

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Chief Officer: Regulatory and Regeneration****Council: 21 December 2022**

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 notes the progress of the Glasgow City Region programme.

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.
- 3.2** Previous reports, listed in background papers, have identified progress of the Council's City Deal project at the Exxon site.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The Council is progressing the Exxon Project, which includes working with Balfour Beatty via the Scape Framework as part of the pre-construction agreement to allow the detailed design elements of the project to commence and provide greater certainty regarding the budget position. In October Council approved expenditure of £5.74M on design and construction of the Western Underpass prior to approval of the Full Business Case, anticipated to be in June 2023. The contract with Network Rail for the design has now been concluded and regular progress meetings will take place.

Glasgow City Region City Deal Update

- 4.2** The Glasgow City Region Cabinet met on 8 November 2022. Agenda items included two separate presentations on the future of the Clyde, both advancing the case for collective management of the Clyde as an asset in a way that isn't constrained by administrative boundaries. It is anticipated that Clyde Mission will play a role in this.
- 4.3** The Quarterly Performance Report was also presented, and included the recommendation to approve the Change Control Request from West Dunbartonshire Council that was approved at August Council. The Change

Control Request sought a delay to the submission of Final Business Case until June 2023, and an accelerated drawdown of an additional £2.61m from total Glasgow City Region contribution. The Council's efforts to secure additional funding for complementary projects in the wider Exxon masterplan were noted, specifically the Scottish Government Vacant and Derelict Land fund for greenspace and community access proposals.

- 4.4** Glasgow City Region Chief Executives Group met on 7 December. Agenda items included a Change Control Request from Glasgow City Council on Holland Street/Pitt Street Public Realm and a proposal to establish an Anchor Network to advance Community Wealth Building in the Region. The Interim Performance report provided an update on the appointment of transport consultants to progress a Region-wide strategy for Electric Vehicle charging; noted a funding gap for developing proposals for the Clyde Climate Forest for which Member Authorities will be asked to contribute from Shared Prosperity Fund; and a call for Member Authorities to harmonise their funding criteria for green business support.
- 4.5** Due to escalating construction costs having an impact on the ability to deliver all the projects across the Region, the City Region Programme Management Office is working with Chief Executives on a project reprogramming exercise with the objective of prioritising projects with the most economic impact. The information will be analysed by the PMO and a report will be presented to April Cabinet.

Green Freeport Bid

- 4.5** No decision has been taken on successful bid.

Shared Prosperity Fund

- 4.6** Notification of the outcome of the Glasgow City Region Shared Prosperity Fund investment Plan that was submitted to UK Government on behalf of the Member Authorities is imminent. Approval by UK Government had been anticipated in October but as a result of the two Budgets that happened in quick succession, has been delayed until the end of the year. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities issued a press release on 5 December stating that the spending plans had been approved. The Council is awaiting details.

Clyde Bridge

- 4.7** The Clyde Bridge Contractor maintains a website with regular updates on the project. A viewer at the top of the website home page shows a video of progress which is updated monthly. This can be accessed at: www.graham.co.uk/clyde-waterfront
- 4.8** Since the last report the Contractor has continued to develop the detailed designs for the project, based on the consented specimen design and continued dialogue with key stakeholders and landowners. Previously agreed accommodation works and boundary fencing is well progressed for landowners within the project area. Work on drainage has commenced to the

south of the river and soil stabilisation work is on-going to the north, along with works in preparation of diversion of the Yoker Burn culvert. Works licences for the South Pier and Yoker culvert have now been issued by the Harbour Authority and work in these areas will commence shortly. Fabrication of the bridge structure is expected to commence off-site in Mid-December.

- 4.9** The Construction Contract for the Clyde Bridge project requires that subcontract and supplier opportunities over a value of £10,000 are advertised through the Public Contracts Scotland Tender portal. This requirement ensures that as the large-scale project is broken into smaller work parcels, local companies and SME's have the opportunity to bid for packages of work. To date 13 works packages have been advertised, five awarded, three of which to companies within the City Region. Additionally, a commitment of a minimum of 12 days will be spent by the Contractor undertaking supply chain development, to encourage and coach, local organisations and SME's how to prepare to enable access to this and therefore other public sector work opportunities. Thus far five sessions of training have been held.
- 4.10** Next stages of works include submission of design drawings to West Dunbartonshire Council officers for the road and drainage designs within the West Dunbartonshire area.
- 4.11** Newsletters are accessible by those who register for further updates after the issue of the first newsletter to over 3,500 residents and businesses in the local area. Posters advising the project website address were also delivered to public buildings in the project area. A link to register for updates is contained within the project webpage noted above.

5 People Implications

- 5.1** There are a number of senior officers involved in the Glasgow City Region wider programme as identified at City Region Update paper at Council on 26 August 2021.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** The approved budget to date for the City Deal Exxon project is £34.5M. The expenditure during 2021/22 was £0.44M, and as at November 2022 the current expenditure for 2022/23 stands at £0.133M.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** 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 Outline Business Case and updated by the project board on a regular basis.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 8.1** An Equalities Impact Assessment is not necessary for this report as it an update on a previously reported project.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 Consultation with all key stakeholders is progressing as we continue to work as part of the Glasgow City Region.
- 9.2 Legal Services, Finance and Procurement are regularly consulted through their participation in the Exxon project board.
- 9.3 Wider communication is produced regarding progress of the Glasgow City Region at its website <http://www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk/>

10 Strategic Assessment

- 10.1 At its meeting on 26 October 2022, the Council agreed that one of its main strategic priorities for the Strategic Plan 2022 - 2027 is:
- A Strong local economy and improved employment opportunities
- 10.2 The proposals within this report are specifically designed to deliver on this priority.

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Appendix: None

Background Papers: UK Shared Prosperity Fund Report to Housing and Communities Committee 22 August 2022
[GCR Interim Performance Report- 18 Nov 2021](#), [GCR Education Improvement Collaborative/West Partnership Improvement Plan 2021/22](#), Glasgow City Region City Deal – 29 Council updates since February 2016, March 2021 Elected Members briefing- Renfrew Bridge, July 2020 Members Bulletin.
ExxonMobil Commercial Agreement 24 June 2020.
Glasgow City Region City Deal - Exxon Site Outline Business Cases 22 Feb 2017 and 28 Nov 2018 (Refreshed).
Clyde Valley City Deal - Update and Strategic Business Case- Council 24 June 2015.
Clyde Valley City Deal Update- Council 25 Aug 2015 and 16 Dec 2015.
Clyde Valley City Deal- Governance- Council 17 Dec 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

