

**CONVENTION OF THE SOUTH OF SCOTLAND  
4 OCTOBER 2021**

**OUTCOMES**

**Outcome 1 – Update from Regional Economic Partnership**

- The Convention noted the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Regional Economic Partnership in developing the region's first Economic Strategy. Members committed to supporting the long term vision for the region and will work collectively to ensure the successful implementation of the delivery plan.

**Outcome 2 – South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy**

- The Convention strongly endorsed the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy, recognising the articulation of the strengths and opportunities for the region's economy. Members pledged to work collectively to deliver on the agreed ambitions for the region.
- The Convention agreed the Regional Economic Strategy provides a platform upon which to discuss the strategic and regional linkages with the Scottish Government's National Strategy for Economic Transformation. Members committed to consider and explore how both strategies, together, will benefit the region by aligning local, regional and national actions.

**Outcome 3 – South of Scotland regional Economic Strategy – Delivery Plan**

- The Convention endorses the Regional Economic Partnership's (REP) approach to developing a strategic delivery plan to realise the ambitions in the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy (RES). Members welcome the intention to develop a delivery plan which both reflects existing and planned activity and identifies areas where new collaborative interventions or a fresh approach are required.
- The Convention notes that as owners of the delivery plan, the REP will provide the strategic leadership and oversight of the delivery of the RES, enabling partners to align their activities with RES ambitions, and collaborate to best effect. Specific actions will be the sole or joint responsibility of individual partner organisations, respecting partners' own governance arrangements and resourcing responsibilities in the context of their wider strategic and operational objectives.
- The Convention notes that the national agencies represented at today's meeting have outlined where they see those alignment opportunities and have committed to continuing discussions with the REP to inform the development of the delivery plan, through the planned programme of engagement.
- The specific areas which the national agencies have suggested and agreed to collaborate with Partners on in support of the strategy's objectives will be captured in the associated meeting notes. The Convention agrees to seek updates from the REP and national agencies at future meetings about the additional actions taken to deliver on our ambitions for the South of Scotland.