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Question:

- 1) What is the time frame for establishing the Cities Reference Group?
- 2) Who will be part of the membership? How regularly will it meet? What will be its responsibilities?
- 3) Who will this group report to?
- 4) What is the time frame for publishing the generic City Deal process?
- 5) What is the time frame for publishing detail of the regional City Deal competitive bid process?

Answer:

- 1) The Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, announced that the Group would be established in 2017.
- 2) The reference group's membership and terms of reference have not been finalised and will be decided by the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP.
- 3) Terms of reference are yet to be finalised, however the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, has announced that the group will provide advice to the Commonwealth Government on cities policy issues.
- 4) First half of 2017.

- 5) Details of the regional competitive bid process are still to be resolved, the Commonwealth Government is considering the best approach with other portfolios and consulting with stakeholders.