

Fourth Glasgow City Region Infrastructure summit 2021 - Position noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by Councillor Tony Buchanan, Leader of East Renfrewshire Council and Portfolio Lead for Infrastructure and Assets regarding the outcome of the fourth Glasgow City Region Infrastructure summit held with the major utility companies and infrastructure providers on 3rd September 2021, advising

- (1) of the background to the fourth summit, a list of the attendees and the goals of the partnership working with the utility companies, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that prior to the summit, an information pack had been circulated and highlighted the main projects currently under development in the city region;
- (3) that the summit attendees had been updated on the successful conclusion of the City Deal project and infrastructure provider investment mapping project, as well as progress to date on the 'Internet of Things';
- (4) that the summit had heard presentations on the Glasgow Metro and Clyde Mission proposals that highlighted opportunities for targeted collaboration with partners as well as wider engagement and the Director of Regional Economic Growth had outlined the ambition to build on both the mapping exercise and emerging significant strategic investment proposals across the region to develop a comprehensive Regional Capital Investment Plan;
- (5) that it had been suggested that the recently launched Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool by Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) could be the most efficient and appropriate vehicle for collating and mapping regional investment data and all partners, including Member Authorities, had agreed:-
 - (a) that where possible, individual organisations would share committed capital spend data to a Regional Capital Investment Plan; and
 - (b) SFT would engage with the utility partners to demonstrate the Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool and explore the sharing of data to further enable alignment of strategic capital investment across the city region; and
- (6) of a discussion which had taken place regarding climate change and how partners might identify how their organisations would contribute towards achieving net zero targets, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (i) noted
 - (A) the success of the fourth Glasgow City Region Infrastructure summit;
 - (B) the community and financial benefits achieved as a result of the ongoing collaborative working; and

- (C) the evolution of aligning strategic investment to the emerging Regional Capital Investment Plan; and
- (ii) agreed to support the ongoing development of the SFT Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool through the submission of updated capital investment data from Member Authorities and partners.