

Glasgow City Council - Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter project – Proposals for programme revision approved etc – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of 11th December 2018 approving the augmented Outline Business Case (OBC) for Glasgow City Council's (GCC) Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter project (CWFWEIQ), investing £113.9m of City Deal funding to accelerate investment and development activity within Glasgow's waterfront corridor, there was submitted a report by the Head of Glasgow City Deal updating the Cabinet on the project and presenting proposals for revising the CWFWEIQ programme to accommodate significant cost increases for the Improving Connectivity between Glasgow University and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital: Govan-Partick Bridge sub-project, advising

- (1) that the CWFWEIQ project objectives would be achieved by the delivery of a number of complementary sub-projects which would address the main barriers to economic growth, with steady progress having been delivered since 2015, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that in April 2020, following a prioritisation exercise, GCC had taken the decision to delay development of a number of sub-projects in light of increasing concern around deliverability within the approved budget, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the reasons for the rise in cost of the Govan-Partick Bridge sub-project totalling £14.7m, which had been identified as an investment priority in light of its economic impact and strategic importance to delivery of the 4 critical success factors that had been identified within the OBC, all as detailed in the report, and that, in addition, failure to deliver the bridge would have an adverse impact on the emerging cross-river Innovation Quarter and also undermine the prospects of inclusive economic growth that benefitted the long-term regeneration of Govan; and
- (4) that in order to deliver the Govan-Partick Bridge sub-project, GCC proposed to vire budget totalling £30.57m between CWFWEIQ sub-projects, as detailed in the report, and had worked with economists at Stantec who had been commissioned to produce a report in order to identify a budget re-allocation that would facilitate delivery of the bridge whilst minimising impact on the economic outputs set out within the OBC, with the key findings of Stantec being detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

After consideration and having heard Jonathan Brown, Glasgow City Council, the Cabinet

- (a) noted
 - (i) the objectives of the CWFWEIQ project and progress made on the development and implementation of the project;

- (ii) the important contribution that the proposed Govan-Partick Bridge made to the delivery of the project objectives and economic outputs; and
 - (iii) the proposed changes to the CWFWEIQ project and consequential economic impact; and
- (b) approved the proposed changes to the CWFEIQ project, as detailed in the report.

Councillor Aitken declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the decision.