Assurance, Governance and Programme Management Framework – Position agreed etc.

5   There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an overview of the key amendments and additions which had been made to the most recent version (v2.4) of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Assurance Framework (AF) and the scope of the new, accompanying key supporting governance documents which had been used to operationalise the principles contained within the framework, advising

(1)   of the approach which had been taken by the Programme Management Office (PMO) in order to refresh the AF 2015;

(2)   of the key amendments and additions which had been made to the AF, together with the development of a number of key supporting governance documents aimed at operationalising the principles within the new AF 2019, including the Programme Prioritisation Framework, Programme Management Toolkit and Benefits Realisation Management Framework, all as detailed in the report;

(3)   that through the creation of those governance documents, the PMO had sought to separate operational documents from the core AF document, ensuring that ministerial endorsement would only be required should changes be proposed in future to key assurance, governance and programme management principles, as opposed to operational documents; and

(4)   that both the UK and Scottish Governments would provide final formal comments on this AF version, and if required, a further version of the AF would be submitted to a future meeting for consideration, whilst clarification was still awaited from both governments to ascertain whether formal endorsement from ministers was required.

After consideration, the Cabinet

(a)   agreed that v2.4 of the AF and its accompanying key supporting governance documents be operationalised by the City Deal PMO; and

(b)   noted that the Director of Regional Economic Growth would advise Cabinet of, and seek approval for, any further changes which might be required following UK and Scottish Governments' feedback.