

4 November 2021 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Graham, Convener; Councillor Carson, Vice-Convener; Councillors D. Ashraf, Brannan-McVey, Cameron, Carragher, Curran, Di Mascio, Duffy, Fisher, Gourlay, Hume, Paul Kelly, Lennon, Magowan, Masterton, McPake and Roarty.

CHAIR

Councillor Graham (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Executive Director, Enterprise and Communities; Head of Planning and Regeneration; Employability Resource Manager; Growth Programme Manager; Project Development Manager; Senior Project Manager; Enterprise Development Officer, and Democratic Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Anderson, Gallacher and Watson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor Graham, by virtue of being (1) a Substitute Member of the Glasgow City Region Board, and (2) Vice-Chair of Fusion Assets, declared an interest in paragraphs 2, 3 and 10 respectively and further declared that he believed the interests were so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of those items.

Councillor Paul Kelly, by virtue of being a Substitute Member of the Glasgow City Region Board, declared an interest in paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively and further declared that he believed the interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of those items.

Councillor Cameron, by virtue of (1) being a member of SPT, and (2) owning a photography and videography business, declared an interest in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 9 respectively and further declared that he believed the interest in paragraph 4 was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of that item and thereafter left the meeting during consideration of paragraphs 5, 6 and 9.

Councillor McPake, by virtue of being a Member of SPT, declared an interest in paragraph 4 and further declared that he believed the interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of that item.

Councillor Curran, by virtue of being the Chair of Routes to Work, declared an interest in paragraph 8 and 11 and did not participate in the consideration of those items.

Prior to consideration of the following two items of business, Councillors Graham and Kelly, by virtue of being Substitute Members of the Glasgow City Region Board, had declared an interest and further declared that they believed that their interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude their participation in their consideration.

CITY DEAL - RAVENS CRAIG ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH - LAND ASSEMBLY THROUGH COMPULSORY PURCHASE

2. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure South Project as part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal; (2) confirming that in September 2021, planning permission had been granted for the main and first phase of the works (the Scheme); (3) detailing the progress made to date and the approach to acquiring the property and land interests required to deliver the Project and Scheme; (4) seeking approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to support the process of acquiring the land and property interests required to deliver the first part of the strategic infrastructure, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, and (5) enclosing within the Appendices to the report, plans and a draft statement of reasons for the CPO.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress made to date in the approach to acquiring the property and land interests required to deliver the Ravenscraig Infrastructure South Project and the Scheme be noted;
- (2) that the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order, for the land outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, for the purpose of the construction and improvement of a public road to facilitate the Scheme as described in the report, be approved;
- (3) that it be noted that the Council continues to seek to acquire all relevant property interests through voluntary negotiation and agreement, and
- (4) that the Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions prepare all CPO documentation, and take all necessary steps, including the publication of all statutory notices to secure Confirmation of the Order by Scottish Ministers and the Vesting of the land in the Council.

CITY DEAL - RAVENS CRAIG ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH - WORKS UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) reminding the Committee, that at its meeting in August 2020, the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Project had been approved; (2) providing an update on the joint procurement approach with Network Rail; (3) advising that the preferred route for procurement is to undertake a mini competition involving contractors appointed to existing Network Rail frameworks; (4) informing that following the conclusion of the tendering process and appointment of the contractor, the Council and Network Rail are subject to approval of the West Coast Main Line (WCML) Crossing Full Business Case by the Glasgow City Region Chief Executive's Group; (5) detailing that approval to award the contract be sought at the next meeting of this Committee; (6) seeking approval to commence the procurement of contractors to create the new connection between Motherwell and Ravenscraig, following the approval of a planning application for the works, and (7) reporting that following the tendering process to create the new connection, the appointment of the contractor(s) is subject to approval of a Full Business Case by Glasgow City Region Chief Executive's Group and approval to award the contract be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report, including the progress made to date to deliver the Ravenscraig Access Infrastructure South Project, be noted;
- (2) that the submission of the WCML Crossing Full Business Case to the Glasgow City Region Chief Executive's Group for approval, subject to a satisfactory tender submission, be approved;

