

Clyde Metro Project – Presentation noted.

6 The Cabinet noted a presentation regarding an update on the Clyde Metro Project by Harjinder Gharyal, Glasgow City Council, during which he highlighted that

- (1) following the publication of the Connectivity Commission report in 2019, this Cabinet had paused the Airport Access Project and the Metro Feasibility Study was mobilised in summer of 2020, to assess wider regional opportunities for a metro proposal;
- (2) the key objectives were to work with key stakeholders to develop a Metro approach; align all national regional and local strategies and policies; and work with Transport Scotland (TS) to recognise Metro as a national infrastructure investment as part of the STPR2 process;
- (3) the announcement of the Clyde Metro draft recommendation was positive news and had attracted, in the main, positive coverage given the transformational opportunity and its scale and bold ambition;
- (4) STPR2 recommendations were subject to public consultation until 15th April 2022, with final recommendations expected to be announced in Autumn 2022;
- (5) preparatory work to set out interim governance arrangements and a work plan for a future Outline Business Case stage would be progressed with TS; and
- (6) further updates and engagement with colleagues across the region were provided at the Transport and Connectivity Portfolio Group on 4th February 2022 and a workshop scheduled for 16th February 2022 to share more information on the development of the Clyde Metro proposal.