

Commission on Economic Growth – Work plan update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Vice Chair of the Commission on Economic Growth updating the Cabinet on the work plan of the Commission and seeking approval to utilise the existing budget for the Commission for 2018/19 and 2019/20 in order to progress the development of an in-depth analysis of city region futures, advising

- (1) that the Commission, on 21st January 2019, had agreed to seek Cabinet approval to undertake an in-depth analysis of city region futures that would seek to explore the economic future of the Glasgow City Region;
- (2) that the outcomes and learning from this analysis would be of assistance to both the delivery of the City Deal, and the work of the emerging Regional Economic Partnership, as well as offering support to Member Authorities and Portfolios in the delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan;
- (3) that the Commission would provide a final report to Cabinet that would contain a number of distinct elements, which were the core elements of the Commission's work plan over the coming months, and the responsibility for delivering the final report would rest with the University of Glasgow, on behalf of the Commission, all as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the resource implications, which suggested utilising the Commission's currently existing funding allocations within the Programme Management Office (PMO) budget, namely, £20,000 in 2018/19 and £20,000 in 2019/20, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that progress reports on the development of the report would be provided by the University of Glasgow to the PMO on a quarterly basis, with regular updates being provided to the Chief Executives' Group and Cabinet, with a view to the final report being submitted to the PMO by the University of Glasgow by 30th September 2019.

After consideration and having heard Des McNulty, Vice Chair of the Commission, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) the Commission undertaking the work plan described in the report and submitting a final report to the PMO by 30th September 2019; and
 - (ii) the allocation of £40,000 to the University of Glasgow, on behalf of the Commission, across 2018/19 and 2019/20, from within the PMO budget, in order to support the delivery of the work plan as detailed within the report.