

GLASGOW CITY REGION CABINET.

Item 1
25th February 2025

Minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2024 at the City Chambers,
Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Susan Aitken (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Councillor Gordan Low, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Owen O'Donnell, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Natasha McGuire, Inverclyde Council (substitute for Stephen McCabe); Councillor Jim Logue, North Lanarkshire Council; Councillor Joe Fagan, South Lanarkshire Council and Councillor Martin Rooney, West Dunbartonshire Council.
- Apologies:** Councillor Stephen McCabe and Louise Long, Inverclyde Council, Ann Davie, East Dunbartonshire Council; Des Murray, North Lanarkshire Council and D McNulty, Commission on Economic Growth.
- Attending:** L Sclater (Clerk); H Holland and C Pimely, East Dunbartonshire Council, S Quinn, East Renfrewshire Council; S Jamieson, Inverclyde Council (substitute for L Long), S Millar and J Brown, Glasgow City Council; K Rush, D Boyle, C Keaveny, P Kilby, M McNally, V McNeice and J Thompson, Glasgow City Region; F Whittaker, North Lanarkshire Council; A Russell, Renfrewshire Council; P Manning and A Burnhead, South Lanarkshire Council; P Hessett, West Dunbartonshire Council; Professor Sir J McDonald, Glasgow Economic Leadership and V Davidson and B Kiloh, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** There was submitted and approved the minutes of 6th August 2024.

Various minutes noted.

- 2** There was submitted and noted the minutes of the
- (1) Glasgow Economic Leadership Board of 26th June 2024;
 - (2) Glasgow City Regional Partnership of 25th July 2024; and
 - (3) Glasgow City Region Education Committee of 17th September 2024.

Proposed amendments to Glasgow City Region Cabinet Standing Orders and governance arrangements approved.

- 3** With reference to the minutes of 6th August 2024 adjourning without discussion consideration of a motion by Councillor Susan Aitken, seconded by Councillor Owen O'Donnell, regarding proposed amendments to the Glasgow City

Region (GCR) Cabinet Standing Orders and governance arrangements, as detailed below:-

- (1) to amend the Cabinet Standing Orders to establish the role of Vice Chair of the Cabinet, appointed from among the Cabinet members, and serving for a period of 2 years before being subject to reappointment/election; and
- (2) that a formal review of all GCR governance arrangements would be undertaken once during each Council term,

there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding proposed amendments and revised wording to the GCR Cabinet Standing Orders and an update to the governance arrangements, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the

- (a) proposed amendments to the GCR Cabinet Standing Orders;
- (b) proposed amendment to the GCR governance arrangements to state that a formal review would be undertaken once during each Council term; and
- (c) appointment of Councillor Owen O'Donnell as Vice Chair.

Glasgow City Region Cabinet – Register of Interests 2024/25 noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 13th June 2017 noting that the Assurance Framework specified that each member of the Cabinet was required to make a declaration of interests to be submitted annually to Cabinet, there was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow City Council, advising

- (1) of the Register of Interests 2024/25 for each Cabinet member and their substitutes, as detailed in an appendix to the report; and
- (2) that the register would be updated and published as further returns were received and that members would continue to be asked to update their declaration annually.

Glasgow City Region Intelligence Hub - Economic briefing on United Kingdom Autumn Budget 2024 - Presentation noted.

5 There was heard and noted an economic briefing presentation by D Boyle, Glasgow City Region Intelligence Hub, providing a summary of the key policy announcements from the United Kingdom Autumn Budget 2024 and its impact on businesses and households in the Glasgow City Region highlighting the impact of the budget in relation to the following subject matters:-

- (1) Economic Outlook and Impacts;

- (2) Labour Market;
- (3) Business Base Impacts;
- (4) Household Impacts/Living Standards; and
- (5) Local Government Finances and Investment Plans.

