

Audit Scotland report on Scottish City Region and Growth Deals– Position noted etc.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing the Cabinet with a summary of the key messages contained within the Audit Scotland report “Scotland’s City Region and Growth Deals”, which had been published on 16th January 2020, advising

- (1) of the scope of the audit;
- (2) of Glasgow City Region’s City Deal governance requirements;
- (3) that the report had included 13 key messages regarding City Deals across Scotland, 5 of a positive nature, and 8 which had identified areas for improvement, all as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the report had made 15 recommendations, which had included 8 recommendations for Councils, 3 joint recommendations for Scottish Government and Councils and 4 for the Scottish Government; and
- (5) of an overview of those arrangements which were already in place or were being developed to ensure the recommendations relating to Councils were being addressed in Glasgow City Region, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that the Chief Executives’ Group had agreed to write to Audit Scotland in response to the report; and
- (b) agreed that this report should be included as part of that response.