

GLASGOW CITY REGION CABINET.

Item 1
7th May 2024

Minutes of meeting held on 13th February 2024 at the City Chambers,
Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Susan Aitken (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Councillor Gordan Low, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Owen O'Donnell, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Stephen McCabe, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Jim Logue, North Lanarkshire Council; Councillor Iain Nicolson, Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Joe Fagan, South Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Martin Rooney, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Apologies: D Murray, North Lanarkshire Council; A Russell, Renfrewshire Council; and D McNulty, Commission on Economic Growth.

Attending: T O'Neill (Clerk); A Davie, East Dunbartonshire Council; S Quinn, East Renfrewshire Council; A O'Donnell and C MacKenzie, Glasgow City Council; K Rush, J Allen, C Keaveny, P Kilby, M McNally, A Robertson and J Thompson, Glasgow City Region; L Long, Inverclyde Council; B Walker, Renfrewshire Council (substitute for A Russell); P Manning, South Lanarkshire Council; P Hessett, West Dunbartonshire Council; V Davidson, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; and Professor Sir J McDonald and K Kane, Glasgow Economic Leadership.

Welcome.

1 Councillor Aitken welcomed Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde and co-Chair of Glasgow Economic Leadership to his first meeting of the Cabinet.

Professor Sir Jim replied in suitable terms.

Variation in order of business.

2 In terms of Standing Order No 12, the Cabinet agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Glasgow City Region 2022/23 annual audited accounts approved etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of 8th August 2023 approving the Glasgow City Region (GCR) annual unaudited accounts for year ended 31st March 2023, there was submitted the annual audit report 2022/23 by EY, together with the Cabinet's audited annual accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023, advising

- (1) of EYs findings from the 2022/23 audit of the GCR Cabinet, as detailed in the annual audit report; and
- (2) of the financial performance of the GCR Cabinet for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, including the income and expenditure incurred in the year relating to the provision of services to the Cabinet.

After consideration and having heard Mr R Jones, EY, the Cabinet

- (a) noted
 - (i) the contents of the annual audit report 2022/23; and
 - (ii) that the Independent Auditor's report was clear of qualification; and
- (b) approved for signature the audited annual accounts for 2022/23.

Regional Transport Strategy: Transport Governance Workstream – Presentation by Valerie Davidson, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport noted etc.

4 The Cabinet noted a presentation by Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding the proposed process and timeline for undertaking the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) Transport Governance workstream, highlighting

- (1) that existing transport governance arrangements and roles and responsibilities in the West of Scotland were complex and fragmented and not fit-for-purpose to deliver the bold ambition of the RTS;
- (2) a lack of alignment of geographic boundaries and concerns over lack of accountability and democratic oversight;
- (3) that current governance arrangements would impede the ability to achieve the desired outcomes and targets; and
- (4) the proposed approach and next steps.

After consideration, the Cabinet thanked Valerie for her presentation and

- (a) agreed to formally support the proposed approach and next steps for undertaking the Regional Transport Strategy Transport Governance Workstream; and
- (b) noted that the report seeking approval of the principles of any proposed changes to be considered by the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Partnership Board in June 2024, would be shared with this Cabinet.

City Deal Reprogramming Exercise Proposal – Position agreed etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the Reprogramming Exercise, including the support being provided by the City Deal Programme to the Clyde Metro scheme and related Glasgow Airport Access Scheme (GAAP), and outlining proposals for the reallocation of remaining GAAP City Deal funds to support the development of new City Deal projects, advising