Clyde Metro Progress - Update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Executive, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), regarding a progress update on the Clyde Metro Case for Investment (CFI) programme, advising

- (1) that with reference to the minutes of 6th December 2023, SPT had adopted the lead role in August 2023 for the Clyde Metro CFI development and approved the allocation of £12.155m business case funds from the Glasgow Airport Access Project to Glasgow City Council, as the lead local authority to support the development of the Clyde Metro;
- (2) that the CFI would develop the programme-level business case that would be an essential first step towards setting out the programme of projects which would make up the Clyde Metro over years to come and of the CFI work packages, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the CFI process would be informed by a range of workstreams including a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guide based appraisal, business case development, technical assessments, audit, assurance, statutory impact assessments as well as engagement and consultation with the public and key stakeholders;
- (4) of progress on CFI Stage 1a-Case for Change and Initial Option Development, CFI Stage 1b-Client Advisory Services, Clyde Metro Framework and CFI Stage 2-Programme Business case, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that given the emerging scale and the scope of the CFI Stage 2 work packages and workstreams a revised CFI work programme and structure for delivery had been developed by SPT to reflect these considerations, with it proposing that the time for completion of the CFI be extended into early 2027;
- (6) of a Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Strategy which had been developed by SPT to provide an overarching approach to the development of the Clyde Metro CFI, as detailed in the report;
- (7) of a 2-part approach which had been agreed to progress the legal agreements for the Clyde Metro partners, the staffing resources required to strengthen delivery structures and of the budget plan of the full £12.155m funding made available through the GCR City Deal; and

- (8) of the future updates, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow City Region UK Shared Prosperity Fund Quarter 2 2024/25 – Update noted etc – Submission of report to UK Government approved.

7 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the Glasgow City Region (GCR) UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) spend to the end of Quarter 2 2024/25 and proposed options for a potential programme extension, advising

- (1) that UKSPF guidance had confirmed that Lead Local Authorities (GCR) were due to submit update reports to the UK Government (UKG) on a 6-monthly basis and the report showed the GCR UKSPF cumulative spend-to-date;
- (2) that any UKSPF or Multiply budget underspends at the end of 2024/25 must be returned to MHCLG regardless of the outcome of the budget on 30th October 2024, and that there would be no mechanism to carry forward any UKSPF underspends into future years;
- (3) of a summary of the reported UKSPF expenditure, broken down by Member Authority (MA) to the end of Quarter 2 2024/25, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the UKG Autumn Budget Statement had been presented to the UK Parliament on 30th October 2024 and that the Chancellor had confirmed that UKSPF would continue for a Year 4, however, with a budget reduction to £900m for the 12 month period, which was a reduction of around 40% for the Year 3 allocation of £1.5bn;
- (5) that while some details had still to be confirmed by the UKG, the GCR PMO understood that there would be no dedicated budget for Multiply in Year 4 and that the indicative budget allocation, as detailed in the report, equated to around 67% of the Year 3 allocation, minus the Multiply grant and around 35% of the overall previous 3 year allocation;
- (6) that the approval of a UKSPF extension would be on the basis of the principles and thematic priorities of the previously approved GCR UKSPF Investment Plan and that MAs would be remitted to seek their own committee approval and a combined regional plan would then be submitted to UKG for approval;
- (7) of the progress, funding and delivery of the 3 GCR wide projects funded by UKSPF namely Regional Marketing of Multiply, ExtendPlus Carbon Baseline Reporting and Clyde Climate Forrest, as detailed in the report; and
- (8) that Ipsos had been commissioned by UKG to carry out a place-based evaluation of UKSPF and that GCR had been selected as 1 of the 4 Scottish locations to be evaluated and would focus on the 2 main areas of process evaluation and impact evaluation, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the submission of the Glasgow City Region UK Shared Prosperity Fund 6-monthly report to the UK Government.

Thereafter, the Cabinet having been provided with an update on the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone (GCR IV), noted that

- (i) timescales for the GCR IV had been confirmed through the UK Government's Autumn Budget Statement; and
- (ii) those timescales would be submitted to the Chief Executives' Group on 5th December 2024, and if required a special meeting of this Cabinet would be scheduled depending on Government timescales.

