

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Presentation noted etc.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth setting out the proposed next steps for Glasgow City Region (GCR) following the initial phase of development of the Strategy and Expansion Plan (SEP) for electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI) in GCR, advising that

- (1) the development of the SEP had been supported and overseen by the Electric Vehicle Taskforce (EVT) which contained officer representatives from each GCR Member Authority (MA), and that the SEP had been shared with the Taskforce for its comments and that its feedback had been taken into account;
- (2) a supplementary report had also been prepared that looked specifically at HGV (hydrogen) and fleet charging requirements and that this was currently being reviewed by the officers from the MAs;
- (3) on 27th April 2023, the GCR Chief Executives' Group (CEG) had discussed the next steps required to progress the expansion in the delivery of EVCI and there had been agreement that the MAs should continue to explore the opportunities to collaborate on the delivery of EVCI within the GCR;
- (4) the CEG had also considered the different roles that MAs could play in delivering and operating EVCI and the potential models that could be adopted and had agreed that further work be undertaken to more fully understand the potential benefits and risks of all of the potential commercial models;
- (5) in order to progress this work, a senior officer group with representation across the 8 MAs had been established to shape and oversee the next stage of the work, with the next stage of activity likely requiring the engagement of consultants to undertake further feasibility work and some initial engagement with the market to gauge the appetite and capacity of commercial partners to support the expansion of EVCI;
- (6) the work to develop the SEP had concluded and the work on HGV and fleet requirements would be concluding shortly pending final feedback from MAs; and
- (7) it was proposed that this Cabinet delegate to the Director of Regional Economic Growth, the decision to authorise the final scheduled payments to Mott MacDonald, pending the receipt of final feedback from the officers on the EVT, and that the final version of the SEP be shared with Transport Scotland.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mairi Joyce, Mott McDonald, providing an overview of the EVCI work to date, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed

- (i) the next steps, as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) that the progress report to be submitted to the next meeting of this Cabinet in August 2023, include a proposed statement of principles and priorities for the Cabinet to approve prior to continuing to develop further on the delivery of EVCI within the GCR.