

COVID 19 - Glasgow City Region Economic Recovery Plan – Position agreed etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth to update the Cabinet on progress to develop a Glasgow City Region Economic Recovery Plan in response to the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown, and to seek approval to undertake further work on the initial list of key priority areas identified in the report to produce more detailed and costed actions and programmes of activity, advising

- (1) that in the initial weeks following the COVID-19 lockdown, Glasgow City Region Member Authorities (MAs) and partner agencies had been heavily involved in the immediate response effort within their local areas, including disbursing government grants to businesses, and over recent months, a series of economic bulletins created by the City Region Intelligence Hub had provided estimates on the scale of the challenge facing the Region, all as detailed in the report;
- (2) that by mid-May a number of MAs had started to develop local economic recovery plans and the Economic Delivery Group (EDG) on 2nd June 2020 had agreed that the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) would start the process of regional recovery planning in order to support the development of a Glasgow City Regional Recovery Plan, the PMO had undertaken various actions, as detailed in the report, including identification of potential key priority areas to be developed as part of the plan;
- (3) that following a discussion at the EDG meeting on 2nd June 2020, the PMO had taken a number of partner comments into account and revised the headline key priority areas which were presented in 3 tables within the report and categorised in the three themes of People, Business and Place; and
- (4) that in a number of instances progressing the proposed recommended actions would require a change in government policy or significant additional resources and the PMO would co-ordinate further work to detail and cost the key priority areas with a further update being submitted to Cabinet in October 2020.

After consideration and having heard Kevin Rush, Glasgow City Council, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the report;
- (ii) approved the key priority areas that would be the focus of the Glasgow City Region Economic Recovery Plan;
- (iii) instructed the PMO to co-ordinate the development and costing of the key priority actions to be progressed by the lead partners as detailed in the report; and
- (iv) agreed, following comments made by Councillor McCabe regarding the potential threat to public sector jobs across the Glasgow City Region,

including those within local authority Arms Length External Organisations/Leisure Trusts, that the Intelligence Hub would consider this issue and report back to the next Cabinet meeting with an update.