Local Government Future Skills Programme – Update noted etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of 6th August 2024 approving the updated Regional Economic Strategy Action Plan, including an action under the Future Skills Programme to deliver the Local Government Skills Project, there was submitted and noted a report by the Chair, Local Government Future Skills Working Group and Chief Officer, People Resources, North Lanarkshire Council regarding an update on the progress with the work of the Local Government Future Skills Working Group and the Regional Skills Devolution Group, advising that

- (1) at the first meeting of the Local Government Future Skills Working Group on 5th December 2023, it was agreed that addressing shortages within Planning Departments would be the initial focus and that the Chief Executives' Group (CEG) had received an update report on 25th April 2024 and had agreed a proposed approach for the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Planning Graduate Apprenticeship Programme, which would involve working closely with the University of the West of Scotland to develop a fully-funded, work-based learning degree qualification in Town Planning;
- (2) following a presentation to the CEG on 24th October 2024, the Chair had written to Heads of Planning and Heads of Human Resources (HR) across GCR to ask them to review and confirm their commitment to both the 2-year Masters programme and the 4-year Undergraduate degree course;
- (3) to better understand wider Local Government Training Opportunities, the Programme Management Office (PMO) had conducted a survey with the Member Authorities (MA) Heads of HR to map existing local authority training provision from school work experience places through to graduate posts to capture the level of activity across Local Government and identify best practice that could be shared;

- (4) it was proposed that at the next meeting of the Local Government Future Skills Working Group, that MAs would present project best practice, with an aspiration to develop a consistent programme and share best practice across the 8 MAs;
- (5) the Regional Education Collaborate (REC) had committed resource to undertake an audit of current Developing the Young Workforce activity to better understand provision in place across the Region that would focus on Local Government, and that following the review, the REC would link with the existing GCR Employability Group and the Future Skills Working Group to determine the next steps;
- (6) Scotland's Local Government Workforce Report had been launched at the SOLACE conference on 6th September 2024 which identified many acute challenges in several job roles, especially in social care and social work as well as a number of professional roles such as trading standards officers, planners and environmental health officers, with the biggest barrier to recruitment noted as a lack of financial resource and pressures to make budget savings;
- (7) the Local Government Future Skills Working Group had agreed that the SOLACE report should provide the framework for the approach to be adopted across GCR, however, given the budget issues identified with planning, wider systemic issues needed to be addressed before another area of work could be tackled;
- (8) representatives from the Regional Skills Devolution Group had continued to engage with Scottish Government (SG) Skills colleagues to consider areas of opportunity to work in partnership and to support the delivery of the recommendations from the Withers Report (2023) and that a meeting had taken place with SG Modern Apprenticeship colleagues in late October 2024 to progress the discussion on the flexibility of funding; and
- (9) the PMO was working with Glasgow City Council and the Centre for Civic Innovation to utilise the Scottish Approach to Service Design to develop a more effective mechanism of employer engagement.

Making Glasgow City Region a Living Wage Place – Endorsement agreed.

9 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the progress and detailing the next steps to the Making Glasgow City Region a Living Wage Place campaign, advising

- (1) of the aspirations of GCR to be a fair and healthy work region and of the strong evidence that income and wealth were the biggest determinants of population health, a key driver of productivity, and to create an inclusive economy means tackling income and wealth inequality;

- (2) that in line with the Regional Economic Strategy and associated Action Plan, a range of regional level measures continued to be developed to promote and support fair and healthy work and the focus of this report addressed one action set out within the 'Economy and Health' programme: RES Action Plan 28: Secure accreditation with Living Wage Scotland to make GCR a Living Wage Place;
- (3) of the recent progress made in advancing the Region's Living Wage ambitions, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the next steps in the development and timescales of the regional Living Wage campaign, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that the Programme Management Office and Intelligence Hub were conscious of ensuring alignment between programmes within the RES Action Plan and that steps were being taken to work strategically across the Economy and Health, Inclusive Economy, and Future Skills programmes.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed to endorse the Making Glasgow City Region a Living Wage Place campaign and associated media launch.

Community Benefits Hub: Regional Approach to Social Benefits from Contractors - Update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the launch of the new Community Benefits Hub website, next steps in the roll out across the Region and future opportunities and developments, advising that

- (1) following approval in 2022 by the Chief Executives' Group of the policy for the new Regional Community Wish List scheme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, work had been underway for some time to move forward with research undertaken on UK schemes in place;
- (2) each Member Authority (MA) had their own front door branded website/link, a summary dashboard and access to detailed reporting functionality, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (3) short guidance videos for community groups and suppliers had been developed and collateral/comms messaging provided to local councils to support them to promote their local schemes at no cost to MAs;
- (4) Phase 2 welcomed additional non-council organisations, with an initial focus on the Anchor Network members who were expected to provide extensive

opportunities to local communities, since contractors aligned to Anchors could meet requests from community groups from any area;

