

**Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan –  
Presentation noted.**

**11** The Cabinet noted a presentation by Sharon Hamilton, Head of Financial and Business Services, Scottish Development International, regarding the Scottish Government's "Shaping Scotland's Economy: Scotland's Inward Investment Plan", which had been launched in October 2020 and set out the ambition for Scotland as a leading destination for inward investment, during which she highlighted

- (1) that the Plan set out to take a purposeful, values-led approach to investment and would focus on inward investment only;
- (2) that inward investment made a positive and significant impact on Scotland's economy;
- (3) that for the last 7 years in a row, Scotland had attracted the most projects of any UK nation or region outside of London;
- (4) the 9 opportunity areas where Scotland's strengths met the world's needs, intersecting with future global investment flows;
- (5) the mix of wider benefits that those 9 opportunity areas delivered and how these could potentially support job creation throughout Scotland; and
- (6) a brief description of the 18 inward investment plan actions.