

Infrastructure Programme – East Dunbartonshire Council – Place and Growth Programme - Strategic Business Case approved – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of 8th October 2019 agreeing that East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC), acting as the lead sponsor for the Place and Growth Programme project, should progress with the development of a Strategic Business Case (SBC) for a revised project which would see the refocussing of the Strathclyde Bus Improvement Programme (SBIP) towards a SBIP pilot integrated with EDC's Place and Growth Programme, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth intimating that EDC had submitted a revised SBC for the Place and Growth Programme, developed in partnership with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Glasgow City Council, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that the Programme Management Office (PMO) appraisal of the SBC considered that the SBC was broadly in line with Her Majesty's Treasury Green Book requirements for the SBC stage of business development;
- (3) of the funding requirements; and
- (4) that the anticipated benefits realisation outputs would be fully quantified for the Outline Business Case (OBC).

After consideration and having heard a presentation on the project by David Gear, EDC, the Cabinet

- (a) approved the SBC for the Place and Growth Programme and invited EDC to proceed to the next stage of the business case;
- (b) noted that at this stage, in line with Green Book requirements, there were no projections of the economic benefits (GVA, employment) that this project might deliver and, while this information was not required until the completion of the OBC, EDC would prioritise the completion of the economic impact assessment (EIA) element of the OBC and an interim report on the findings of the EIA would be provided to the Chief Executives' Group once available; and
- (c) approved the funding requirement of £0.7m to develop the project to OBC stage.

Councillor Polson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision thereon.