

Gateway Review 1 – Independent Evaluation of Local Growth Interventions – One Year Out report for the Glasgow City Region approved etc.

4 With reference to the minutes of 9th October 2018 approving the draft baseline report prepared by the National Evaluation Panel for Gateway Review 1, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth seeking approval of the National Evaluation Panel's One Year Out report by SQW in relation to the evaluation of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Infrastructure Fund, advising

- (1) that the Gateway Review was the mechanism that would release the 5-yearly tranches of City Deal funding and the evaluation was to be undertaken and finalised by December 2019 to inform the first Gateway Review of the fund, which would be completed by Government by the end of March 2020;
- (2) that the evaluation was implementing the approach that had been co-developed with partners in the GCR in the Locality Framework and Locality Evaluation Plan, had been endorsed formally by the UK Government and built upon the National Evaluation Framework approved by the Steering Group;
- (3) that the One Year Out paper, as detailed in an Appendix to the report, was the second of 3 reports to be prepared by the National Evaluation Panel and followed the initial draft Baseline Report;
- (4) of the purpose and evidence base of the One Year Out paper, as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (5) of the structure of the report, together with a number of supporting appendices attached within the report; and
- (6) of the proposed breakdown of payments which would be made to SQW on completion of the relevant milestones, all as detailed in the report, and which included a sum of £66,810 for payment of the One Year Out report.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by John Nolan, SQW, the Cabinet approved the One Year Out report and the payment of up to £66,810 to SQW, which was in line with the payment breakdown as outlined in the report.