

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by the Strategic Lead for Regeneration****Council: 26 August 2020**

Subject: Glasgow City Region City Deal - Update**1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To note the progress with the implementation of the Glasgow City Region, City Deal.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that Council:

- i) notes the progress of the Glasgow City Region (GCR); and
- ii) notes the Council's City Deal project for the Exxon site.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Glasgow City Region City Deal Infrastructure programme equates to £1.13bn of investment during period 2015-2035. Projects are progressing and have reached various stages from Strategic, Outline and Full Business Case stages of approval.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Cabinet approved the quarterly Performance report from the Programme Management Office (PMO) with a number of highlights identified at 5.1.
- 4.2** The Scottish Government recently produced a Recovery Implementation Plan with a Regional focus and GCR are also developing a Covid-19 economic response with a number of key priority actions.

5. Glasgow City Region City Deal Update

- 5.1** The Glasgow City Region, Cabinet met on 11 August 2020 and approved the Quarter 1 2020/21 Performance Report from the PMO. The full report can be found at Appendix 1. The highlights are as follows:
- a) City Region Portfolios:
 - A City Region Economic Recovery Plan has been developed
 - A list of shovel ready investment opportunities has been collated for the City Region
 - The annual review of the Regional Skills Investment Plan has been completed

- A response has been submitted on behalf of the Region to the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's consultation on a 'Green Recovery'
- b) City Region Intelligence Hub:
- The Regional Input / Output tables have been completed and are being used to generate estimates on the economic impact of Covid-19 to the City Region's economy
 - The Hub has created a series of Covid-19 economic briefing notes throughout the period
- c) City Region City Deal Programme:
- On 24 June 2020, West Dunbartonshire Council approved an agreement to complete the transfer of the land owned by ExxonMobil at Bowling to the ownership of the Council, marking completion of a significant project milestone
 - The number of new medtech associated jobs created through the MediCity project has risen by 7 this quarter to 156 in total
 - 20 June 2020 saw the success of the Glasgow University's "Living Laboratory" application announced with a grant of £38 million from Strength in Places Fund
 - An additional 10 Tier 1 contracts with a value of £24.4m have awarded to GCR based companies in the period
 - The Community Benefit Menu has been developed supporting the targeting of opportunities to Priority Groups
 - The online survey for the Governance Review has been issued to all City Region and City Deal governance groups.

5.2 City Region Recovery Plan

- 5.2.1** The Cabinet were updated on the Covid-19 Glasgow City Region Economic Response Plan On 11 August 2020 and instructed the PMO to co-ordinate the developments and costing of the key priority actions to be progressed with a number of key partner agencies. A number of Councils provide direct response to Scottish Government, including West Dunbartonshire Council, which is the subject of a Council paper on 26 August 2020. The Cabinet report can be found at Appendix 2.

5.3 City Region Community Benefit

- 5.3.1** The Cabinet were provided an update on 11 August 2020 related to maximising community benefit through the City Deal projects Cenefits system. A review of the system has been determined from the PMO as being positive and a future report will be seeking approval to extend its use beyond the pilot period ending on 30 April 2021.

5.4 Regional Skills Investment Plan

- 5.4.1** The Cabinet were provide with an update on the Regional Skills Investment Plan (RSIP) which was approved at Cabinet on 9 April 2019. A five year

plan includes a Mission, Strategic Outcomes and priority Action Areas which were underpinned by an annual delivery plan. A delivery plan monitoring framework for 2019/20 summarising priority action areas and their progress together with the Cabinet approved Delivery Plan for 200-21 can be found at Appendix 3.

5.5. Green Recovery

- 5.5.1** The Cabinet noted the submission, developed by Climate Ready Clyde, on behalf of Glasgow City Region to the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, which issued a call for evidence in relation to a 'Green Recovery'. The report was approved by the Regional Partnership on 30 July 2020 and was submitted to the consultation by the deadline on 7 August 2020. The submission is available upon request.

