

Clyde Mission programme – Progress update noted.

17 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the progress of the Clyde Mission programme, advising

- (1) of the background to the Clyde Mission which had been launched by the Scottish Government (SG) in 2020, and in August 2023 the SG had transferred lead responsibility for Clyde Mission to the Glasgow City Region (GCR) and Argyll and Bute Council, with £25m capital funding for a Heat Decarbonisation Fund and £1.5m revenue funding for a dedicated team and to develop a Strategic Masterplan;
- (2) that the abovementioned funding was subject to the agreement of annual Grant Offer Letters (GOL) issued by the SG to GCR, and following December's 2024 Scottish Budget Statement and completion of the legal review, the 2024/25 GOL had been signed on 25th January 2025, with approximately £80,000 being expended in 2024/25 on a number of activities, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that, to date, the GCR Head of Place had been the main resource working on Clyde Mission, however, recruitment for a dedicated Programme Manager had commenced in January 2025 with a view to the role being filled by May 2025, with the Mission also being supported by a Strategic Spatial Delivery Group Manager to be recruited during the course of 2025;
- (4) of the governance arrangements for Clyde Mission, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the draft aims of preparing a Clyde Mission Strategic Masterplan and of the indicative timescales for a Strategic Outline Business Case which would accompany the Masterplan, as detailed in the report;
- (6) of the initial objectives of the Heat Decarbonisation Fund, funding of which was expected to commence from 2025/26, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) that the GCR Head of Place would engage with the wider GCR team and others to consider if it would be possible/beneficial to accelerate a programme of support for the Maritime Cluster, outlined in the report, in parallel with the Strategic Masterplan exercise.