- (1) that in April 2020, this Cabinet had agreed to pause the work which was being undertaken by Renfrewshire Council (RC) on the GAAP to allow a review of the Connectivity Commission's recommendation on a regional Metro Scheme and the wider opportunities this could lever, whilst also agreeing that the remaining GAAP business case development funding (i.e. £12.155m of the £15.149m approved at Strategic and Outline Business Case) could be used by Glasgow City Council (GCC) to support feasibility studies for the proposed Metro, with decisions regarding the use of the funding being delegated to the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Chief Executives' Group (CEG);
- (2) that since April 2020, a Metro Feasibility Study, led by GCC, had been established to work on key areas of transformational objectives, economic narrative and transport governance, and operator models to inform and complement the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) which supported securing Clyde Metro as a recommendation by Scottish Government in December 2022 as a key priority for future transport investment;
- (3) that in February 2023, the GCR CEG had been advised that the Clyde Metro recommendation contained within STPR2 had meant that the scope of the GAAP had been contained within the wider Clyde Metro network development options and delivery phasing, and that both RC and GCC had agreed that the delivery of a wider Clyde Metro network provided multiple corridor connectivity opportunities which offered significant regeneration and economic benefits as part of wider transformational opportunities;
- (4) that the CEG had been advised of assessments on the Accelerated Delivery Workstreams, the purpose of which had been to accelerate early phases of work which would assess and identify suitable corridors for potential Clyde Metro routes and that in June 2023, Transport Scotland (TS) had advised the Clyde Metro Programme Steering Group that the Case for Investment (Cfi) would now encompass the original scope of work with the Accelerated Delivery Workstreams, into a single programme approach;
- (5) that the Cfi was the next key stage in the development of Clyde Metro and the Client Delivery Group had continued to develop the programme mobilisation approach to deliver the Cfi outputs, which would set out the Strategic Business Case for the project and arrangements for the initial delivery phases

and would also establish the preferred Clyde Metro network, as detailed in the report;

- (6) that previous studies undertaken prior to April 2020 by RC with the GAAP City Deal funding, including the GAAP Outline Business Case for a fixed link between Paisley Gilmour Street and Glasgow Airport would form important inputs to assess the dominant regional economic and social value benefits and would assist to inform the criteria and selection process for the first phase of the Clyde Metro, and of a proposal that this Cabinet be asked to agree that the City Deal funded studies and business cases completed by RC for the GAAP be used to inform the Clyde Metro Scheme development and continued to represent eligible expenditure;
- (7) of the interim Metro governance arrangements, confirming that the lead role for the development for the Cfl stage would move to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, working alongside GCC on behalf of GCR and Transport Scotland, as detailed in the report;
- (8) of the funding arrangements for the Clyde Metro Cfl, as detailed in the report;
- (9) that there were 2 main elements to the proposal being considered with Governments, as summarised below-

A: New Regional Project. Governments have requested that 50% (£64.57m) be allocated towards a new, regional project of significant scale, allowing us to support new opportunities/address new priorities which have emerged since initial City Deal programme assembly exercise in 2013/14; and

B: New and Existing Local Projects. GCR has proposed that the remaining 50% (£64.57m) be reallocated to Member Authorities for new local project activity and to support delivery of existing City Deal projects which have faced unprecedented cost pressures resulting from externalities (e.g. construction inflation, Covid impacts etc);

- (10) that the existing Assurance Framework set out the governance processes which should be followed for reallocation; and
- (11) that 2 separate exercises would require to be undertaken for both elements, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) that on 6th December 2023, the Chief Executives' Group, under the authority delegated to it by Cabinet in April 2020, had agreed to allocate £12.155m of the approved business case stage funding from the City Deal Glasgow Airport Access Project to Glasgow City Council

to promote and accelerate business case development of Clyde Metro proposals towards key gateway decisions; and

- (iii) that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport would be the lead organisation for the Case for Investment development stage for Clyde Metro; and
- (b) agreed
- (i) that the City Deal funded studies and business cases completed by Renfrewshire Council for the Glasgow Airport Access Project be used to inform the Clyde Metro Scheme development and continued to represent eligible expenditure;
 - (ii) that the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office circulate the principles behind the decision-making process in terms of identifying any New Regional Project and how that criteria might address any potential imbalances within individual Member Authorities across the Region; and
 - (iii) to the reallocation approach, together with the key milestones, as detailed in the report.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 6 There was submitted and approved the minutes of 7th November 2023.

Minutes of Glasgow City Region Education Committee noted etc.

- 7 There was submitted and noted the minutes of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee of 21st November 2023, subject to noting further that an update regarding Scottish Government funding in respect of 2024/25 Regional Improvement Collaboratives would be reported to Cabinet in due course.

Programme Management Office budget and member authority recharges 2024/25 approved.

