was some discussion about succession planning and format of meetings, to be decided at February 2022 meeting.

