

Regional Empowerment for Glasgow City Region -

12 With reference to the minutes of 17th March 2026 approving the proposed programme of Glasgow City Region (GCR) workstreams, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Growth providing an update on the progress of the development of a regional devolution proposal, following the First Minister's announcement at the State of the City Economy Conference in Glasgow late 2025, advising that

- (1) a steering group had been established to oversee the developments of the detailed proposition that would be chaired by Professor Sir Jim McDonald, former Principal of University of Strathclyde, Chair of Glasgow Economic Leadership and Chair of Scottish Enterprise and of the Chairs appointed for each of the previously identified workstreams, as detailed in the report;
- (2) an additional workstream on inclusion and poverty reduction would also be established with a Chair being identified in the coming weeks;
- (3) the Scottish Government had confirmed the award of £50k to support consultancy work which the Programme Management Office (PMO) would commission and would be deployed in addition to existing PMO funding to commission external support for activities of the workstreams;
- (4) engagement with both governments to discuss timescales for planned legislation and that the PMO had commenced work looking at developing inclusive growth principles to embed within each of the workstream; and
- (5) that timescales remained on track for submission of a full proposal by March 2027.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the
 - (i) appointment of Sir Jim McDonald as Chair of the Oversight Group and appointment of the Chairs for each of the devolution workstreams;
 - (ii) planned engagement with both governments over the coming weeks; and
 - (iii) procurement of external consultants to support the development of the detailed proposal, as detailed in Section 3.4 of the report.