

Working Matters Successor Programme approved.

13 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on progress in developing a successor programme utilising the Working Matters (WM) project underspend, advising

- (1) that the WM project had concluded on 31st March 2019 with an anticipated underspend in the region of £370,000, which the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) had agreed could be used for a flexible employability programme to provide a service to priority target groups;
- (2) that an outline proposal had been agreed by the Chief Executives' Group (CEG) in March 2019, with East Renfrewshire Council confirming that it did not intend to participate in the successor programme, and following which all remaining member authorities (MAs) had confirmed participation, with the DWP agreeing that Glasgow City Council would continue as the Operational Lead and Lead Accountable Body for the successor programme;
- (3) that the Finance Strategy Group and the CEG had agreed the WM 2018/19 Statement of Grant Usage which had highlighted a split of grant/match at 47/53%, with an expected remaining underspend of approximately £530,000 to be utilised by the proposed WM successor programme, as detailed in the report; and
- (4) of the anticipated grant share and match funding requirement, detailed proposals from all 7 participating MAs, and a breakdown of costs and target beneficiaries by MA, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the WM successor programme proposal, as detailed in the report.