

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Report by the Strategic Lead for Regeneration**

**Council: 23 June 2021**

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**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 progress of 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 Council is progressing our Exxon Project with progress being made in terms of developing our contractual arrangement through the Scape Framework with our main contractor and ExxonMobil are progressing their works to remediate the site commencing Summer 2021.
- 4.2** A performance report, the GCR implementation plan and two strategies were approved at Cabinet on 1 June 2021, and this forms the main updates contained in this report following a recent May 2021 Council GCR update paper.

**5. Glasgow City Region City Deal Update**

- 5.1** The GCR Cabinet met on 1 June 2021. A quarterly performance report for the period from Q4- 2020/21 was presented and approved. The report which is attached at Appendix 1 provided updates on the progress of the City Deal Programme, including key performance indicators for the Infrastructure Fund programme, project status reporting, a sustainable procurement update (including community benefits), programme risks and issues, and a Clyde Mission and Economic Intelligence Group update.
- 5.2** The Glasgow City Region, Cabinet met on 1 June 2021 and approved the following projects:

- i) South Lanarkshire Council – Stewartfield Way Transport Capacity Enhancements project - Augmented Strategic Business Case. Following consultation the preferred way forward included the partial dualling of Stewartfield Way at key locations with a range of active travel options, and therefore the Business Case required to be augmented. Approval included an update on the project development and spend of up to £1.206m.
- ii) Inverclyde Council – Outline Business Case (OBC) – The Inchgreen project which regenerate deep water frontage derelict land back into economic use. The total project cost of £9.47m. The OBC sought an additional £0.08m on top of previously approved £0.150m for works towards the Final Business Case.

**5.3** The Chief Executives' Group approved a change control request for North Lanarkshire Council on 20 May 2021 related to the Motherwell Town centre Transport Interchange. The change highlighted a four month delay in production of the final business case (FBC) and benefits realisation delayed by 14 months. No changes to overall budget and reason for change identified as being due to delays within current phases of the station works programme being delivered by ScotRail.

**5.4** The Cabinet approved a change control request for South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) on 1 June 2021 related to the Greenhills Road, Strathaven Road Corridor Improvements. The project is delayed by three months with completion due at the end of July 2021. The project has also experienced an increase in budget of £3.608m which will be secured from SLC Capital budget (£1.4m), developers contributions (£0.25m), and a virement of £2m from the SLC Newton Community growth Area city deal project.

## **5.5 Annual Implementation Plan**

**5.5.1** The GCR Annual Implementation plan (AIP) was a requirement of the City Region Assurance Framework and provides a statement of the intentions and details of planned activity for the coming year. The Plan includes aspects of the Glasgow City Regional Economic Strategy and both are integral to the ambitions plans for inclusive economic growth. The AIP was approved at Cabinet on 1 June 2021 and can be found at Appendix 2.

## **5.6 Sustainable Procurement Strategy**

**5.6.1** At the Cabinet meeting on 11 August 2020, it was agreed that the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office (PMO) should commence the process to develop a Glasgow City Region Sustainable Procurement Strategy.

**5.6.2** The Strategy builds upon the progress made during the delivery of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Procurement Strategy (2015), which put in place a shared approach to the procurement of City Deal projects across the Member Authorities (MAs) and the Glasgow City Region City Deal Community Benefits Strategy (2015) which set out a consistent approach to securing and delivering community benefits. Both of these documents expired in 2020.

