

INFRASTRUCTURE, REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 17 January 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, Marie McNair, John Mooney and Martin Rooney.

Attending: Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability; Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill.

Councillor Iain McLaren in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda at this point in the meeting.

REGENERATION FUND - QUEENS QUAY DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK, ENERGY CENTRE LAND PURCHASE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regeneration seeking approval to:-

- (1) use the Council's Regeneration Fund to acquire land for the Queens Quay District Heating Network Energy Centre; and
- (2) enter into a commercial agreement with Clydeside Regeneration Limited (CRL) which will ensure the successful delivery of the District Heating Network and its future operation.

After discussion and having heard officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the funding of £0.9m plus legal transaction fees from the Regeneration Fund to purchase land on the Queens Quay site and to fund the development management of the District Heating Energy Centre and network;
- (2) to approve the commercial terms between CRL, the Council and the Energy Supply Company (ESCO) as detailed within Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 of the report;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Lead - Regeneration to conclude negotiations; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Lead - Regulatory to conclude the transaction on such conditions as considered appropriate.

The meeting closed 2.25 p.m.