

## **CX SSG- Chapelcross Update Report 11 December 2020**

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### **Overview**

In spite of COVID 19 impact and delays to the UK and Scottish Government Growth Deal approval timeline, progress against the CX Route-map (2095) remains a good news story.

Key progress highlights include:

- Since the last public SSG meeting, the CX Partnership have co-created a compelling CX business case proposal (strategic outline business case or SOBC) to undepin its ASK for Grant funding to unlock the site development and generate high value jobs, significant economic growth and strategic impact against Regional, Borderlands and SG/UKG policy objectives.
- The updated CX proposal has secured significant new support from private and public sector stakeholders. This is demonstrated by healthy ongoing dialogue, the collection of over 30 Letters of Support totalling over £1bn in green energy led capital project proposals from the private sector
- The CX Programme Partners (the NDA, DGC and SOSE) are developing capabilities and plans to commence the next programme stage in Q1 2021- this pending SG/UKG approval of CX SOBC ASK for Grant funding as part of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal

### **Looking back**

- Between the February and June CX SOBC update and development benefited from high quality engagement with stakeholders through workshops (Glasgow and London) and thematic webinars. This generated over 30 Letters of Support (LoS) and private sector funding for green energy solutions in excess of £1bn – the most recent LoS being received in October.
- CX LoS have been received from policy makers, academics, potential suppliers, trade bodies, local business, a “big 6 energy company”, politicians etc. Offers of support demonstrate a tangible step change in appetite for the inclusion of CX as part of a national offer and ambition for the region to deliver a positive impact on policy delivery at scale.
- Dumfries and Galloway Council Economy and Resources Committee approved the CX SOBC, when it met in September. The Borderlands Partnership CEO Group and Borderlands Partnership Board gave approval in October 2020. The final CX SOBC was issued for SG/UKG final review in late November
- A stakeholder “concept” for early occupation of the site, which was fielded by the SSG in the spring and forwarded to the programme team for consideration, has been developed into a strategically important proposal and embedded within the CX SOBC. The proposal, which remains confidential for the time being, recently secured funding from South of Scotland Partnership (SOSE) to support deployment

### **Current activities**

- The CX MoU of 2017 is being re-drafted to reflect the changing roles of Scottish Enterprise with the emergence of the South of Scotland Enterprise, the CX Route-map (2095) and DGC CX Programme Mandate of Sept 2019.

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- The CX shadow programme board is currently developing its detailed plans for the next programme stage, establishing resourcing requirements and agreeing how these will be funded, etc. in readiness for its request to start the next programme stage from Council members in Q1 2021

### Next stage activities

- The next programme stage will deliver the Borderlands Outline Business Case “unlocking of the site development”, led by DGC, together with the full scope of the next programme stage (the MSP guide calls this stage “defining the programme”)
- DGC are considering procurement options to secure the optimal delivery of the CX SOBC defined highway improvements and site works
- Detailed objectives, plans and performance management requirements for the stage will be approved within Q1 2021

### Links to CX website key content:

- [The story so far \(landing page\)](#)
- [CX Pillars of Success](#)
- [CX Route-map](#)
- [CX Letter of Support- drafting guidance](#)
- Video
  - [CX Site fly through](#)
  - [DGC CEO introduction to the “London” Workshop](#)
- CX Stakeholder webinars and workshops
  - [Glasgow](#)
  - [London](#)
  - [Thematic workshops\( Energy and Transport; Utilities; Economic Growth, Resources and Skills\)](#)
  - [CX Stakeholder Briefing Pack](#)

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