Regional Skills Investment Plan (2019 – 2024) – Annual Report – Position agreed etc.

- There was submitted a report by Councillor John Ross, South Lanarkshire Council, City Region Skills and Employment Lead providing an update on the first year implementation of the Regional Skills Investment Plan (RSIP) for Glasgow City Region and the draft priority actions for 2020/21, advising that
- (1) the RSIP, published as a 5-year plan had been endorsed by the Glasgow City Regional Partnership in February 2019, approved by the this Cabinet in April 2019 and included a Mission, Strategic Outcomes and Priority Action Areas, all of which were outlined in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) the first year Delivery Plan had contained 26 actions, 8 of which had been fully implemented, a further 16 had made significant progress and were on track for implementation during 2020, with the remaining 2 actions currently on hold, all as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (3) in order to support the Delivery Plan and help drive progress, the Skills and Employment Portfolio Group had been expanded to include representation from the West Partnership (City Region Education Collaborative) and had also been restructured to facilitate more dedicated discussion and development of the skills element of the portfolio distinct from the employment/employability element, allowing for more specialist input from Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Government; and
- (4) the draft Delivery Plan, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report remained flexible in order to reflect Scottish Government priorities from both the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery and Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board reports, the City Region Economic Recovery Plan and ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted progress on the first year implementation of the RSIP;
- (b) approved the Delivery Plan for 2020/21; and
- (c) requested the City Region Lead for Skills and Employment to agree the lead partner for each action with the relevant Regional Partners.