

GLASGOW CITY REGION CABINET.

Minutes of meeting held on 13th February 2018 at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Susan Aitken (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Councillor Tony Buchanan, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Stephen McCabe, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Iain Nicolson, Renfrewshire Council; Councillor John Ross, South Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Jonathan McColl, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Apology: Councillor Jim Logue, North Lanarkshire Council.

Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Glasgow City Council; G Cornes, East Dunbartonshire Council; L McMillan, East Renfrewshire Council; A Fawcett, Inverclyde Council; S Linton, North Lanarkshire Council; L Freeland, South Lanarkshire Council; S Black, Renfrewshire Council; J Whyte, West Dunbartonshire Council; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; D McNulty, Vice-Chair, Commission on Economic Growth; and E Keggans, Audit Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** There was submitted and approved the minutes of 12th December 2017.

Minutes of Glasgow City Region Education Committee noted etc.

- 2** There was submitted the minutes of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee of 15th January 2018.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted the minutes and that there would be a presentation on the Glasgow City Region Improvement Plan at the next meeting of this group.

Programme update noted etc.

- 3** There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on various key programme development tasks and issues for the period to 5th January 2018, advising of

- (1) the financial monitoring information, as detailed in the report;
- (2) the progress in relation to the Infrastructure, Innovation and Skills and Employment programmes, all as detailed in the report; and
- (3) other activity carried out by the PMO, which included details on Business Case Training, Change Controls which had been submitted in the last cycle,

Cumulative Assessment exercise for the SAF, Communications and Marketing and Benefits Realisation, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the financial reporting and change controls submitted in the last cycle, all as detailed in the report; and
- (b) requested that an update on the Transport Cumulative Assessment exercise be submitted to the next meetings of the Lead Officers' Group and the Chief Executives' Group.

Commission on Economic Growth – Update noted etc.

4 The Cabinet heard a verbal update by Des McNulty, Vice-Chair, Commission on Economic Growth, on the work currently being undertaken by the Commission, during which he highlighted:-

- (1) the outcome of a meeting between the Commission and SQW in relation to the Local Evaluation Framework;
- (2) that the Commission had organised a workshop on 2nd March 2018 for the Chief Executives' Group and the Economic Delivery Group to consider what inclusive growth meant in a Glasgow City Region context and to look at how to combine a project basis approach with a conurbation perspective; and
- (3) discussions on how the opportunities for collaboration arising from the City Deal might be seen as a way of advancing the Christie recommendations.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) thanked Des McNulty for the update; and
- (b) noted that
 - (i) he would report back further on how Inclusive Growth could be taken forward; and
 - (ii) Council Leaders were welcome to attend the workshop on 2nd March 2018.

Programme Review update noted etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the review of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme, advising that

- (1) the review was not intended to change investment decisions which had already been taken, but to ensure that the programme was fit for purpose as it moved into the delivery phase;
- (2) the review was focused around the 3 main areas as previously agreed, namely:-
 - (a) compliance with the HM Treasury Green Book;
 - (b) project contribution to inclusive growth; and
 - (c) the development of a complementary funding process; and
- (3) the 3 workstreams were running concurrently, with updates and timescales of each, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the 3 workstreams of the City Deal Programme Review and the timescales associated with each; and
- (ii) agreed that a further report on progress of the review be submitted to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

Annual Audit Plan 2017/18 – Report by Audit Scotland noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Audit Scotland regarding the Glasgow City Region Cabinet Joint Committee Annual Audit Plan for 2017/18, which

- (1) summarised its assessment of the key challenges and audit risks facing the Glasgow City Region Cabinet Joint Committee; and
- (2) detailed the audit work that would be carried out by Audit Scotland for 2017/18 to address those issues.

After consideration and having heard Ms Emma Keggans, Audit Scotland, the Cabinet noted the Glasgow City Region Cabinet Joint Committee Annual Audit Plan for 2017/18.

Scottish Parliamentary Inquiry on City Deals – Findings and recommendations noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing a summary of the findings and recommendations from the Scottish Parliament Inquiry on City Deals, led by the Local Government and Communities Committee, which had been published on 8th January 2018, advising

- (1) of the background to the Parliamentary Inquiry and the specific issues around which it had been focussed, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that during November 2017, 4 evidence sessions had been held with representatives attending from a range of organisations and bodies, and the Committee had also visited Glasgow Airport to learn more about projects within the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal that affected the airport and surrounding areas;
- (3) of the findings of the Inquiry, together with the conclusions and recommendations, all as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the proposed GCR response, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that the Committee had requested a formal response from both the UK and Scottish Governments to the report and would consider what, if any, further action was required, and further intended to keep a watching brief and take an interest in the 2019 Gateway Review of the GCR City Deal, as this was the first such review of City Region Deals in Scotland.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report, proposed actions and next steps; and
- (b) agreed that the Chair would make a formal response to the Local Government and Communities Committee report on behalf of this Cabinet taking account of comments made at the meeting and would report back on the matter to a future meeting.

Planning (Scotland) Bill 2017 – Glasgow City Region response to call for evidence noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the development of the Planning (Scotland) Bill 2017 and the Glasgow City Region (GCR) response to the call for evidence, which had been produced by the Land Use and Sustainability portfolio, advising

- (1) that the Bill had been published on 4th December 2017 and had included a series of questions in relation to a call for evidence, 3 of which were pertinent to the GCR, and which related to:-
 - (a) enabling increased house building;
 - (b) maintaining strategic land use planning at a city regional geography; and
 - (c) the proposed Infrastructure Levy and ways to raise funds for infrastructure provision; and

- (2) of the proposed GCR response to the call for evidence, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted the report and the GCR response to the call for evidence on the Planning (Scotland) Bill 2017, as detailed in the appendix to the report, which due to the deadline for submission of responses being 2nd February 2018 had been submitted prior to this meeting.

Date of next meeting.

9 The Cabinet noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 10th April 2018 at 1000 hours in the City Chambers, Glasgow.