

Glasgow City Region City Deal Gateway Review 2 – Update noted etc.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the Gateway 2 Review process showing the significant progress in delivery of the programme despite the wider macro-economic climate and outlining the next steps for completion of the process, including the Challenge Session scheduled for 5th March 2025, advising

- (1) of the Gateway Review 2 process background and of the 4 key components to be evaluated for the Review, as detailed in the report;
- (2) of the background to the final report which had been completed by the Independent Evaluation Panel (IEP) based on the full set of monitoring and evaluation evidence to the IEP, which was made up of representatives from SQW, a technical panel of experts and an academic panel, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Intelligence Hub and Programme Management Office had worked between March and October 2024 to provide the monitoring and evaluation evidence, as detailed in the report, and that GCR was the only Region to manage that process almost entirely in-house, and in doing so, significant lessons had been learned and capabilities grown within the regional teams;
- (4) that the IEP report had highlighted the significant progress made in the delivery of the programme despite the significant disruption to the delivery of interventions caused by a range of macro-economic factors including Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine;
- (5) of the Gateway Review process and final report reflections, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that the final step in the Gateway 2 process was the Challenge Session to be held on 5th March 2025 which would involve representatives from both governments, the Chief Executives' Group, senior officers and the Commission for Economic Growth, and would provide an opportunity for the Area to reflect on the findings of the Gateway Review final report, present a narrative of the last 5 years, and to outline any related challenges from the management of the Investment Fund; and
- (7) that the Challenge Session would also present the opportunity for a collaborative discussion on the Area's progress and to look ahead at long-term investment plans.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that the Intelligence Hub and GCR Programme Management Office work with both governments to develop a methodology for the Gateway 3

evaluation that addressed some of the concerns and challenges experienced in the Gateway 2 process.