

Metro feasibility study – Update noted – Declaration of interest.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the developments of the Metro Feasibility Study (MFS) over the last 18 months, advising

- (1) that the MFS aimed to spotlight the environmental, sustainable, economic, social inclusion and equality benefits that an integrated transport solution could bring to the city region;
- (2) of the development of the feasibility study instructed by the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Cabinet in April 2020 and in February 2021 the inclusion of Metro within Transport Scotland's second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STRP2) Phase 1 outputs that enabled the study to be fully aligned and to collaboratively support the STRP2 process;
- (3) that the STRP Phase 1 outputs had identified and acknowledged a connectivity gap provided by the region's bus, subway and rail networks and Metro therefore represented an integrated public transport system for the city region;
- (4) of the MFS approach, the progress to date and the ongoing engagement to ensure alignment with key strategic developments as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the STRP2 draft recommendations had been published on 20th January 2022 together with the commencement of a 12-week statutory consultation until 15th April 2022 and an extract of the STRP2 Clyde Metro recommendation was detailed at Appendix 1 of the report and STRP2 consultation poster at Appendix 2 of the report;
- (6) of Scottish Government support of Clyde Metro in STRP2; and
- (7) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the close working relationships forged with Transport Scotland and their consultants, the Metro Strategic Advisory Group, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, the Glasgow teams preparing the Local Transport Strategies and the Regional Transport and Connectivity Portfolio Group to promote alignment of the Metro as a strategic intervention; and
- (b) the updates contained in the report regarding progress made by the Metro Feasibility Study and the publication of the draft STRP2 recommendations anticipated in late January 2022.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Bailie Thornton declared an interest in this item with regard to Network Rail.