- (3) that the commencement of the procurement of a contractor(s), in accordance with the Council's General Contract Standing Orders, to create the new connection between Motherwell and Ravenscraig, be approved, and
- (4) that the submission of a Full Business Case to the Glasgow City Region Chief Executive's Group for approval, subject to a satisfactory tender submission be approved.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillors Cameron and McPake, by virtue of being members of SPT, each declared an interest and further declared that they believed that their interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude their participation in its consideration

ECONOMIC REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE: TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

4. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing a six monthly progress update on the implementation and delivery of North Lanarkshire's Economic Delivery Plan (ERDP) and associated Action Plan in relation to town centre regeneration, and (2) summarising North Lanarkshire's Town Visions, produced for each of the town centres as part of the integrated "The Place – The Vision" Ambition Programme and the progress made.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Cameron, by virtue of owning a photography and videography business, had declared an interest and left the meeting during its consideration.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT - FILM CHARTER AND FILM CODE OF PRACTICE FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

5. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising that the Council provides a filming enquiry and location service known as Lanarkshire Screen Locations (LSL), facilitated through the Council's Enterprise Team; (2) detailing the role of the LSL, providing advice and guidance on permissions, permits and filming locations; (3) enclosing within Appendices to the report, the North Lanarkshire Film Charter and the Code of Conduct for filming in North Lanarkshire; (4) advising that the documents had been developed to support and facilitate requests for filming in North Lanarkshire, to improve the offering and service to the industry, and (5) informing that the work will enhance current service provision and support the growth of the creative sector in North Lanarkshire.

Decided:

- (1) that the North Lanarkshire Film Charter, as outlined within Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- (2) that the Code of Conduct for filming in North Lanarkshire, as outlined within Appendix B to the report, be approved, and
- (3) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Cameron, by virtue of being a Member of SPT, declared an interest and left the meeting during its consideration.

EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) informing of a range of existing and new funding opportunities available for physical regeneration activity; (2) advising that the UK Levelling Up Fund (LUF) is to be delivered across a number of funding rounds, with the maximum number of bids per Local Authority based upon the Westminster Constituency boundaries; (3) setting out the criteria and proposals for the first round of LUF and proposals for the submission of bids for future rounds of the funding; (4) enclosing within Appendix 1 to the report, a list of potential strategic projects that fit with the criteria of the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP); (5) reporting that the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Programme forms a separate part of the PBIP; (6) confirming the status of stages 1 and 2 of the applications for the PBIP; (7) providing a detailed update on projects to be delivered through the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund and Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme; (8) highlighting that a successful application had been submitted for design and feasibility costs towards the development of a Green Growth Accelerator Pathfinder Project for Strathclyde Country Park, to assist with establishing the park as a key green/net zero tourism asset, and (9) providing updates on the work the Council is undertaking to secure funding or to deliver strategic programmes and projects through each of the funds.

Decided:

- (1) that the update on the first round application made to the UK's Levelling Up Fund be noted;
- (2) that the scoping of additional Levelling Up Fund bids, as outlined within the report, be noted;
- (3) that the submission of bids to future rounds of the Levelling Up Fund, subject to the criteria outlined within the report, be approved;
- (4) that the funding allocation made through the Scottish Government's Place Based and Investment Programme, and the methodology for allocating the funds, be noted;
- (5) that the success of Stage 1 submissions made to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Programme be noted;
- (6) that the update provided on the Scottish Government's Vacant and Derelict Land Fund and Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme be noted, and
- (7) that the successful submission made to the Green Growth Accelerator Pathfinder Programme, for the feasibility works required to support a future bid to this Programme and to fund capital infrastructure, be noted.