5.6 Renfrew Bridge Project

- 5.6.1** The £90.6m City Deal funded Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside (CWRR) Project consists of a new "opening bridge" in the location of Dock Street, Clydebank, linked to a new road network which links to Dock Street in the north and the new Renfrew North Development Road (RNDR), to the south. The roads and bridge will include segregated provision for walking and cycling and will enable improved public transport links. The cycle ways will link west to the boundary of the complementary City Deal Project at Glasgow Airport Investment Area. In terms of progress, invitations to submit a mock tender were issued on 22 June 2020 and returns are due on 28 August 2020. Demolition advanced works at Christies are now complete. It is anticipated that remaining programme dates will be unaffected with FBC due in January 2021.

5.7 Scottish Government Recovery Implementation Plan

- 5.7.1** On 5 August 2020 Scottish Government produced its response to the Advisory Group on Economic recovery. https://www.gov.scot/recovery_plan_link It is worth noting the change in direction to a more regional economic focus and a community wealth building approach. The following key points are specifically related to the City Region.
- 5.7.2** Investing in places and communities: As well as funds already committed, the Scottish Government will work with regional partners to adapt City Region and Regional Growth Deals to draw down funding to support cashflow and speed up the project development process. Work is continuing with the EHRC to ensure this investment delivers better inclusive growth outcomes for disadvantaged communities.
- 5.7.3** Place-based Approaches to Economic Development: Implementation of the Place Principle is to be accelerated to ensure that investments protect communities from the worst impacts of COVID-19. More regionally focused collaboration will continue within economic development, in particular across Scottish Enterprise areas. Regional Economic Partnerships will be asked to take a taskforce approach and develop renewal action plans with a focus on access to jobs.

- 5.7.4** New Approaches to Economic Development and Regeneration: Plans for community wealth building will be accelerated, leading with a £3m pilot through the Ayrshire Regional Growth Deal commencing in early 2021. Support for cities will be delivered through the Scottish Cities Alliance and the net-zero transition will be supported, including investment in energy transition in the North East and Grangemouth. Mission Clyde will receive £10m in 2020-21. A network of Community Climate Action Hubs will be established, and Climate Action Towns funded. Regional Land Use Partnerships will be introduced from 2021. The review of the Town Centre Action Plan will be completed.
- 5.7.5** The Mission Clyde opportunity is significant for the Council, unlike City deal where the Council has one project from twenty one, due to officers prominent participation in the development of Mission Clyde, the Council has four major projects on the initial list of proposed projects. In that respect the successful implementation of Mission Clyde can deliver very significant benefits to West Dunbartonshire. Those benefits should go beyond the very significant impact of the major projects, as West Dunbartonshire enjoys a prominent position in relation to the river and should be able to take advantage of the Mission Clyde policy for many years. As the Mission Clyde strategy and philosophy is about capitalising on the river, Council officers will work closely and collaboratively with the other Councils and public bodies with an interest in the river to maximise the shared benefits from Mission Clyde.

5.8 Finance Group Update

- 5.8.1** The finance sub-group last met on 4 August 2020. It was reported that the programme currently has a projected underspend of £1.5m, however due to Covid-19 all projects are currently under review as project delay may result in cost increases and delays. The Airport Access project has been paused to allow a Metro study to be carried out (possible extension of Glasgow Underground). City Deal projects are considering recovery plans and any impact on the business cases in light of the pandemic. The Council's Exxon project is being considered as part of the recovery process.
- 5.8.2** The approach for use of any City Deal identified underspend has reverted back to the Finance sub-group which will consider following reviews as part of project recovery plans. This is an important process to allow the Council to secure any wider underspend for our Exxon project which is currently seeking an additional £6.153m.

5.9 Labour Market Working Group (LMG) Update

- 5.9.1** The Council's proposal developed jointly between Working4U and Work Connect has successfully achieved the initial target to recruit and support 43 people who were considered to be some distance from the labour market. Alongside Working 4U, Work Connect provided ongoing support for the group that aimed to build their confidence and resilience. The support provided included:
- Specialised person-centred needs analysis;
 - low level psychological interventions with a health professional;

- Provision of healthy activities to promote healthy living;
- reinstating executive cognitive functioning; and
- Delivery of behavioural activation activity.

