

Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal full deal signing

Today [25/02/2020] Secretary of State for Scotland, Alister Jack, will be joined by Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson, and regional partners at Forth Valley College campus in Stirling to seal their collective commitment to the £214m investment package.

The deal focuses on delivering national and international sustainability through cutting edge environmental projects, innovation in the digital and tourism sectors and boosting skills across the region to create a pathway for future success and resilience.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

This is a big step forward for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal, which will be transformational for the region's economy, creating jobs and boosting prosperity for the long term.

The UK Government is investing more than £45 million in projects in Stirling and Clackmannanshire, including in tourism, aquaculture and the environment.

This is just one of the many City Region and Growth Deals across Scotland, in which the UK Government is investing more than £1.4 billion to create thousands of jobs and opportunities and grow Scotland's economy.

The Stirling and Clackmannanshire Deal has seven areas of investment:

- Innovation
- Digital
- Culture, Heritage & Tourism
- Capital Fund for Clackmannanshire
- Transport, Connectivity & Low Carbon
- Infrastructure
- Skills and Inclusion

Among the first landmark projects to be delivered from the Deal will be Scotland's International Environment Centre based in Alloa. The Centre, which will be jointly funded by the UK and Scottish governments and regional partners, aims to be a global leader for research and innovation, creating job opportunities and building a more sustainable future.

Also included in the Deal is the UK Government's £10 million commitment to a National Tartan Centre that will reinforce the City of Stirling's position as a go-to cultural destination. The proposed facility will provide a high quality visitor attraction that will showcase the iconic nature of the tartan

brand and reinforce the region as a centre of excellence for traditional crafts and skills right in the heart of Scotland.