

Draft Local Evaluation Framework – Progress noted etc.

13 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on the preparations for the City Deal Gateway Review 2, including the production of the Local Evaluation Framework (LEF), advising

- (1) of the background to the Gateway Review process requirements, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that in December 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) had issued a revised National Evaluation Framework (NEF) setting out the requirements for the City Deal Gateway 2 Process, and the purpose of the Gateway Review was to evaluate the impact of interventions on local economic growth, and the process by which these interventions had been agreed and implemented, and that the evaluation would cover progress over the 5-year period since the last Gateway;
- (3) of the 4 key components to be evaluated for the review, namely, Process, Impact, Capacity and Partnership Working and Economic forecasting, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the key roles and responsibilities of the Government, its consultants (SQW) and the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) and Intelligence Hub and the GCR Commission on Economic Growth, as detailed in the report, had been set out within the NEF;
- (5) that the PMO and Intelligence Hub had received the LEF template in January 2023 and a significant amount of work had been undertaken throughout February and March to complete the template, with the draft LEF being shared for feedback with a wide range of stakeholders on Monday, 3rd April 2023;
- (6) of the feedback that had been provided, as detailed in the report;
- (7) that the PMO and Hub were working through the final revisions to the LEF to take account of stakeholder feedback and the Chief Executives' Group had delegated responsibility for approving final changes of the LEF to the Director of Regional Economic Growth; and
- (8) that the implementation plan was included within the LEF and upon approval of the LEF by DLUHC, immediate first steps would include:
 - (a) undertaking a series of one-to-one interviews for Capacity Building workstream throughout Summer 2023; and
 - (b) developing the specification and procuring a consultant to complete the Commercial Premises Supply and Demand study.

After consideration, the Cabinet noted

- (i) the progress made in the development of the LEF, together with the feedback received; and
- (ii) that the Director of Regional Economic Growth would submit the final version of the LEF to DLUHC.