

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held at Dundee on 9th November, 2018.

Present:-

Angus Council

Councillor Bill DUFF

Councillor Bob MYLES

Councillor Angus MACMILLAN DOUGLAS

Dundee City Council

Councillor John ALEXANDER

Councillor Lynne SHORT

Councillor Richard McCREADY

Elle Council

Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Councillor David ROSS

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE

Councillor Dave DOOGAN

Councillor Colin STEWART

Non-Elected Members

Gordon McGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland

Ellis WATSON, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum

Professor Sir Pete DOWNES, Principal, University of Dundee Regional HE/FE Forum

Julie FARR, Social Enterprise Network, Third Sector

Jim REID, Scottish Enterprise

Co-opted Member

Councillor Brian GORDON, Tactran (Item VI onwards)

I APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from Councillor Tim Brett.

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors Myles and Stewart declared a non-financial interest by virtue of their membership of NHS Tayside Board.

III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 18TH MAY, 2018

The minute of meeting of 18th May, 2018 was submitted and approved.

IV MATTERS ARISING

Reference was made to the recent announcement that Michelin Group were intending to close their Dundee factory.

The Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council outlined steps being taken in conjunction with Scottish Ministers and neighbouring authorities to try and reverse the decision taken to close Michelin, including an Action Group established in this regard. A re-purposing strategy was also being drafted which would seek to identify alternative uses for the site. Lastly, in the event of closure, a brief was being prepared to ensure alternative employment paths/training would be available for employees affected.

The Joint Committee expressed concern at the news of the potential closure but welcomed the proactive approach being taken by elected members and officers.

V CO-OPTED MEMBER

In terms of Clause Three of the Minute of Agreement among Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Perth and Kinross Council and Fife Council, the Leadership Group recommended that Councillor Brian Gordon, Chair of Tactran, be co-opted for a period not exceeding two years as an additional non-voting member of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee approved the recommendation as detailed.

A query was also raised regarding the possibility of appointing further co-opted members, particularly from the Federation of Small Businesses. Following discussion it was agreed that there was a more appropriate forum within which they could be more effectively represented.

VI TAY CITIES DEAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted Report No 2-2018 by the Clerk to Tay Cities Region Joint Committee outlining the details of the proposed Tay Cities Region governance arrangements as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Joint Committee adopted the Governance Agreement and Standing Orders as detailed in Appendix I subject to the amendment that the provision relating to a Council being able to withdraw on two years written notice be deleted, and that the Heads of Legal and Democratic Services from the four constituent authorities are content with the revised wording.

Councillor Stewart requested that his dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.

It was further agreed that whilst administrative arrangements would continue to be undertaken by Dundee City Council, future venues for meetings would rotate.

VII VERBAL UPDATE ON TAY CITIES DEAL INCLUDING HEADS OF TERMS

A verbal update was given by the Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council. It was reported that due to the unforeseen announcement regarding the closure of Michelin, the Heads of Terms had still to be finalised.

However, there was a clear understanding from the Scottish Government that they would prefer to support fewer, more strategic projects, with a strong balance between rural and urban initiatives. A new date for signing was still to be identified, however, this was likely to be before the end of November.

The Joint Committee noted that a strong relationship had been built with the Scottish Government and that robust representation to ensure the best deal was achieved for the region was paramount.

VIII DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Bob MYLES, Chair.