

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Friday, 19th March, 2021.

Present: -

Angus Council

Councillor Bill DUFF
Councillor David FAIRWEATHER
Councillor Derek WANN

Dundee City Council

Councillor John ALEXANDER
Councillor Lynne SHORT
Councillor Richard McCREADY

Fife Council

Councillor David ROSS
Councillor Tony MIKLINSKI

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE
Councillor John DUFF
Councillor Grant LAING

Non-Elected Members

Michael WRIGHT, Scottish Enterprise
Gordon MCGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland
Councillor Andrew PARROTT, TACTRAN
Alison HENDERSON, Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce
Nigel SEATON, University of Abertay

Also Present

Greg COLGAN, Dundee City Council
Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council
Vivian SMITH, Angus Council
Mark SPEED, TACTRAN
Barbara RENTON, Perth and Kinross Council
David LITTLEJOHN, Perth and Kinross Council
Alison SEGGIE, Angus Council
Ronnie PALIN, Skills Development Scotland
Gregor HAMILTON, Dundee City Council
Archie GIBSON, AGRICO
Dr Morag MARTIN, University of Dundee
Professor Mike FERGUSON, University of Dundee
Professor Graham HOUSTON, University of Dundee
Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal Legal Officer
Steve BELL, Tay Cities Deal Comms
Alan DOBSON, Tay Cities Deal Project Manager
Lauren HOLLAS, Tay Cities Deal Project Officer
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor John ALEXANDER, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Macmillan Douglas, Councillor Brett, Hayley Mearns and Steve Grimmond.

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Andrew Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Article V(i) by virtue of his position as a Board Member of CPK who would operate Perth City Hall on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council.

III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 19TH FEBRUARY, 2021

The minute of meeting of 19th February, 2021 was submitted and approved.

IV TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE

A presentation by Programme Manager, Mo Saunders, was given to the Joint Committee outlining the current position with regards to the Tay Cities Region Deal.

The Status of Business Cases was outlined, along with a timeline for their submission to the Joint Committee for approval.

With regards to Year 1 Drawdown, it was reported that it was anticipated all Business Cases would have approval within this financial year, Legal Agreements and claims would be completed this year and that forecasting for Year1 draw down would be available at the year end.

The Joint Committee were also updated with regards to the Scottish Government Recovery Fund, noting that eligible claims required to be submitted to the PMO by 31st March, 2021. Projects being supported by this were:-

TCD012 Angus Fund – AgriTech
TCD012 (b) Angus Fund - Mercury Drone Port
TCD013 Eden Centre
TCD014 cyberQuarter
TCD016 Growing the Tay Cities Biomedical Cluster
TCD021 (a) Hospitalfield
TCD021 (b) Dundee Heritage Trust - Discovery Point
TCD021 (c) West Ward Works/Comic Centre
TCD021 (d) Tay Adventure/Dundee Marina
TCD021 (e) Dundee Maritime Centre - Unicorn
TCD023 Aviation Academy for Scotland
TCD024 (e) Digital Skills

It was also envisaged that a similar fund would be available in financial year 2021/2022.

A brief question and answer session followed after which the Joint Committee thanked Ms Saunders both for her presentation and also for the commitment to achieving the compression of the Deal.

V FUTURE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICE OPERATIONAL BUDGET

There was submitted Report No TCRJC 4-2021 by the Robert Emmott, s95 Officer, Dundee City Council seeking approval for the Programme Management Office (PMO) agreed operational budget for 2021-22 and provisional operational budget for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The Joint Committee agreed:-

- (i) that the 2021-22 Revenue Budget for the Tay Cities Region Project Management Office (PMO) as detailed in Appendix A to the report be approved;

- (ii) the provisional budgets for 2022-23 and 2023-24 be approved; and
- (iii) robust monitoring and management of the budget be carried out on behalf of the Joint Committee by the Management Group.

VI TAY CITIES REGION DEAL – BUSINESS CASES FOR APPROVAL

(a) TCD017 PERTH CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION (INCLUDING PERTH CITY HALL)

There was submitted Report No TCRJC05-2021 by David Littlejohn, Perth and Kinross Council seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC) for Perth Cultural Transformation Project (including City Hall) (TCD017).

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Fiona Robertson, Head of Culture & Communities Services, Perth & Kinross Council, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to: -

- (i) Consider this report, the Executive Summary of the Full Business Case (FBC) (a copy of the full FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request); and
- (ii) Approve the FBC.

(b) TCD010 ADVANCED PLANT GROWTH CENTRE

There was submitted Report No TCRJC06-2021 by David Littlejohn, Perth and Kinross Council seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC)

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Professor Colin Campbell, Chief Executive, James Hutton Institute, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to: -

- (i) Consider this report and the executive summary of the FBC at Appendix 2 to the report (the full FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request);
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for the TCD010 Advanced Plant Growth Centre and was recommending it for approval to the Joint Committee; and
- (iii) Approve the FBC, approving the allocation of up to £27 million in capital to the project.

(c) TCD011 INTERNATIONAL BARLEY HUB

There was submitted Report No TCRJC07-2021 by David Littlejohn, Perth and Kinross Council seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC) TCD011 International Barley Hub.

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Professor Colin Campbell, Chief Executive, James Hutton Institute, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to: -

- (i) Consider this report and the executive summary of the FBC at Appendix 2 to the report (the full FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request);
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for the TCD011 International Barley Hub and was recommending it for approval to the Joint Committee; and

- (iii) Approve the FBC, approving the allocation of up to £35 million in capital to the project.

VI DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 23rd April, 2021, to be held remotely.

John ALEXANDER, Chair.