- (5) the build for Phase 2 of the website was underway and had been procured with Phase 1 and that working closely with the University of Strathclyde (UoS), a draft policy for Phase 2 had been developed which had also been considered by the CWL Working Group, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and that, subject to local approval by the Chief Executives' Group and UoS, there would be initial engagement with colleagues as part of the development work on the website, testing and eventual launch of Phase 2 prior to roll-out to further Anchor organisations;
- (6) at a future date, Phase 3 (to be procured) would introduce a marketplace model with further functionality added to allow registered suppliers to post up offers of good and services which could be picked up by registered community groups and that a policy would be prepared first for approval by CEG;
- (7) following extensive testing with MAs, suppliers and community groups, Phase 1 of the new Community Benefits Hub website/scheme had been launched in early August 2024 with 3 initial councils, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire and of their progress, as detailed in the report;
- (8) the ambition was to roll-out uptake of the website across GCR councils in the next few months, as detailed in the report; and
- (9) this was the first regional scheme and should provide a powerful and transparent channel for local community groups to have specific asks met and supported by an ever-increasing number of registered contractors.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted

- (a) progress in the launch and planned roll-out of the Community Benefits Hub website/scheme; and
- (b) the policy for Phase 2 anchor network members.

City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme – Proposals for Revision 10 programme approved etc.

11 There was submitted a report by Jonathan Brown, Head of City Deal Glasgow, regarding an update on the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme and of a proposal for revising and re-prioritising the programme (Revision 10), advising

- (1) that the Council was delivering a £385.91m Infrastructure Investment Programme, funded through the Glasgow City Deal and that the programme was made up of 5 separate but interconnected sub-programmes that were being delivered across the city, as detailed in the report;

- (2) of the challenges impacting the construction sector and City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that officers had carried out work to re-appraise and re-prioritise the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, based on the parameters of affordability and deliverability, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that as part of the exercise to produce an updated programme (Revision 10), the Glasgow City Region City Deal Cabinet had invited its Member Authorities to request additional Infrastructure Grant Funds for existing City Deal projects to deal with inflationary pressures and each Member Authority had been provisionally allocated additional funding based on a percentage split of £64m funding previously profiled for the delivery of the Glasgow Airport Access project;
- (5) that Glasgow had been given an additional provisional allocation of up to £25m from the Infrastructure Grant Funds, however this could only be used to address inflationary pressures that had impacted on the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme and following assessment by officers of the 5 City Deal Infrastructure sub-programmes, it had been determined that the Canal and North Gateway, the Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter and the Enabling Infrastructure: Integrated Public Realm City Centre Avenues projects had incurred the greatest impact from inflationary driven pressures since the onset of the Pandemic;
- (6) of the level of additional funding that had been identified through this process are assumed within the Revision 10 Programme tables, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 of the report, which also included additional commentary on the Revision 10 position for each of the 5 sub-programmes; and
- (7) that to ensure that the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme could continue to be progressed and contained within the limits of the approved City Deal grant funding allocation, it was proposed that the sub-programmes, as detailed in the report be deferred and although these projects would not be supported through City Deal grant funding, officers would continue to explore alternative funding opportunities for development and delivery.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) approved
 - (i) the report, appendices and the significant progress that had been made to date in Glasgow in terms of delivery of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme;
 - (ii) the proposed additional allocations to deal with inflationary pressures that had been identified for the Canal and North Gateway, the Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter and the Enabling

Infrastructure: Integrated Public Realm City Centre 'Avenues' projects;
and

- (iii) the Revision 10 Programme, inclusive of the additional Infrastructure Grant Funds identified for inflationary pressures, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5; and
- (b) noted that officers would continue to support the development and delivery of the deferred sub-projects, as detailed in the report, by exploring alternative funding sources.

East Dunbartonshire Council - Place and Growth Programme - Change Control Request approved etc – Declaration of interest.

