

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Friday 11th December, 2020.

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 Karen MARJORAM
Councillor Tim Brett

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE
Councillor John DUFF

Non-Elected Members

Ellis WATSON, DC Thomson
Gordon MCGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland
Councillor Andrew PARROTT, TACTRAN
Alison HENDERSON, Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce
Nigel SEATON, University of Abertay
Hayley MEARNS, Voluntary Action Angus

Also Present

Greg COLGAN, Tay Cities Deal Section 95 Officer
Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council
Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council
Keith WINTER, Fife Council
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council
Vivian SMITH, Angus Council
Karen REID, Perth and Kinross Council
Mark SPEED, TACTRAN
Caroline Warburton, Visit Scotland
Alison CARRINGTON, Skills Development Scotland
Mark SPEED, TACTRAN
Gregor HAMILTON, Dundee City Council
Alison SEGGIE, Perth and Kinross Council
Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal Legal Officer
Steve BELL, Tay Cities Deal Comms
Susan PEART, Tay Cities Deal Project Manager
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor David ROSS, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Macmillan Douglas, Councillor Grant Laing, Caroline Warburton and Michael Wright.

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

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

III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

The minute of meeting of 7th September, 2020 was submitted and approved.

IV CO-OPTED MEMBER

Reference was made to Article V of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 9th November, 2018 whereby the Joint Committee agreed that the Chair of TACTRAN be co-opted onto the Joint Committee as an additional non-voting member for a period not exceeding two years. This period had now expired.

The Joint Committee agreed to extend the period of membership for the co-opted member for a further two years.

V TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE

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

It was reported that compression of the Deal to a ten-year period had been announced in the UK Government Comprehensive Spending Review. All compression would be assigned on James Hutton Institute (JHI projects to accelerate their spend).

Furthermore, the Partnership was continuing to revise the Deal profile and this would be resubmitted to both UK and Scottish governments. The Partnership was also actively pursuing the further acceleration to support the programme and to allow key elements to progress in Years 1-5.

The Partnership and Governments were now working to the signing of the Deal to take place on 17th December 2020.

The Committee were informed of the projects which have secured Government and Management Group approval to move forward to Full Business case development. including TCD005 and TCD006 Rural Angus and Perth and Kinross High Speed Broadband, TCD010 JHI Advanced Plant Growth Centre, TCD011 JHI International Barley Hub, and TCD017 Perth and Kinross Cultural Transformation (City Hall).

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

VI INDICATIVE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Gregor Hamilton, Head of Planning and Economic Development, Dundee City Council

It was noted that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 allowed the production of Regional Spatial Strategies by two or more authorities. These documents would set out the long-term strategy in respect of strategic development of an area, considering the strategic need for development, the outcomes that strategic development would contribute to, priorities for delivery of strategic development and proposed locations. Strategic development was defined as development that was likely to have a significant impact on future development within the area of more than one planning authority.

An Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy (iRSS) for the Tayside area had been produced, and submitted to Scottish Government to inform the work on the fourth National Planning Framework and the statutory guidance they are to produce for Regional Spatial Strategies. The iRSS reflected the Vision and Outcomes of the 2017 approved TAYplan, and highlighted the value of authorities working together at a strategic level to creating a joint evidence base and achieve delivery of its aims. The timeline for delivery of the iRSS was outlined, with an anticipated date of approval by the Scottish Government of National Planning Framework 4 in June 2022.

Thereafter, the Chair, on behalf of the Joint Committee, thanked Mr Hamilton for this interesting and informative presentation.

VII TAY CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY – FINAL DRAFT ACTION PLAN

There was submitted Report Number TCRJC11-2020 by the Heads of the Economic Development Group seeking approval of the Action Plan as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, to support the delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy previously approved by the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee considered the content of the report and agreed to: -

- (i) agree the proposed Action Plan;
- (ii) note the consultation undertaken; and
- (iii) agree to the proposed arrangements for reporting on progress.

VIII MICHELIN SCOTLAND INNOVATION PARC – INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council, providing the joint Committee with an update on Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc (MSIP).

It was reported that a programme of infrastructure improvement works was planned which would transform the existing site. Decommissioning works were had commenced on site, and demolition of the existing structures on site was anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020.

The initial design process for the MSIP Innovation Hub was now underway – this Hub would provide space and expertise to innovate and prototype, in conjunction with local further education institutions and industry experts, with financial support from the Tay Cities Deal. It was also reported that the MSIP team had now been established and a strong tenant pipeline was in place.

Members of the Joint Committee were then given the opportunity to ask questions regarding this project after which the Convener thanked Mr Presswood for his presentation.

IX PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS - 2021

The Joint Committee approved the undernoted programme of meetings for 2021. All meetings would commence at 10:00am, and held remotely: -

Friday, 22nd January, 2021
Friday, 19th February, 2021
Friday, 19th March, 2021
Friday, 23rd April, 2021
Friday, 21st May, 2021
Friday, 18th June, 2021
Friday, 17th September, 2021
Friday, 10th December, 2021

X ROTATION OF CHAIR

The Joint Committee noted that this would be the final meeting for Fife Council and Cllr Ross to hold the position of Chair. From January 2021 this position would be held by Dundee City Council.

On behalf of members of the Joint Committee, Cllr Alexander, Leader of the Administration, Dundee City Council, thanked Cllr Ross for his leadership over the past year.

XI DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 22nd January, 2021, to be held remotely.

David ROSS, Chair.