

North Lanarkshire Council – Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor Project – Change Control Request approved etc – Declaration of interest.

10 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) setting out a proposed Change Control Request relating to a change in scope for the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure (RAI) project and a related virement of funds from RAI to the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor – East Airdrie Link Road project, advising

- (1) that the report provided support for the NLC City Deal Programme proposed Change Control Request which sought approval for the reprogramming of the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Corridor project from the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Cabinet;
- (2) of the proposed changes to the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor project as part of NLC City Deal Programme, following a reprogramming exercise by NLC to ensure its City Deal Programme remained fit for purpose and deliverable and that benefits were realised and where possible, brought forward quicker within the GCR City Deal Programme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that a key driver for the reprogramming exercise had been to address the impact of increased costs to infrastructure projects and, particularly, the significant increase in the estimated project costs of the East Airdrie Link Road;
- (4) of a recommendation that part of the RAI project, namely RAI North (RAIN) comprising the dualling of the existing A723, forming part of the wider Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor, be deferred and removed from the City Deal Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (5) of a request for this Cabinet to support a virement of the City Deal Grant from the RAIN project to RAI South and the movement of the associated Additional Member Contributions to the East Airdrie Link Road sub-project, both part of the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor project.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Lyndsay Noble, North Lanarkshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) acknowledged the progress of North Lanarkshire City Deal infrastructure sub-projects and the need and value of the reprogramming exercise within North Lanarkshire; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) the change to scope comprising the deferment of the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure North sub-project from the Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor project and North Lanarkshire City Deal Programme;

- (ii) the virement of the North Lanarkshire City Deal Funding allocation from the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure North sub-project of £51,409,159 to support the delivery of the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure South and East Airdrie Link Road sub-projects, allowing for the East Airdrie Link Road Outline Business Case to be submitted to this Cabinet for approval at this meeting; and
- (iii) the reprofiling of the delivery of the Airbles Road Improvement project as part of the Ravenscraig South project.

Councillor Jim Logue declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the decision thereon.