

Infrastructure Programme – South Lanarkshire Council – East Kilbride Town Centre - Outline Business Case approved – Declaration of interest.

6 With reference to the minutes of the Cabinet of 1st June 2021 approving the Strategic Business Case for South Lanarkshire Council's East Kilbride Town Centre project, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the evaluation of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the project submitted by South Lanarkshire Council, which, following evaluation by the Programme Management Office (PMO), had been considered and approved by the Chief Executives' Group on 13th February 2025 and was now being submitted to Cabinet for approval, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee had approved the submission of the OBC on 11th December 2024, whilst also approving a further £18.1m capital funding required to meet the total project costs;
- (3) that while the Programme Management Office (PMO) appraisal 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 this project.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Alison Brown, South Lanarkshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that the PMO Appraisal and Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) the Outline Business Case; and
 - (ii) £3.22m of funding to take the project through to Full Business Case.

Councillor Gerry Convery declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.