

Working Matters – Project evaluation noted etc.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the final evaluation report for the Working Matters project (WM) and proposing that the findings be used to inform the future regional approach to delivering employability services, advising

- (1) of the background to the WM project, which had been supported by the Department of Work and Pensions and the 8 Member Authorities and which had concluded on 31st March 2019;
- (2) that the independent consultants, Ekosgen, had been commissioned to carry out an ongoing evaluation of the project and had previously presented their interim finding to the Chief Executives' Group, with the final evaluation report also being shared with the WM Operational Delivery Group, who had provided feedback on the contents;
- (3) of the executive summary of the WM project evaluation, which had included a number of conclusions and recommendations, detailed in an appendix to the report; and
- (4) of a proposal that the Skills and Employment Portfolio Group be asked to consider the findings of the evaluation report and how the lessons learned from WM could shape the future regional approach to the delivery of employability services.

After consideration and having heard a presentation on the project by Mike McNally, Glasgow City Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the conclusions and recommendations of the WM final evaluation report; and
- (b) agreed that the Glasgow City Region Skills and Employment Portfolio Group consider the WM evaluation report and how the lessons learned from WM could shape the future regional approach to the delivery of employability services.