

Skills and Employment Portfolio – Update noted etc.

4 With reference to the minutes of 20th January 2015 agreeing the creation of 3 Glasgow and Clyde Valley Cabinet themed Portfolios, namely, Connectivity, Enterprise and Skills and Employment, there was submitted a report by Councillor Eddie McAvoy, South Lanarkshire Council seeking Cabinet approval to progress activity in relation to the Skills and Employment Portfolio, advising

- (1) that Councillor McAvoy had convened a meeting on 13th May 2015 with key partner agencies on the development of the Skills and Employment Portfolio within the City Deal programme, to consider the key issues within that theme and the potential areas for joint action over the programme period;
- (2) that during the meeting a draft remit had been established for the City Deal Skills and Employment Portfolio as detailed in the report;
- (3) of a number of key considerations which might impact on the work of the group, together with a number of proposals to develop the portfolio, all as detailed, which included meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Employment and Skills to seek views on Scottish Government policy innovations which would support City Deal ambitions; and
- (4) that a progress report would be prepared for Cabinet in December 2015.

After consideration and having heard Councillor Thompson, South Lanarkshire Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report and that any additional resource implications would be considered by the Chief Executives' Group; and
- (b) agreed the scope of activity and proposed timescales for progress reporting of the Skills and Employment Portfolio.