12 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) setting out a proposed Change Control Request relating to a change in scope for the East Dunbartonshire Place & Investments Programme project (the Project), advising that

- (1) the proposed change of scope related to a deferment of the A803 Route Corridor Improvement project element, the removal of Business Incubation Space within Bishopbriggs Works and deferral of works to Cole Road and Crosshill Road;
- (2) information on each element and the longer-term delivery plan for the improvements along the A803 Route Corridor and a summary of the new proposed project activity, as detailed in the report;
- (3) the proposed changes had been approved by EDC on 21st August 2024, the OBC would assume the £1.96m provisional allocation from the Glasgow City Region to EDC from the reallocation of the Glasgow Airport Access Project as part of the overall project budget, and the additional funding, given it was currently provisional, had been underwritten by EDC; and
- (4) 1 OBC covering the preferred option for the Westerhill Development Road Project element and the town centre project element, as detailed in the report, would be submitted to Cabinet in November 2024 for approval, and that there would be not change from the previously approved milestone date.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) that the revised scope would utilise the committed City Deal funding as per the approved Strategic Business Case of £30m, the 14% Member Authority contribution, and the £1.96m provisionally allocated from the

ongoing reallocation exercise being led by GCR Programme Management Office; and

- (iii) that East Dunbartonshire Council would underwrite the £1.96m until such time as this allocation was formally committed;
- (b) approved the change to scope to support the submission of the Outline Business Case for the Project, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) agreed that a short outputs paper be prepared by East Dunbartonshire Council for sharing with the Lead Officer Group that outlined the learning and good practice from the partnership approach to development of the A803 Route Corridor project element.

Councillor Gordan Low declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.

East Dunbartonshire Council – Place and Growth Programme – Outline Business Case approved – Declaration of interest.

13 With reference to the minutes of 11th February 2020 approving the Strategic Business Case for East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth Programme, there was submitted a report by the Director of Economic Growth intimating that East Dunbartonshire Council had submitted an Outline Business Case (OBC) in respect of the project, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that East Dunbartonshire Council had approved the submission of the OBC 26th September 2024;
- (3) that while the Programme Management Office (PMO) appraisal of the Full Business Case considered that the OBC was consistent with the requirements of HM Treasury Green Book, it remained the case that all legal and financial risks associated with the project remained with East Dunbartonshire Council;
- (4) of the funding requirements; and
- (5) of the current benefits realisation requirements being met by the project.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ceara Pimley, East Dunbartonshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that the PMO Appraisal and Project Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk; and
- (b) approved the Outline Business Case and the funding request of £9,861,178 to progress the project to Full Business Case stage.

Councillor Gordan Low declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.

South Lanarkshire Council – Stewartfield Way Capacity Enhancement – Outline Business Case approved – Declaration of interest.

14 With reference to the minutes of 1st June 2021 approving the Strategic Business Case for South Lanarkshire Council's Stewartfield Way Capacity Enhancement Project, there was submitted a report by the Director of Economic Growth intimating that South Lanarkshire Council had submitted an Outline Business Case (OBC) in respect of the project, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that the submission of the OBC, if approved by Cabinet, would then be subject to South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee approval on 13th November 2024;
- (3) that while the Programme Management Office (PMO) appraisal of the Full Business Case considered that the OBC was consistent with the requirements of HM Treasury Green Book, it remained the case that all legal and financial risks associated with the project remained with South Lanarkshire Council;
- (4) of the funding requirements; and
- (5) of the current benefits realisation requirements being met by the project.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by A Burnhead, South Lanarkshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that the PMO Appraisal and Project Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk; and
- (b) approved the Outline Business Case and the additional funding request of £3.5m to progress the project to Full Business Case stage.

Councillor Joe Fagan declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.

East Renfrewshire Council – Dams to Darnley: Balgray Visitor Facilities Project – Outline Business Case approved – Declaration of interest.

15 With reference to the minutes of 23rd June 2015 approving the Strategic Business Case for East Renfrewshire Council's Dams to Darnley: Balgray Visitor Facilities Project, there was submitted a report by the Director of Economic Growth

intimating that East Renfrewshire Council had submitted an Outline Business Case (OBC) in respect of the project, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that East Renfrewshire Council had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Environment for the submission of the OBC on 15th August 2024;
- (3) that while the Programme Management Office (PMO) appraisal of the Full Business Case considered that the OBC was consistent with the requirements of H.M. Treasury Green Book, it remained the case that all legal and financial risks associated with the project remained with East Renfrewshire Council;
- (4) of the funding requirements; and
- (5) of the current benefits realisation requirements being met by the project.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that the PMO Appraisal and Project Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk; and
- (b) approved the Outline Business Case and the funding request of £170,130 to progress the project to Full Business Case stage.

