

NPF4 - Clyde Mission National Development Area – Submission to Scottish Government noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, East Dunbartonshire Council regarding the submission to the Scottish Government of the Clyde Mission - Clyde Corridor as a proposed National Development as part of its development of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), advising

- (1) that as part of the development of NPF4 the Scottish Government had issued a call for National Developments, with a submission date of the 30th April 2020, and in the context of NPF4, National Developments had the potential to help deliver the aims of the long term spatial plan for Scotland and aimed to provide certainty upfront for investors, businesses, and also communities;
- (2) that at the Glasgow State of City Conference in January 2020 the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work announced the 'Clyde Mission', which was intended to give a renewed place-based approach to maximising the full potential of the River Clyde, including the identification of opportunities for business growth and jobs, and the reuse of vacant and derelict land, whilst realising the potential of the river to help address the climate change issues;
- (3) that to support the delivery of these objectives and given the national scale of the opportunity offered by the River Clyde, it was considered that the Clyde Mission should be reflected in NPF4 as a National Development; and
- (4) of the spatial priorities of the Clyde Mission, which provided an opportunity for increased partnership working between the public and private sectors and the local communities, as detailed in the report, with the submission to the Scottish Government being detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted

- (a) the Clyde Mission - Clyde Corridor National Development proposal, as set out in the appendix to the report;
- (b) that the proposal had been submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration as a National Development in NPF4; and
- (c) that while the COVID-19 pandemic had caused delays, a steering group had now been formed to take the Clyde Mission forward, with the aim of forming a strategic partnership with the Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise and the first phase being to develop a Strategic Business Case for the project and a workshop was planned in the near future, following which a further report would be submitted to this Cabinet.