

Glasgow City Region Innovation Action Plan delivery update approved.

13 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the next steps for the delivery of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Innovation Action Plan (IAP), advising

- (1) that following the success of the Innovation Accelerator programme, the IAP had been developed in partnership between Innovate UK, Scottish Enterprise and GCR, had been launched at the Can-Do summit in November 2023 and set out the aspiration to deliver 'An Inclusive, Sustainable, Productive and Innovative Economy', which would be delivered via 6 action areas, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that strengthening support for the IAP, the GCR Chief Executives' Group had agreed in a recent workshop to focus on Innovation as a key priority for the Region alongside Skills and Place, with the GCR Investment Zone providing a major opportunity to build on the strengths of the Region's current and emerging cluster specialisms which underpinned the IAP;
- (3) of the proposed Phase 1 delivery of the IAP, which, due to the nature of the tri-partite development process, the actions within it had been kept fairly high-level, as detailed in the report; and
- (4) of the proposed governance arrangements, as detailed in the report. .

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the Phase 1 delivery proposal for the Innovation Action Plan.