

## **Gateway Review 1 – Draft Local Evaluation Plan approved etc.**

**10** There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth seeking approval of the draft Local Evaluation Plan (LEP) which set out the approach to project monitoring and evaluation that would be put in place for Gateway Review 1 (GR1) in December 2019, advising

- (1) of the purpose and content of the draft LEP, which included those projects which would be subject to progress evaluation and impact evaluation for GR1, together with information on the strands of capacity development and partnership evaluation and contextual economic forecasting, all as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) of feedback which had been provided by the Commission on Economic Growth, together with the views of the UK and Scottish Governments, intimating that they were both content with the approach set out in the LEP;
- (3) that the overall costs associated with the LEP were currently estimated at £267,658, with a total budget of £210,000 being available from existing resources; and
- (4) that it had previously been agreed that any future changes to the Local Evaluation Framework would be submitted to the Lead Officers Group for approval, and the Programme Management Office would bring forward an updated version of the Framework following Cabinet approval of the LEP.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) approved the approach set out in the LEP; and
- (b) agreed to enter into a contract with SQW with payments up to a total of £267,658 to meet the costs of implementing the evaluation tasks for GR1 as set out in the report.