



Glasgow City Region

Cabinet

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Proposed Development of Regional Capital Investment Plan

Purpose of Report:

To update the Cabinet on the proposal to develop a Glasgow City Region Capital Investment Plan.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is invited to:

- (1) note the content of the report; and
- (2) agree that the City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) seeks to develop a Regional Capital Investment Plan as described in the report.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Cabinet on the proposal to develop a Glasgow City Region Capital Investment Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 3rd June 2020, the first of the three planned HubWest teleconference sessions focusing on capital investment programme recovery took place. The session was attended from representatives from across the Region. Presentations from the session have been circulated to Chief Executives and to EDG members.
- 2.2 A key message from the construction sector companies/bodies who participated in the discussion was that the construction sector is under severe threat across Scotland. To help sustain businesses, the sector is seeking more information from public sector on the pipeline of capital projects which is planned for the coming years, in order that they can provide their investors/lenders with confidence of a future pipeline.
- 2.3 The need for a region-wide overview of planned infrastructure development was recognised within the City Region Economic Action Plan's two commitments:
 - *Together we will align our infrastructure investments with our partners' investment, through a strategic infrastructure investment plan to ensure that the economic benefits of all infrastructure projects are maximised.*
 - *We will establish a Regional Infrastructure Forum to liaise and collaborate with the utility companies to minimise disruption, and ensure that required utilities are in place to support economic growth.*
- 2.4 Indeed, the need for a capital investment plan was outlined within the Commission for Economic Growth's recent Futures report.
- 2.5 Since the launch of the Economic Action Plan in February 2017, significant progress has been made by the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio Group to collate and map on GIS systems information on the capital investment plans of the Region's eight Member Authorities, with this information shared with the utilities companies as part of a series of Infrastructure Summits.

3. Next steps

- 3.1 It is proposed that further work should be undertaken to add the capital investment plans of all public sector bodies to the mapping of Member Authorities' infrastructure plans resulting in a combined Glasgow City Region Capital Investment Plan for all public sector bodies in the Region.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the City Region PMO, the Intelligence Hub and the Portfolio Group should liaise with other agencies (NHS, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Futures Trust, HubWest, Hub SouthWest, further and higher education institutes

etc) to collate and map investment plans with a combined plan being created by the end of October 2020 and mapping completed by the end of Dec 2020, noting that these indicative timescales may be subject to revision depending on the availability of the data from the partners and the ease with which this can be mapped.

3.3 Once collated, it is intended that the information could be shared, in appropriate formats with:

- the constructions sector bodies and the Supplier Development Programme for them to share with the sector to help build confidence that a pipeline is there and to quantify the value of our joint plans;
- utility companies as they seek to co-ordinate investment plans;
- the Skills and Employment Portfolio Group for them to share with SDS and the FE/HE sector to help with their future skills requirement planning for the construction sector based in how many Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) will be required in what occupations for that level of investment;
- the Procurement Group and the Sustainable Procurement Group to identify opportunities for joint procurements and to co-ordinate procurement activity.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Cabinet is invited to agree that the City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) seeks to develop a Regional Capital Investment Plan as described in the report.