

Infrastructure Programme – North Lanarkshire Council – East Airdrie Link Road - Outline Business Case and Change Control Request approved.

11 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2019 approving the Strategic Business Case for North Lanarkshire Council's East Airdrie Link Road project, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the evaluation of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the project submitted by North Lanarkshire Council (NLC), which, following evaluation by the Programme Management Office (PMO), had been considered and approved by the Chief Executives' Group on 25th July 2024 and was now being submitted to Cabinet for approval, advising

- (1) of the executive summary of the project, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) that NLC's Enterprise and Fair Work Committee had approved the submission of the OBC on 10th May 2024;
- (3) that while the PMO appraisal of the OBC considered that the OBC was consistent with the requirements of HM Treasury Green Book, it remained the case that all legal and financial risks associated with the project remained with NLC;
- (4) that approval for this OBC to progress was dependent on the approval of a Change Control Request by this Cabinet today (Paragraph 10 above), as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the funding requirements; and
- (6) of the current benefits realisation requirements being met by this project.

After consideration, the Group

- (a) noted the report and that the PMO Appraisal and Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) the Outline Business Case and the Change Control Request, as detailed in the report; and
 - (ii) the £16m requested by North Lanarkshire Council to progress the project to Full Business Case stage, including progressing detailed design work, ground investigations and surveys, planning application submission, service investigations and diversions, other enabling works and to cover internal project management fees, allowances for contingency, inflation and optimism bias on service contracts.