- 8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth proposing a Programme Management Office (PMO) budget for 2024/25, together with member authority recharges for 2024/25, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, advising

- (1) that the total budget for 2024/25 was £2,114,754 which was an increase of £363,765 from 2023/24, as detailed in the report;

- (2) that the total member contributions for 2024/25 amounted to £1,347,438 which maintained the member recharges at 2022/23 levels continuing the no increase agreement from the 2023/24 budget and that this level of recharge was expected to be funded by temporary loan interest earned on grant sums held, pending agreed allocation to members, and prior year surpluses;
- (3) of an update in respect of a number of proposed PMO staff requirements, the costs for which and the sources of funding for, were detailed in the report; and
- (4) that the Glasgow City Region carried forward balance at the start of 2023/24 was £1.4m and by the end of the year it was anticipated that this would have reduced to around £1.1m, however, the unbudgeted grant interest income could pull this back to around £1.4m as it continued to be unbudgeted due to the variable nature of the rates and timescale over which the grants are held.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the 2024/25 Programme Management Office budget and member authority recharges.

Glasgow City Region Governance Review Phase 2 – Progress update noted etc.

9 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the progress that had been made with the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Governance Review Phase 2, advising

- (1) of the background to a comprehensive review of the GCR's governance structures which had been split into 2 stages, and that since December 2020 the Programme Management Office (PMO) had sought to implement all Phase 1 recommendations;
- (2) that it had also been agreed that as part of the review process, interviews would be undertaken with Cabinet members and Chief Executives to gather their views on existing structures and suggested changes;
- (3) that at a meeting of the Chief Executives' Group on 2nd February 2023, it had been agreed to progress with Phase 2 of the review with the latest updates on each of the elements within scope, which had included
 - (a) additional powers for the Region and seeking views on whether a single regional response should be submitted to the Scotland Office's 'Local Economic Growth Review';
 - (b) integration of the Clydeplan Authority staff into GCR PMO;

- (c) arrangements for private sector engagement;
- (d) ongoing development of the Clyde Mission Initiative;
- (e) the role and membership of the Independent Commission on Economic Growth; and
- (f) changes to the GCR resources and governance structures, including proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Partnership, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted
 - (A) the progress with the ongoing Governance Review; and
 - (B) that the Chief Executives' Group had agreed that a single Regional response should be submitted to the Scotland Office's 'Local Economic Growth Review', as detailed in the report; and
 - (C) that a review of the Cabinet Agreement would be carried out in due course; and
- (ii) approved the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Partnership, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Regional Spatial Planning Arrangements agreed etc.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding a proposed revised governance structure for the oversight of the development of a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the Glasgow City Region (GCR) following the recommendation of the Clydeplan Joint Committee in June 2023 to transfer responsibility to the GCR Cabinet, advising

- (1) that since 1996 the 8 GCR local authorities had worked together to develop a series of regional spatial plans, the most recent being the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan ("SDP"), which had been approved by Scottish Ministers in July 2017, which was now no longer extant since the introduction of National Planning Framework 4, and had been replaced by the requirement to prepare a RSS;
- (2) that since 2022, the GCR had seen a very significant increase in responsibility and budget devolved to it from both UK and Scottish Governments, which had included a number of programmes that had clear spatial planning elements to them, as detailed in the report;

- (3) that a new Head of Place had been appointed to oversee the spatial planning elements of the GCR Programme, including Clyde Mission, the development of a Clyde Masterplan and the Investment Zone;
- (4) that unlike the current Strategic Development Plan the RSS would not form part of the statutory Development Plan, and given these changes it was acknowledged that the role and remit for which the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee had been originally established would significantly change and therefore the future role of the Committee required to be reviewed;
- (5) that following a vote at its June 2023 meeting regarding a report on future arrangements, the Joint Committee had agreed to recommend the following option:
 - (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
 - (b) that the cessation of strategic development plans be noted; and
 - (c) that the preferred option for considering RSS planning issues going forward be that existing Clydeplan staff resource be reviewed in light of the new requirements for RSS preparation. Staff would be consulted on a possible TUPE transfer to Glasgow City Council. If transferred, the team would be integrated into the existing city region structures (overseen by the Regional Director) who would take responsibility for preparing an RSS and reporting this through to this Cabinet for approval. This would move the duty to prepare an RSS directly into the city region governance structures;
- (6) that 2 Councils, namely, Renfrewshire and North Lanarkshire, had expressed views on the future arrangements, as detailed in the report, demonstrating that a sustainable future arrangement needed to be found that satisfied the desire for democratically accountable governance, generated efficiencies, developed a mutually agreed RSS and delivered on the new programmes devolved to regional level;
- (7) of the proposed way forward which was based on 3 fundamental principles, as detailed in the report;
- (8) that in order to secure local democratic accountability for the new RSS it was proposed that a GCR Spatial Planning Committee be established as a sub-committee of the GCR Cabinet, with membership consisting of Planning Conveners or equivalent from each of the local authorities, as detailed in the report;
- (9) that the Spatial Planning Committee would not have decision making powers, would only make recommendations on the RSS for consideration by the 8 Member Authorities (MAs) to ensure local democratic accountability, and ideally, all 8 MAs would participate in an agreed RSS, however, this would be a matter for each Council to decide on; and

