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## **INQUIRY INTO CITY AND REGIONAL GROWTH DEALS – RESPONSE TO CONVENER’S LETTER RECEIVED 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Dear Daniel,

Thank you for your letter received on 24 September 2025 regarding the Committee’s report following the Inquiry into Scotland’s City and Regional Growth Deals earlier this year.

As outlined in my initial response letter, the Scottish Government welcomes the Committee’s recommendations and acknowledges the significant work undertaken to produce the report. The recommendations are wide-ranging and complex, requiring careful assessment and input from both Scottish and UK Government officials. We are actively addressing and progressing these and I should note that many of the recommendations are already being met or will be addressed through this ongoing programme of work.

Given the joint nature of the programme – funded and governed by both the Scottish and UK Governments alongside local authorities – any changes to delivery or governance processes must be agreed collectively with our UK Government counterparts. This collaborative approach is essential to ensuring any actions taken are appropriate and deliverable across all partners and projects within the Deals programme.

Our intention remains to provide a consolidated and comprehensive written response to the Committee’s recommendations by the end of the calendar year, in line with the timeline set out in the report. Following this, I would be happy to then attend the Committee to discuss the recommendations and our approach in more detail, should that be helpful.

We believe this approach will offer the Committee a clearer and more complete picture of how the recommendations are being addressed, rather than issuing piecemeal updates.

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I trust this update is helpful, and I will ensure the Committee is kept informed of progress.



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