Councillor Owen O'Donnell declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.

Quarterly performance report noted – Various Change Control Requests approved.

16 There was submitted a performance report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth for Quarter 2 2024/25 for the period to 16th October 2024 providing updates on the progress of the City Deal Programme, Regional Economic Strategy Action Plan and the City Region Team workplan.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) approved the recommendations within the Change Control Requests in respect of the following Infrastructure Programme projects, all as detailed in the report:-
 - (a) East Dunbartonshire Council – Place and Growth Programme project;
 - (b) Inverclyde Council – Inverkip project;

- (c) Glasgow City Council – Revision 10;
- (d) South Lanarkshire Council – Community Growth Areas – Calderside Academy – Holy Cross High Extension – Uddingston Grammar School project; and
- (e) Glasgow City Council – Clyde Metro project.

City Deal Reprogramming and Programme Prioritisation Appraisal – Proposals approved etc.

17 With reference to the minutes of 13th February 2024 agreeing to the reallocation approach of City Deal funds to support a Reprogramming Exercise, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding proposals for the reallocation for the Glasgow Airport Access Project (GAAP) Funds, that included the funds to be allocated to mitigate inflation on existing City Deal projects, 2 proposed New Local Projects and a proposed New Regional Project advising

- (1) that the remaining £129.145m of the original GAAP funding would be reallocated on 2 main elements, namely:

A: New Regional Project - 50% (£64.57m) of funds to be allocated towards a new, regional project of significant scale, that would allow support to new opportunities/address new priorities which had emerged since initial City Deal programme assembly exercise in 2013/14; and

B: New and Existing Local Projects - The remaining 50% (£64.57m) be reallocated to Member Authorities for new local project activity and to support delivery of existing City Deal projects which have faced unprecedented cost pressures resulting from externalities (e.g. construction inflation, Covid impacts etc);

- (2) that in order to identify this new project, as required by the Assurance Framework, the Programme Prioritisation Framework (PPF) process had been implemented, resulting in 4 Expression of Interests (EOI) that had been assessed by the Programme Management Office:-

- (a) Paisley Regional Gateway (Phase 1);
- (b) National Business District Shawfield Completion Project;
- (c) Tidal Clyde Regeneration Through Climate Adaptation; and
- (d) Enabling & Delivering Commercial Space;

- (3) that the Enabling & Delivering Commercial Space submitted by Inverclyde Council had a project location region-wide of 23 projects across 8 Member

Authorities (MA), as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and that this EOI had ranked highest;

- (4) that East Renfrewshire Council and Inverclyde Council had proposed New Local Projects as summarised, in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (5) that the remaining 6 MAs had confirmed the funds were to be used on inflation related costs of existing projects, namely:
 - (a) East Dunbartonshire - inflation costs included in Outline Business Case for Place and Growth Programme for approval ;
 - (b) Glasgow – inflation costs incurred on projects during construction phase. Details are set out within Glasgow’s wider Revision 10 Proposals paper for approval;
 - (c) North Lanarkshire – East Airdrie Link Road (EALR) inflation cost. Details on this proposal were set out within the EALR OBC Approval Paper approved by the August 2024 Cabinet;
 - (d) South Lanarkshire – inflation costs across the Community Growth Area projects delivered to date;
 - (e) Renfrewshire - inflation costs incurred on Clyde Waterfront Renfrew Riverside; and
 - (f) West Dunbartonshire – inflation costs incurred on the Exxon project; and
- (6) of the proposed next steps for the elements A and B, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the report; and
- (ii) agreed the
 - (A) selection of the Enabling and Delivering Commercial Space Project as the preferred Expression of Interest under element **A: New Regional Project**;
 - (B) proposed use of the funds for inflationary costs and 2 new local projects under workstream **B: New and Existing Local Projects**; and
 - (C) next steps, as set out in section 6 of the report.

Future meeting dates for 2025 noted.

18 The Cabinet noted the following future meeting dates for 2025:-

Tuesday, 25th February 2025 at 0930 hours;
Tuesday, 27th May 2025 at 0930 hours;
Tuesday, 19th August 2025 at 0930 hours; and
Tuesday, 18th November 2025 at 0930 hours.

Date of next meeting noted.

19 The Cabinet noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 25th February 2025 at 0930 hours in the City Chambers, Glasgow.