

GLASGOW CITY REGION CABINET'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 10th August 2021.

Glasgow City Region Cabinet.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th August 2021 by video conference.

Present: Councillor Susan Aitken (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Councillor Andrew Polson, East Dunbartonshire Council; Councillor Tony Buchanan, East Renfrewshire Council; Councillor Stephen McCabe, Inverclyde Council; Councillor Jim Logue, North Lanarkshire Council; Councillor Iain Nicolson, Renfrewshire Council; Councillor John Ross, South Lanarkshire Council; and Councillor Jonathan McColl, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); K Rush, C Keaveny, P Murphy, A Robertson, F Scott and J Thompson, Glasgow City Council; T Glen, East Dunbartonshire Council; A Cahill, East Renfrewshire Council; G Barbour and S Jamieson, Inverclyde Council; D Murray, North Lanarkshire Council; B Walker, Renfrewshire Council; C Sneddon, South Lanarkshire Council; J White, West Dunbartonshire Council; and D McNulty, Commission on Economic Growth.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 There was submitted and approved the minutes of 1st June 2021.

Minutes of Glasgow City Region Education Committee noted.

2 There was submitted and noted the minutes of the Glasgow City Region Education Committee of 25th May 2021.

Regional Economic Strategy – Draft vision and emerging analysis – Update noted etc – Instruction to Director of Regional Economic Growth.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth outlining the most recent work on the development of the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), advising of

- (1) the different structures for delivering the RES which had been set up over the past month, including various working groups, a steering group and an oversight group;
- (2) progress to date in the development of the RES, including a proposed economic vision for the region; and

- (3) insights from some of the emerging analysis, which would feed into the proposals for the strategy.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the progress so far and the emerging analysis; and
- (b) provided feedback on the draft economic vision for the region, which would be submitted to partners for review.

Glasgow City Region City Deal – Annual Performance Report 2020/21 approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the sixth Glasgow City Region City Deal Annual Performance Report (APR), which covered the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, advising

- (1) that the APR, which was contained within an appendix to the report, was a key requirement set out within the Assurance Framework with the aim of informing key stakeholders of the overall Programme status;
- (2) of the significant progress that had been made in the City Deal and the City Region Programme within the period of the APR, together with information from the unaudited accounts, as detailed in the report; and
- (3) of the challenges, particularly due to the global pandemic.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the APR 2020/21.

Internal audit review of Glasgow City Region City Deal member authority grant claim eligibility (phase 2) noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection, Glasgow City Council, advising of the findings of a review of member authority grant claim eligibility (phase 2) arrangements.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit further reports on the progress towards achievement of the recommendations within the action plan.

Internal audit follow-up report noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection, Glasgow City Council, providing an update on a follow-up audit on action taken to

implement audit recommendations, which had previously been agreed with the City Deal Programme Management Office following the findings of a review of community benefit arrangements.

Internal Audit Annual Report noted and Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 approved.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection, Glasgow City Council regarding the Glasgow City Region Cabinet Internal Audit Annual Report and Annual Governance Statement 2020/21, advising that

- (1) the Annual Report provided a review of the performance of Internal Audit for 2021/21 and gave an opinion on the adequacy of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet system of internal control; and
- (2) the Annual Governance Statement, detailed in an appendix to the report, outlined
 - (a) the appropriate governance arrangements of the Cabinet in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014; and
 - (b) updates on significant governance issues as well as those issues that had previously been reported on.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted the Annual Report; and
- (ii) approved the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

Creation of Glasgow City Region Chef Academy etc approved.

8 There was submitted a report by Councillor Stephen McCabe, Leader of Inverclyde Council and Tourism and Destination Marketing portfolio lead, regarding the proposed creation of a Glasgow City Region Chef Academy to support employment and training opportunities in the tourism and hospitality sector, advising

- (1) that Skills Development Scotland had identified a skills gap in the number of trained chefs and this downward trend had been compounded by the pandemic, with the tourism and hospitality sectors being among the hardest hit and as the tourism sector starts to re-open, businesses had reported major challenges in recruiting staff;
- (2) that the Scottish Government had invested an additional £100m in 2020/21 as a labour market and skills response to the pandemic, followed by a further £125m in 2021/22 and much of this additional funding had been directed towards young people aged 18 to 24 years, through the Young Persons

Guarantee, which Member Authorities of Glasgow City Region had received funding from;

- (3) that fewer Modern Apprenticeships had been employed during the pandemic with many others made redundant and in a direct response to the shortage of chefs and kitchen assistants, it was proposed that a City Region Chef Academy be established creating 40 subsidised Modern Apprenticeship places for young people and adults across the City Region and these proposals had been shaped following consultation with a number of organisations;
- (4) it was proposed that Inverclyde Council serve as the Lead Authority, undertaking the project management role for the Chef Academy project and this proposal had been endorsed by the Chief Executive's Group on 29th July 2021;
- (5) of the costs and funding for the Chef Academy project; and
- (6) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard Councillor McCabe, the Cabinet

- (a) agreed that
 - (i) Inverclyde Council would serve as the Lead Authority to co-ordinate and manage the delivery of the project; and
 - (ii) Inverclyde Council and the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office would carry out further work to develop the governance, finance and delivery arrangements for the project, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) approved the funding arrangements for the project, as detailed in the report, including the use of £50,000 from the Regional Recovery and Renewal Fund and £50,000 from within the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office budget.

2020/21 Quarter 1 performance report noted etc.

9 There was submitted a performance report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth for Quarter 1 2021/22 providing updates on the progress of the City Region Portfolio Groups, the City Region Intelligence Hub, the Regional Economic Recovery Plan and the City Deal Programme, including a Clyde Mission update, project status, benefit realisation performance, financial monitoring information, programme risks and issues, change control requests and Annual Implementation Plan actions.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (1) noted the report and the change control requests approved by the Chief Executives' Group in terms of delegated authority, as detailed in the report; and
- (2) approved the use of the existing Programme Management Office budget to fund a feasibility study for a regional Electric Vehicle Charging Point Infrastructure Installation Programme, as detailed in the report.

Infrastructure Grant Allocations 2021/22 approved.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding the proposed initial allocation of infrastructure grant to each Member Authority for 2021/22.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the initial 2021/22 allocation of infrastructure grant to each Member Authority, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

Glasgow City Region Cabinet – 2020/21 unaudited annual accounts approved.

11 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Finance, Glasgow City Council regarding the Glasgow City Region Cabinet unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, advising of

- (1) the financial performance of the Cabinet for the year ended 31st March 2021;
- (2) the income and expenditure incurred in the year relating to the provision of services for the Cabinet, which had included a nil surplus on the provision of services; and
- (3) details within the report which provided further explanation for certain aspects of the core financial statements.

After consideration, the Cabinet approved the income and expenditure statement, balance sheet and the relevant supportive notes for the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Date of next meeting noted.

12 The Cabinet noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 5th October 2021 at 10.00am.