(10) of the proposed staffing and budget proposals, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the report; and
- (ii) agreed
 - (A) to the establishment of a new Spatial Planning Sub-committee, with approval of a Spatial Planning Strategy resting with the individual member authorities; and
 - (B) that member authorities seek approval for this approach through their own democratic structures at the earliest opportunity.

Quarterly performance report noted etc.

11 There was submitted a performance report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth for Quarter 3 2023/24 for the period to 31st December 2023 providing updates on the progress of the City Deal Programme, the Regional Economic Strategy Action Plan and the City Region Team workplan.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (1) noted
 - (a) the report;
 - (b) the change control request for East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth Programme which had been approved by the Chief Executives' Group on 1st February 2023, as detailed in the report; and
 - (c) the change control requests in respect of the following Infrastructure Programme projects which had been approved by the Director of Regional Economic Growth under delegated authority, all as detailed in the report:-
 - (i) East Renfrewshire Council - Dams to Darnley Visitor Facilities Park;
 - (ii) East Renfrewshire Council - Barrhead South Rail Station;
 - (iii) Inverclyde Council – Inchgreen; and
 - (iv) West Dunbartonshire Council – Exxon Site Development Project; and

- (2) agreed the undernoted change control requests in respect of the following Infrastructure Programme projects, all as detailed in the report:-
 - (a) Glasgow City Council – Enabling Infrastructure: Integrated Public Realm - Argyle Street West;
 - (b) North Lanarkshire Council – Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure;
 - (c) North Lanarkshire Council – Eurocentral Strategic Active Travel; and
 - (d) North Lanarkshire Council – East Airdrie Link Road.

Glasgow City Region Intelligence Hub – Economic Update – Presentation noted.

12 The Cabinet noted an economic briefing presentation by Andrew Robertson, Intelligence Hub Manager, Glasgow City Region (GCR), highlighting that

- (1) despite low growth and high interest rates, there were signs of optimism for the UK economy in the new year;
- (2) unemployment was forecast to rise amid weak economic growth;
- (3) Ofgem’s UK energy price cap had been set to rise by 5% in January 2024, meaning that the typical annual household bill was projected to increase from £1,834 to £1,928, an increase of £94;
- (4) overall, 2024 would see some easing of cost pressures, however, with people’s experiences of the year ahead likely to be so varied, incomes for poorest households would fall as cost of living support comes to an end, whilst richer households would benefit the most from the tax cuts;
- (5) to secure high growth, GCR needed to build on strengths in tradeable high-value sectors, which tended to be more innovative and highly productive and if the Region wanted to expand economic activity in those areas, skills investment required to become a priority; and
- (6) good jobs must become a key priority of Regional Economic Policy, and a focus on the Foundational Economy could help increase living standards where it mattered the most.

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.

Glasgow City Region Investment Zone – Update noted etc.

