

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

Present: -

Angus Council

Councillor Bill DUFF  
Councillor David FAIRWEATHER  
Councillor Mark SALMOND

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  
Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council  
Alison SEGIE, 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  
Susan PEART, Tay Cities Project Manager  
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor John ALEXANDER, in the Chair.

## **I APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Macmillan Douglas, Councillor Marjoram, Councillor Brett, Ellis Watson, Hayley Mearns and Keith Winter.

## **II DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Richard McCready declared a non-financial interest in Article V(i) by virtue of his position as Chair of TACTRAN.

Councillor Andrew Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Article V(i) by virtue of his position as Vice-Chair of TACTRAN.

## **III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 22ND JANUARY 2020**

The minute of meeting of 22nd January 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 Deal.

It was noted that Full Business Cases (FBC) for TCD005 & TCD006 Rural Angus and Perth and Kinross High Speed Broadband, TCD010 & TCD011 JHI Advanced Plant Growth Centre & International Barley Hub, TCD013 cyberQuarter and TCD017 Perth Cultural Transformation (including Perth City Hall) would be presented to the Joint Committee for approval in due course.

An overview was given of the Draw Down programme for 2021 and the current monitoring framework for this outlined.

In conclusion it was reported that the Tay Cities Partnership had been allocated £220k revenue, as part of the Scottish Government Recovery Programme, to be spent by 31st March 2021. This funding had been made available to support the delivery of City Deal projects, accelerate the implementation of community wealth building to maximise the potential for job creation and to accelerate the development of regional recovery plans.

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 TAY CITIES REGION DEAL – BUSINESS CASES FOR APPROVAL**

### **(i) TCD002 DUNDEE AIRPORT (REVENUE) BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC01-2021 by Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council seeking approval of the Business Case Justification (BJC) for Dundee Airport Investment – Revenue (TCD002).

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Gregor Hamilton, Dundee City Council, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to: -

- (i) Consider the report and the Business Justification Case at Appendix 2;
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the Business Justification Case for Dundee Airport Investment – Revenue (TCD002) and recommended it for approval to the Joint Committee; and

- (iii) Note that an overarching Outline Business Case setting the direction of both revenue and capital elements of the Dundee Airport Project would be brought forward for approval by the Joint Committee as the project was developed.

(ii) TCD012 ANGUS FUND OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

There was submitted Report No TCRJC02-2021 by Vivian Smith, Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform, Angus Council seeking approval of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for TCD012 The Angus Fund.

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Vivian Smith, Angus Council and Archie Gibson, AGRICO, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to: -

- (i) Consider the report and the OBC for TCD012 The Angus Fund attached at Appendix 2;
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the OBC for TCD012 The Angus Fund and recommended it for approval to the Joint Committee; and
- (iii) Note that further Outline and Final Business Cases would be brought forward for approval by the Joint Committee as the projects within the overarching OBC were developed.

(iii) TCD016 GROWING TAY CITIES BIOMEDICAL CLUSTER FULL BUSINESS CASE

There was submitted Report No TCRJC03-2021 by Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council seeking approval of the Business Case Justification (BJC) for project TCD016 Growing the Tay Cities Biomedical Cluster.

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Dr Morag Martin and Professors Mike Ferguson and Graham Houston from Dundee University, to supplement the report, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- (i) Consider the report and the executive summary of the Full Business Case at Appendix 2.
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for the Growing the Tay Cities Biomedical Cluster and was recommending it for approval to the Joint Committee.
- (iii) Approve the Full Business Case, including the allocation of up to £25 million in capital to the project.

**VI DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 19th March, 2021, to be held remotely.

John ALEXANDER, Chair.