

Clyde Mission – Strategic Masterplan and Heat Decarbonisation Fund awards update noted etc.

14 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the progress of both the Clyde Mission Strategic Masterplan and grants awarded under the Heat Decarbonisation Fund, advising that

- (1) in August 2023, whilst remaining a key partner, the Scottish Government had transferred lead responsibility for Clyde mission to the Glasgow City Region (GCR) and Argyll and Bute Council, with £25m capital funding for a Heat Decarbonisation Fund and £1.5m revenue funding for a dedicated team and to develop a Strategic Masterplan;
- (2) Phase 1 of the Strategic Masterplan was now complete, which included a comprehensive engagement process carried out with a wide range of stakeholders who had been central to ensuring that the Masterplan reflected shared priorities for the Clyde corridor, as summarised in Appendix A to the report;
- (3) the Clyde Mission - Heat Decarbonisation Fund's (CM-HDF) budget for 2026/27 was £5m and following the first round of applications, 2 applications had been submitted from North Lanarkshire Council for the Strathclyde Country Park Watersports Centre and from Clyde Gateway Developments Ltd for the Clyde gateway Community Energy Project – DHN Thenuue Extension;
- (4) following assessment by the Independent Assessment Panel, the application by North Lanarkshire Council for the Strathclyde Country Park Watersports Centre was approved by the GCR Chief Executive's Group on 13th May 2026, with the other application by Clyde Gateway Developments deemed as requiring further development and was therefore deferred until 31st July 2026 for assessment.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted

- (a) the progress to date of the Clyde Mission Strategic Masterplan; and
- (b) the first grant award made under the Clyde Mission Heat Decarbonation Fund.