- 5.6.3** Since August 2020 the Sustainable Procurement Strategy Group (SPSG), chaired by Gary Stewart, Glasgow City Council, and the Procurement Support Group (PSG), chaired by Dorothy Balfour, North Lanarkshire Council, have led in the development of the new Sustainable Procurement Strategy, supported by the PMO. This report describes the scope of the Strategy, how it was developed, and gives an overview of its key objectives.
- 5.6.4** The Sustainable Procurement Strategy will align with the forthcoming Capital Investment Plan for Glasgow City Region which is currently being developed. Together these documents will allow MAs and partners to better plan future procurements, maximise community benefits, and to focus support for local businesses to improve their capability and chance to benefit from public procurement opportunities.
- 5.6.5** The Strategy sets out five key objectives:
- Encouraging Collaboration across Glasgow City Region
  - Supporting Local Businesses to Thrive
  - Creating Opportunities for Employment and Jobs
  - Skills, Training and Fair Work
  - Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change and Reducing Carbon Emissions

The Strategy was approved at Cabinet on 1 June 2021 and can found at Appendix 3.

## **5.7 Climate Adaptation Strategy**

- 5.7.1** The Climate Adaptation strategy has been in development by Climate Ready Clyde (CRC) for some years. The strategy covers the period 2020-2030 and contains 11 strategic interventions that provide a comprehensive programme of action for the Glasgow City Region, as detailed in Part 2.5 of the Strategy contained at Appendix 4 of this report.
- 5.7.2** The Strategy also identifies five placed based priorities, as detailed in Part 2.4 of appended Strategy as follows:
- The River Clyde Corridor
  - New Priority development sites
  - Strategic Economic Investment Locations (SEILs)
  - The Coast
  - Urban and Town Centres
- 5.7.3** Following Cabinet approval of the strategy on 1 June 2021 and an in-principle commitment to support CRC for the next five years in supporting the delivery of the strategy and action plan, the CRC will prepare the strategy and action plan for publication, with a view to launch event on 29 June 2021.

## **5.8 GCR Annual Audit Plan**

- 5.8.1** The GCR Cabinet approved on 1 June 2021 the Audit Scotland plan and funding for the auditing of GCR activity for period 2020/21. The audit proposal can be found at appendix 5.

## **5.9 Renfrew Bridge Project**

- 5.9.1** A briefing was issued on 10 March 2021 which provided members with details on the project. Following May 2021 Council and a number of questions raised by members, officers agreed to arrange a members briefing session where Renfrewshire Council project officers will present the project and respond to members questions. This has been set up provisionally for Thursday 1 July 2021 at 14:00 and invites will be extended.

## **5.10 Finance Group Update**

- 5.10.1** The finance sub-group are due to meet on 15 June 2021. The position remains that the programme currently has a projected underspend of £1m. Due to Covid-19 all projects are still currently under review as project delay may result in cost increases and delays.
- 5.10.2** The approach for use of any City Deal identified underspend will still revert to the Finance sub-group. This is an important process as the Council seeks to secure access to any wider underspend for our Exxon project which is currently seeking an additional £6.153m.

## **6 West Dunbartonshire Council City Deal Project**

- 6.1** The Planning Permission in Principle application for the Exxon project was approved at the Planning Committee on 13 January 2021 and a number of the planning conditions are being progressed with our consultant advisors.
- 6.2** Asset Management continuing to progress, through an amicable agreement, the transfer of the land required to deliver the project works with a number of third party landowners.
- 6.3** There are no further updates following the recent May 2021 Council update.

## **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 for 2021/22 is currently £35,207. As at May 2021 the total project Capital expenditure is £2.271m.
- 8.2** The approved budget to date for the City Deal Exxon project is £3.448m. This will provide sufficient funding to take us to the Final Business Case. The Final Business Case submission date is being reviewed by the project board and is subject to any delays which have been incurred including those by ExxonMobil in delivering their remediation works, in part this is due to the Pandemic.

## **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 Outline Business Case 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 at the Glasgow City Region 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 Q4. 2020-21  
Appendix 2- Annual Implementation Plan 2021-22  
Appendix 3- GCR Sustainable Procurement Strategy  
Appendix 4- GCR Climate Adaptation Strategy  
Appendix 5- GCR Annual Audit Plan

**Background Reports:** Nil

**Background Papers:** Glasgow City Region City Deal – 24 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 August 2015 and 16 December 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