

### III TAY CITIES DEAL – AUTHORITY TO SIGN

There was submitted Agenda Note AN51-2020 advising that the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee had agreed, at their meeting on 7th September, 2020, that the Tay Cities Deal be signed, subject to the undernoted caveats:-

- (i) there would be an ongoing commitment by the Partnership to seek acceleration of funding in years 1 to 5 to enable the earlier delivery of the James Hutton Institute projects;
- (ii) the order of project drawdown and delivery could change as business cases developed;
- (iii) there would be ongoing monitoring of the programme including the active management of any reported underspend on drawdown through bringing forward projects which could demonstrate spend and have an approved Full Business Case in place; and
- (iv) where spend had occurred, at the project owners own risk, which exceeded the Partnership's drawdown profile, active dialogue with Governments would be held to identify if there were any opportunities through other City Deal reported underspends to bring forward earlier additional funds from within the wider Tay Cities programme.

The Committee noted the above and that, in anticipation of the Westminster and Scottish Governments making arrangements for the formal signing of the Tay Cities Deal, and in view of the timescales involved, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee, Labour Group Spokesperson, Conservative Group Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat Group Spokesperson, the Independent Member and the Lord Provost had authorised Councillor John Alexander, in his capacity as Leader of the Council, to sign the Deal on the Council's behalf.