

Glasgow Metro feasibility study update noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 20th April 2020 agreeing a feasibility study for the wider Glasgow City Region Metro as part of the Glasgow Airport Access project, there was submitted a report by the Project Director providing an update on developments on the Metro feasibility that had taken place since April 2020, advising

- (1) that the study would consider from a fresh perspective, the imperatives for regional policies and the transport network and development context arising from the global pandemic situation and would represent a holistic assessment approach incorporating considerations for place making, design, innovation, housing and land use, social inequalities, economic and environmental factors to assess impacts on the strategic network configuration, investment, commercial operating models and potential sequencing of development activity;
- (2) of ways in which the feasibility study would impact on a number of wider Regional and National transport policy developments, including the Local Transport Strategy, the Regional Transport Strategy and the National Transport Strategy, all as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the proposed governance structure for the Metro project and proposing the establishment of a Metro Strategic Advisory Group, the membership and role and remit of which were detailed in Appendix A of the report and all of which had been approved by the Chief Executives' Group on 27th August 2020, together with the creation of a multi-disciplinary project team, all as detailed in the report;
- (4) that Glasgow City Council, as Lead Authority, was developing a Project Team led by the Project Director, with the initial approach of the Team set out in the report, which included organising a series of stakeholder workshops to set objectives for the project, agree common planning assumptions and to align thoughts and ambitions of the Metro and what it meant to each organisation;
- (5) that the aspiration of the team was for the feasibility study to be completed by Autumn 2021 and to align with revised STPR2 timelines for Phase 2, and the Chief Executives' Group on 27th August 2020 had approved the necessary funding in order to appoint a consultant to provide expert skills to prepare the tender document; and
- (6) that engagement with stakeholders would play a critical role in shaping and success of the project which had extensive scope and reach in its ambitions, was cross-Regional and involved multi-stakeholders.

After consideration and having heard Harjinder Gharyal, Project Director, the Cabinet noted the update contained within the report.