

GLASGOW CITY REGION CABINET.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2020 by video conference.

Present: Councillor Susan Aitken (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Councillor Vaughan Moody, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Tony Buchanan, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Stephen McCabe, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Paul Kelly, North Lanarkshire Council; Councillor Iain Nicolson, Renfrewshire Council; Councillor John Ross, South Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Jonathan McColl, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Apology: Councillor Jim Logue, North Lanarkshire Council.

Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); A O'Donnell, M Booth, K Rush, J Thompson, C Keaveny, P Kilby, P Murphy and C MacKenzie, Glasgow City Council; G Cornes, East Dunbartonshire Council; A Cahill and M Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council; A Fawcett, Inverclyde Council; R Steenson, K Bryson and J Speed, North Lanarkshire Council; A Morrison, Renfrewshire Council; C Sneddon and T McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council; R Cairns, West Dunbartonshire Council; and S O'Hagan, Audit Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** There was submitted and approved the minutes of 11th August 2020.

Minutes of Glasgow City Region Education Committee noted.

- 2** There was submitted and noted the minutes of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee of 8th September 2020.

Glasgow City Region Cabinet – Register of Interests 2020/21 noted.

- 3** With reference to the minutes of 13th June 2017 noting that the Assurance Framework specified that each member of the Cabinet was required to make a declaration of interests to be submitted annually to Cabinet, there was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow City Council, advising

- (1) of the Register of Interests for each Cabinet member and their substitutes, as detailed in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) that the register would be updated and published as further returns were received and that members would continue to be asked to update their declaration annually.

West Partnership – Regional Improvement Plan 2020-23 – Position noted etc.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Education Committee of 8th September 2020 when that committee had endorsed the West Partnership's draft Regional Improvement Plan (RIP) 2020-23 and had agreed to submit the plan to this Cabinet for consideration, there was submitted a report by the Regional Lead Officer advising that the updated RIP 2020-23, as detailed in an appendix to the report, had been prepared outlining future proposed activity, based on the revised governance and operational structure previously approved by the GCR Education Committee.

After consideration, and having heard a presentation by Mhairi Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council, the Cabinet

- (1) endorsed the RIP 2020-23; and
- (2) noted that the RIP had been endorsed by the GCR Education Committee on 8th September 2020, and that members of the committee would seek approval of the plan from their individual local authorities in order to maintain local democratic oversight.

Convener's remarks.

5 The Convener advised that Mhairi Shaw, East Renfrewshire Council, would shortly be retiring from her post as Regional Lead Officer and on behalf of the Cabinet thanked Mhairi for her contribution to the work of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee and wished her well for the future. The Cabinet noted that Mhairi would be replaced as Regional Lead Officer by Tony McDaid, South Lanarkshire Council, who was introduced during the meeting.

2019/20 annual audited accounts approved etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of 2nd June 2020 approving the Glasgow City Region (GCR) annual unaudited accounts for year ended 31st March 2020, there was submitted the annual audit report 2019/20 by Audit Scotland, together with the Cabinet's audited annual accounts for the period ended 31st March 2020, advising

- (1) of Audit Scotland's findings from the 2019/20 audit of the GCR Cabinet, as detailed in the annual audit report; and
- (2) of the financial performance of the GCR Cabinet for the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, including the income and expenditure incurred in the year relating to the provision of services to the Cabinet.

After consideration and having heard Mr S O'Hagan, Audit Scotland, the Cabinet

- (a) noted

- (i) the contents of the annual audit report 2019/20; and
 - (ii) that the independent auditor's report was clear of qualification; and
- (b) approved for signature the audited annual accounts for 2019/20.

Glasgow City Region City Deal – Annual Performance Report 2019/20 approved.

7 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the fourth Glasgow City Region City Deal Annual Performance Report (APR), which covered the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, advising

- (1) that the APR, which was contained within an appendix to the report, was a key requirement set out within the Assurance Framework with the aim of informing key stakeholders of the overall Programme status;
- (2) of the significant progress that had been made in the City Deal Programme within the period of the APR, together with information from the audited accounts, as detailed in the report; and
- (3) of the challenges which lay ahead; and
- (4) that the APR would be considered by government partners at the Annual Conversation in November 2020.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the APR 2019/20.

Interim performance report noted etc.

8 There was submitted an interim performance report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth for the period from 15th August to 16th September 2020 providing updates on the progress of the City Region Portfolio Groups, the City Region Intelligence Hub and the City Deal Programme, including key performance indicators for the Infrastructure Fund programme, project status, programme risks and issues, change control requests, and Annual Implementation Plan actions.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (1) noted
 - (a) the report and the update to the Regional Economic Recovery Plan which was mapped against announcements in the Scottish Government's Programme for Government, as detailed in the report; and

- (b) the revisions which had been agreed by the Chief Executives' Group to the dates for the Annual Implementation Plan actions, as detailed in the report; and
- (2) approved the revised role and remit for the Programme Liaison Group, as detailed in appendix 6 of the report.

Infrastructure Programme – North Lanarkshire Council – Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access – Outline Business Case approved etc – Declaration of interest.

9 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2019 agreeing that North Lanarkshire Council progress with the development of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access (RIA) sub-project as part of the overall Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor Strategic Business Case (SBC), there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth intimating that NLC had submitted an OBC in respect of the RIA, which, following evaluation by the Programme Management Office (PMO), had been considered and approved by the Chief Executives' Group on 24th September 2020 and was now being submitted to Cabinet for approval, advising

- (1) that the executive summary of the project, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, described the strategic case, economic case, commercial case, financial case and management case;
- (2) that the OBC had been reviewed and appraised and was considered fully Green Book compliant;
- (3) of the transport appraisal detailed in appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that North Lanarkshire Council was proposing to submit 4 Full Business Cases (FBC) following approval of the OBC, with the key milestone dates and associated project costs being detailed in the report;
- (5) of the funding requirements as detailed; and
- (6) of the current benefits realisation requirements being met by this project.

After consideration and having heard a presentation on the project by Kate Bryson, North Lanarkshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted that the PMO Appraisal, Project Risk Register and Project Risk Register were available on request from the Clerk;
- (b) approved this OBC and the funding request of £4.2m to develop the 4 FBCs;
- (c) invited North Lanarkshire Council to proceed to prepare 4 FBCs; and

- (d) noted that the PMO would incorporate the information within the OBC within the Programme Business Case and Programme Plan.

Councillor Kelly declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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.

Date of next meeting.

11 The Cabinet noted that its next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 8th December 2020 at 1000 hours.