

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 20th November 2025.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), James Adams, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, John Carson, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly, Laura Doherty (substitute for Ruairi Kelly from item 3 onwards), Greg Hepburn, Rashid Hussain, Ruairi Kelly, Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Angus Millar, Eva Murray (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Catherine Vallis and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; J McGhee, Interim Executive Director of Education Services; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and B Garrett (for the Executive Director of Glasgow Life).

Variation in order of business.

1 In terms of Standing Order No 6, the committee agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Glasgow City Region: City Deal Enabling Commercial Space programme approved – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Declaration of interest.

2 Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the establishment of the Glasgow City Region: City Deal Enabling Commercial Space (ECS) programme, advising

- (1) the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Cabinet on 5th November 2024 agreed to reallocate £64.57m of City Deal funding from the former Glasgow Airport Access Project to establish the Glasgow City Region: City Deal ECS programme which aimed to unlock commercial development opportunities by investing City Deal funding in a portfolio of projects that would directly create new commercial and industrial floorspace or the refurbishment and

modernisation of existing premises, throughout the 8 Member Authorities of the Glasgow City Region;

- (2) the City Deal programme was guided by HM Treasury's Green Book model, which was a significant process which relied on specialised economic assessment and required business cases to be produced at 3 levels to enable grant funding to be released namely a Strategic Business Case, an Outline Business Case or a Full Business Case;
- (3) the GCR Cabinet on 25th February 2025 approved a Strategic/Outline Business Case for the ECS programme and the Council's allocation of £15,924,564 from the ECS programme was confirmed within the Business Case;
- (4) following appraisal of potential interventions, using the GCR Project Shortlisting Framework, 3 projects, namely the Clyde Waterfront Innovation Campus, Phase 2 (Ward 5), the Lighthouse (Ward 10) and the Red Dalmarnock XWorks (Clyde Gateway) (Ward 9), as detailed in the report had been shortlisted for progression to Full Business Case stage;
- (5) City Deal funding for each of the 3 projects would only be released by GCR upon submission, appraisal and approval of a Full Business Case which was in line with standard procedures and processes applied to the City Deal Infrastructure Investment programme; and
- (6) the RED Dalmarnock XWorks project was being led by Clyde Gateway and as this was a third-party asset, officers were satisfied that a Grant Agreement with Clyde Gateway was the best mechanism to enable £6,561,851 City Deal funding to be made towards the delivery of the project, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) that 3 projects had been shortlisted for progression to Full Business Case stage;
- (b) approved
 - (i) acceptance of the offer of £15,924,564 of City Deal funding for the Glasgow City Region: City Deal Enabling Commercial Space Programme; and
 - (ii) a grant of £6,561,851 to Clyde Gateway for the RED Dalmarnock XWorks project; and
- (c) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and

Sustainability, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration, to agree detailed terms and conditions in relation to the Grant Agreement.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Bailie Siddique declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor Hepburn noted his interest in this matter.