5.9.2 The initial intention was that the programme would continue until March 2020. However further funding was confirmed and made available until July 2020. This enabled the Council to deepen the partnership approach and provide further assistance and access to learning and employment opportunities. As a result, the partnership is in a much stronger position to design and deliver specialist employability services for people with challenging life circumstances, that prevent them from considering employment as a viable option.

6 West Dunbartonshire Council City Deal Project

6.1 A Council report entitled 'ExxonMobil Commercial Agreement' was approved on 24 June 2020. Officers have been in dialogue with the land owners to progress the land transfer and are proceeding with procurement of a lead contractor to deliver the City Deal project as agreed. The final Business Case is due in December 2021.

7 People Implications

7.1 There are a number of senior officers involved in the City Region initiative across services of the Council and as part of the project board.

8 Financial Implications

8.1 The expenditure for the City Deal project during 2020/21 is currently at £0.260m. As at 31 July 2020 the total project Capital expenditure was £1.773m.

8.2 The OBC approved budget expenditure for the City Deal Exxon project remains at £2.948m. This will provide sufficient funding to take us to the Final Business Case which will be completed by December 2021

9 Risk Analysis

9.1 There are a number of project risks associated with the development at the ExxonMobil project site and these are contained within the risk register of the refreshed OBC and updated by the project board on a regular basis.

10 Equalities Impact Assessment

10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not necessary for this report.

11 Consultation

11.1 Consultation with all key stakeholders is progressing as we continue to work as part of the Glasgow City Region.

- 11.2 Regular communication is produced regarding progress with the Glasgow City Region on the website <http://www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk/>.

12 Strategic Assessment

- 12.1 At its meeting on 25 October 2017, the Council agreed that one of its main strategic priorities for 2017 - 2022 is:
- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities
- 12.2 The proposals within this report are specifically designed to deliver on this priority.

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Appendix: Appendix 1 – Quarterly Performance Report GCR Q1 2020-21
Appendix 2 – Covid-19 Glasgow City Region Economic Response Cabinet Paper
Appendix 3 – Glasgow RSIP Delivery Plan Monitoring Framework 2019/20 and Glasgow RSIP Delivery Plan 2020/21

Background Reports: Nil

Background Papers: Glasgow City Region City Deal - Council updates on the following dates:, 26 February 2020, 30 October 2019, 28 August 2019, 29 May 2019, 14 February 2019, 29 August 2018, 27 June 2018, 31 May 2018, 5 March 2018, 20 December 2017, 25 October 2017, 30 August 2017, 28 June 2017, 26 April 2017, 21 December 2016, 26 October 2016, 31 August 2016, 29 June 2016, 27 April 2016, 24 February 2016, and July 2020 Members Bulletin.
ExxonMobil Commercial Agreement 24 June 2020
Glasgow City Region City Deal - Exxon Site Refreshed Outline Business Case 28 Nov 2018
Glasgow City Region City Deal - Update and Exxon Site Outline Business Case 22 Feb 2017
Clyde Valley City Deal - Update and Strategic Business Case- Council 24 June 2015
Clyde Valley City Deal Update - Council 16 December 2015

Clyde Valley City Deal Update - Council 25 August 2015
Appointment of Strategic Services to Support West
Dunbartonshire Council's City Deal Project- IRED 18
March 2015
Clyde Valley City Deal- Governance- Council 17
December 2014
Glasgow City Region City Deal- Council 13 August 2014
“City Deal Initiative” Clyde Valley Investment Fund-
Council 30 April 2014 (Memorandum of Understanding)
Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership – City Deal
Initiative – Council 28 August 2013
Equalities Impact Assessment November 2018
Environmental Impact Assessment - [DC20/088 –
Planning Application – Documents](#)

Wards Affected: All