LOCAL EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

7. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) providing an update on recent work undertaken by North Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership to deliver Scottish Government Employability funding in 2022/23, in line with its No-One Left Behind Strategy; (2) proposing the specific approach of the Council and the Local Employability Partnership to deliver the funding, to ensure employability support is available to all residents and aligned with existing employability programmes at a local level; (3) highlighting the significant change in the role of Local Employability Partnerships in the co-commissioning of local employability services under the No-One Left Behind Strategy, and (4) seeking approval of a new partnership grant process for employability services delivery, managed by the Council and delivered through the Local Employability Partnership, ensuring effective employability services are delivered locally.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed approach for the Council to establish an Employability Grant Programme delivered through the North Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership as the primary model for co-commissioning in 2022 be noted, and
- (2) that it be noted that regular updates on progress will be reported through the Council's Workforce for the Future Steering Group with the outcome of a review of the grant progress and suggestions for any further grant programme, being reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Curran, by virtue of being the Chair of Routes to Work, declared an interest and did not participate in its consideration.

WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE - YOUNG PERSONS GUARANTEE 2021/22 PROGRAMME

8. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) summarising that the Scottish Government's Scottish Young Persons Guarantee funding was in response to the increase in unemployment of 16-24 year olds as a result of Covid-19; (2) intimating that the second allocation of funding in North Lanarkshire would support a range of additional youth employability activities until March 2022, and (3) detailing within the report, the existing and new initiatives such as the Modern Apprenticeship Programme, Kickstart Support and Youth Employment Hubs that supports employment in 16-24 year olds within North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the proposals to support the implementation of the Young Persons Guarantee by the Council be approved.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Cameron, by virtue of being a member of SPT, declared an interest and left the meeting during its consideration.

MUIR STREET INTERCHANGE CONTRACT AWARD

9. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval to award the contract for transport infrastructure improvements at Muir Street, Motherwell to Balfour Beatty in the sum of £1,999,961.61; (2) advising that the contract is to be awarded under the SCAPE Scotland Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework; (3) informing that the contract forms part of the Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange City Deal Project, the cost of which would be met from the Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme, following approval of the project Full Business Case, and (4) summarising that the contract will commence on-site in early January 2022, with expected completion by July 2022.

Decided: that the award of the Muirhouse Street Interchange Contract to Balfour Beatty under the SCAPE Scotland Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework, in the sum of £1,999,961.61, following approval of the projects Full Business Case by Glasgow City Region City Deal Chief Executive's Group, be approved

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Graham, by virtue of being Vice-Chair of Fusion Assets, declared an interest and further declared that he believed that the interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in its consideration.

FUSION ASSETS PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

10. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the operational performance of Fusion Assets Limited (Fusion Assets) up to 30 September 2021; (2) outlining a range of economic outputs and outcomes being delivered through the organisation, and (3) setting out Fusion Assets' financial performance between 1 January and 30 June 2021, its overall financial standing and future financial projections.

Decided:

- (1) that the operational performance of Fusion Assets, up to 30 September 2021, be noted, and
- (2) that the financial performance of Fusion Assets, between 1 January and 30 June 2021, and its overall financial standing and future financial projections be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Curran, by virtue of being Chair of Routes to Work, declared an interest and did not participate in its consideration

ROUTES TO WORK LIMITED - PERFORMANCE REPORT (QUARTER 4) 2020/21 AND QUARTER 1 2021/22

11. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) detailing the operational performance of Routes to Work Limited for Quarter 4 of 2020/21 and Quarter 1 of 2021/22; (2) outlining the financial performance of Routes to Work Limited for Quarter 4 of 2020/21 and Quarter 1 of 2021/22; (3) summarising wider achievements achieved during that period, and (4) seeking approval to amend the Articles of Association as outlined within the Appendices to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the operational and financial performance of Quarter 4 of 2020/21 and Quarter 1 of 2021/22, along with wider achievements during that period, be noted, and
- (2) that the Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions, on behalf of the Council, sign the Resolution agreeing to the new Articles of Association.