

Work of Glasgow City Region/Programme Management Office noted etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 7th September 2023 (Print 4, page 19) instructing the Chief Executive to bring an updated paper to this committee on the work of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Programme Management Office (PMO), there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the work of the GCR PMO and the Region's Intelligence Hub (IH), advising

- (1) that the GCR PMO was initially set up in 2014 to support a £1.13b City Deal programme funded by 8 local Councils, namely Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire and the team which included a dedicated IH was based within this Council, led by the Director of Regional Economic Growth;
- (2) that the scope of the team had continued to grow, particularly over the past 18 months where a significant increase in policies, resources and funding/investment of approximately £300m had been devolved to the Region;
- (3) that the GCR Cabinet had been established in 2014 and was made up of the leaders of the 8 member authorities and was responsible for decision making in relation to the City Deal and also for determining the strategic economic development priorities for GCR;
- (4) that the PMO acted as the secretariat for the Cabinet which was the central point for appraisal and monitoring of all aspects of City Deal and the Cabinet was supported by the Chief Executive's Group which oversaw the management of the PMO in its delivery of the operational functions of the Cabinet, with a series of formal and informal groups set up to support a range of programmes, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the key programmes, as detailed in the report; and
- (6) that the IH acted as an internal economic consultancy for the Region and its primary functions were to make the case for investment in the Region and ensure the Region made evidence-based policy and programme/project decisions and, in doing so, it was saving significant costs which otherwise would have been spent on consultants.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) that a further update should be provided on the work of Glasgow City Region/Programme Management Office including the Energy Masterplan, Investment Zone and Clyde Mission.