14 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding progress in the development of the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone (GCR IZ) proposal and outlining the approach for Phase 2, advising

- (1) that following the announcement in June 2023 that Glasgow City Region and the North-East of Scotland would be the first 2 Investment Zones in Scotland, regular meetings had taken place between the two governments and GCR Programme Management Office (PMO), and in December 2023 the UK and Scottish governments had finalised the revision of the Investment Zone Technical Guidance, to make it Scotland specific, with the development of the proposal for the Investment Zone being structured around a set of thematic gateways that had been used for English Investment Zones, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that Regions would continue to work over the coming months with local partners, research institutions, the private sector and the 2 governments to develop an Investment Zone proposal for approval;
- (3) that in the UK Government's Autumn Statement, the Chancellor had made a commitment to the expansion of the planned Investment Zone programme, extending the timeline from 5 to 10 years and doubling the grant to each Investment Zone from £80m to £160m;
- (4) that following the approval of GCR IZ objectives, priority clusters and underlying sectors, Member Authorities (MAs) had undertaken the GCR IZ Expression Of Interest (EOI) process, a process that was designed to elicit

EOI from potential private sector and academic partners, with over 90 proposals being submitted, from 7 of the 8 MAs, across the 5 priority clusters;

- (5) of the approach taken by the PMO to review the submissions and categorise the projects which had resulted in an initial indicative list of 16 potential projects and 4 potential tax sites, ranging in value from £10 to £100m;
- (6) of the approach being taken for Phase 2 of the GCR IZ development, which built on the information gathered in Phase 1 and adopted the successful model developed for the GCR Innovation Accelerator, as detailed in the report;
- (7) of a breakdown of the timescales for Phase 2, as detailed in the report; and
- (8) of the proposed next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed the Glasgow City Region Investment Zone Phase 2 process, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow City Region housing retrofit update noted etc.

15 With reference to the minutes of 5th October 2021 providing an update regarding the key findings from the Strategic Programme Business Case on home energy retrofit, developed by consultants Grant Thornton, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on recent housing retrofit activity, including the workstreams identified in the report to this Cabinet in October 2021 and an overview of the Scottish Government's Energy Efficiency Scotland: Area Based Schemes (EES:ABS) funding and related challenges, advising

- (1) of an update in respect of each of the 6 specific workstreams;
- (2) of the background to the Scottish Government's EES:ABS programme which targeted fuel poor households in geographical areas that met a number of criteria, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that in terms of EES:ABS expenditure, there was a national issue for the Scottish Government regarding the ability of local authorities to effectively deliver retrofit activity through EES:ABS funding, with the implications that would have for national net zero targets;
- (4) of the challenges associated with the delivery of EES:ABS funded activity, which had identified a number of 'pinch points' within the funding process which could cause delays in delivery, as detailed in the report;

- (5) of a number of factors related to costs, as highlighted in the report; and
- (6) of the proposed next steps, highlighting that the GCR Housing Retrofit Delivery Group would lead on the development of the GCR Domestic Retrofit Strategy and that a further housing retrofit update would be provided to this Cabinet at the end of 2024 seeking approval for the Strategy.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed the proposed next steps, as detailed in the report.

Regional Economic Strategy: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Update noted – Preferred Way Forward endorsed etc.

16 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding an update on the work being proposed to develop a Glasgow City Region (GCR) collaborative approach to expanding the public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) network, providing a summary of the outcomes of workshop sessions undertaken within each of the GCR Member Authorities (MAs) in early January 2024, a proposed Preferred Way Forward for a GCR EVCI collaboration and an update regarding the proposed next steps through procurement towards delivery, advising

- (1) that the Chief Executives' Group (CEG) in October 2023 had agreed that the GCR Programme Management Office (PMO) and the Member Authorities (MAs) should further explore the development of a concessionary commercial model, collaboratively with the 8 GCR MAs that would put in place an arrangement to allow the expansion of the EVCI network using council owned assets over the coming years;
- (2) that the GCR Programme Management Office (PMO) along with Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) had undertaken a series of workshops in early January 2024 with each of the 8 MAs, which had been structured around a set of key issues relating to the potential commercial arrangements, lotting, joint working, and procurement options;
- (3) that the objective of those workshops had been to indicate preferences on key factors that would feed into the drafting of future tender documents, with the outcomes of the workshops being used by the PMO to develop a Preferred Way Forward for regional collaboration as a means of accelerating the expansion of EVCI infrastructure in GCR;
- (4) that based upon the discussions at the workshops there had emerged a consensus view from officers in relation to the overall scope of a collaborative approach and summarising that consensus position in relation to the 4 key

issues outlined at paragraph (2) above, forming a proposed Preferred Way Forward, as detailed in the report;

