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PLACESINCLUSIVE
GROWTH

SFT Outcomes 2021/22

Demonstrating progress with impact

PRIMARY OUTCOME

08

**EFFECTIVE PUBLIC ASSETS
DRIVING TRANSFORMATION
OR ARE RE-DEPLOYED**

SECONDARY OUTCOMES

01



hub supporting Midlothian Council's Strategic Infrastructure Investment Framework

The hub Programme is a Scotland-wide partnership that's been running for more than 12 years and is managed by SFT. Its focus is to bring public sector bodies together with a private sector partner that jointly plans, builds and manages community infrastructure projects, such as schools, health centres and civic buildings across five geographic territories. Midlothian Council is the fastest growing local authority area in Scotland in terms of projected population growth. To accommodate this increase, the Council anticipates making significant capital investments across multiple service areas. Prior to considering its development options, the Council recognised the benefit in developing a Strategic Infrastructure Investment Framework. This would set out the criteria to be considered when taking infrastructure related investment decisions over the next ten years.

The development of the Midlothian Strategic Infrastructure Investment Framework was supported by £60,000 of hub enabling funds. Without this unique funding initiative, which was developed by SFT's hub Programme Management Office (PMO), the development of the Framework may not have progressed.

Recognising the strategic importance of the Framework, and the benefits which it could deliver, the hub PMO supported the Council and hub South East in the development of the enabling fund application.

Midlothian Council's investment in developing the Framework with our support provides Scotland's fastest growing council area with the means to determine key considerations associated with infrastructure investment decisions. This is also the start of a Place based review for all of the Midlothian area.

