

## **Programme Management Office budget and member authority recharges 2023/24 approved.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth proposing a Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) budget for 2023/24, together with member authority recharges for 2023/24, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report, advising

- (1) that the total budget for 2023/24 was £1,750,989 which was an increase of £246,191 from 2022/23, an explanation of which was provided in the report.
- (2) that the total member contributions for 2023/24 amounted to £1,567,945 which was an increase of £220,507 from 2022/23, principally due to:-
  - (a) increased payroll costs of £132,507 including the Head of the Shared Prosperity Fund and the proposal outlined in Section 4 of the report to employ 4 additional full-time staff in the PMO; and
  - (b) contributions to Climate Ready Clyde of £88,000 now integrated into the Glasgow City Region PMO funding;
- (3) that at the Finance Strategy Group on 31st January 2023 it had been agreed to recommend to this Group that the increased member contributions, outlined at paragraph (2) above, be funded from any interest income accruing from grants received in 2022/23, with any residual costs after this offset being funded from the carry forward balances, which would ensure that the member authorities did not suffer an increase in contributions from 2022/23 to 2023/24;
- (4) of an update in respect of the 4 Graduate Assistants employed within the PMO, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that the Glasgow City Region carried forward balance at the start of 2022/23 had amounted to £1.1m and by the end of the year it was anticipated that this would have reduced to around £0.6m, however, the additional carry forward for 2022/23 of £0.4m (including unbudgeted estimated grant interest) would keep the total value at a similar level and this balance was expected to fall during 2023/24 as more commitments were realised.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the report; and
- (ii) approved the Glasgow City Region PMO budget and member recharges for 2023/24.