- (5) that following the workshops and the subsequent discussions, the GCR PMO had started to scope the resourcing requirements to develop the project through procurement and into delivery with the establishment of a dedicated core team, support groups and the appointment of the Director of Regional Economic Growth as Senior Responsible Owner;
- (6) that the GCR PMO would develop a report relating to a proposed Inter-Authority Agreement which would be circulated for local approval before the end of June 2024;
- (7) of a proposed timeline which would be overseen by the Senior Officers' Group and reported on to the CEG;
- (8) that the most pressing issue driving the timing of this work was Transport Scotland's (TS) decision not to renew the Chargeplace Scotland contract, and that to mitigate this risk, the PMO was in the process of arranging a meeting with TS to request that the existing arrangements be extended to allow the GCR procurement to proceed with the inclusion of the existing chargers;
- (9) that if there was no extension to the availability of the Chargeplace Scotland then the MAs would need to consider going to the market separately to put in place an alternative arrangement that would ensure that a charging service continued to be provided to the 600 existing chargepoints; and
- (10) of the proposed immediate next steps, including:
 - (a) developing a draft Inter-Authority Agreement;
 - (b) developing a report seeking local MA approval to progress a GCR EVCI collaboration based on the Inter-Authority Agreement;
 - (c) the PMO putting in place the resources to support development the procurement documents; and
 - (d) MAs assessing the suitability of the initial list of EVCI sites in the Strategy and Expansion Plan.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the report;
- (ii) endorsed the work being proposed to develop a Glasgow City Region collaborative approach to expanding the public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure network; and
- (iii) endorsed the proposed next steps, as detailed at paragraph (10) above.

Glasgow 5G Innovation Region – Project delivery and delegated authority agreed.

17 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the recent £3.2m award by the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) to the Glasgow City Region (GCR) as one of ten UK 5G Innovation Regions, advising

- (1) of the background and objectives behind the fund, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the project would deliver a series of business cases that showcased how wireless connectivity and digital technologies could provide transformative impacts on service delivery across the region by focusing on the innovative adoption of internet of things (IoT) in 4 Council areas;
- (3) of the work currently being undertaken by Renfrewshire Council using IoT sensors to monitor residential environmental conditions, North Lanarkshire Council to understand the impact different interventions (heating systems, solar panel and building fabric) had to reduce energy consumption, carbon emissions and energy bills and Glasgow City Council who had been working with a local SME to understand how to enable further digitalisation of home care, ahead of the 2025 digital telecare Switchover;
- (4) that the 3 cases outlined above, provided an opportunity to test the use of a data aggregation platform which could readily share data from multiple sources across services to improve real time decision making, and as with those other projects, the G5GIR would be testing the adoption of the model;
- (5) that the project delivery team was currently being finalised and it would be delivered with a blend of internal and external experts and was being set up to ensure that knowledge was retained within the region;
- (6) that the project should be able to demonstrate clear service delivery improvements and cost saving benefits to local authorities across the region;
- (7) that the DSIT grant funding was being used to fund the delivery team, over the period to 31st March 2025, and as part of the process, the team would identify the budget requirements, and potential sources of funding, for the further roll-out of activity learning from the project; and
- (8) of the project costs and spending, and that to efficiently manage future spending on the project, including paying for local authority costs, it was proposed that future spending decisions be delegated to the Chief Executives' Group.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed
 - (i) recommendations for short term spending on the project, as detailed in the report; and
 - (ii) the delegation of future spending decisions to the Chief Executives' Group.

Exclusion of public.

18 The Cabinet resolved to exclude the public for the remaining item of business as confidential information, as defined in Standing Order 11(c), was likely to be disclosed.

Quarterly Performance Report addendum - Commercially confidential Change Control Request approved.

19 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding a commercially confidential Change Control Request that had been submitted as an addendum to the Quarter 3 2023/24 Quaterly Performance Report.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the Change Control Request.

Date of next meeting noted.

20 The Cabinet noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 7th May 2024 at 0930 hours in the City Chambers, Glasgow.