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At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Friday 18th June, 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 Andy HEER  
Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor John DUFF

Non-Elected Members

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  
Robert EMMOTT, Dundee City Council  
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council  
Mark DAVIDSON, Angus Council  
Keith WINTER, Fife Council  
Mark SPEED, TACTRAN  
Barbara RENTON, Perth and Kinross Council  
David LITTLEJOHN, Perth and Kinross Council  
Ronnie PALIN, Skills Development Scotland  
Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal Legal Officer  
Steve BELL, Tay Cities Deal Comms  
Lorna EDWARDS, cyberQuarter  
Graham PINFELD, Rural Angus and Rural Perth and Kinross Highspeed Broadband Project  
Alistair MCLEOD, Rural Angus and Rural Perth and Kinross Highspeed Broadband Project

Clare SLATER, Tay Cities Deal Project Manager  
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor John ALEXANDER, in the Chair.

## **I APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Tim Brett, Cllr Angus Macmillan Douglas, Councillor Murray Lyle, Councillor Grant Laing, Hayley Mearns, Michael Wright, Ellis Watson, Gordon McGuinness, Vivien Smith, Steve Grimmond.

## **II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 23RD APRIL 2021**

The minute of meeting of 23rd April 2021 was submitted and approved.

## **IV TAY CITIES REGION 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 updated Business Cases timetable was tabled, along with a timeline for their submission to the Joint Committee for approval. It was noted that all projects were on schedule for this financial year. It was noted that the skills programme which was scheduled to be tabled in September would outline the governance pathway for these projects also.

In conclusion, an update was given on the Scottish Government Revenue Recovery Fund and the Joint Committee noted that the full £220k claimed had been agreed, with the PMO office currently processing payment to projects. A Regional Recovery Fund template had been developed to support the requirement to report on the Fund, and the PMO would be engaging with projects to meet the submission deadline of 31st August, 2021.

On behalf of the Joint Committee the Chair thanked Ms Saunders for her presentation.

## **V TAY CITIES REGION DEAL – BUSINESS CASES FOR APPROVAL**

### **(a) TCD013 cyberQuarter**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC10-2021 by Robin Presswood, Management Group Sponsor, seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC).

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Lorna Edwards, cyberQuarter Project lead, Abertay University, 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) at Appendix 2 (a copy of the FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request);
  - (ii) note that the Management Group had approved the OBC and FBC for TCD013 cyberQuarter on 27th May 2021; and
  - (iii) approve the FBC.
- (b) TCD005 & 006 Rural Angus & Rural Perth & Kinross Digital Projects**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC11-2021 by David Littlejohn, Management Group Sponsor, seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC) for TCD005 & TCD006 Rural Angus and Rural Perth and Kinross Highspeed Broadband.

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Project Leads Graham Pinfield and Alistair McLeod, 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 (a copy of the FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request);
- (ii) note that the Management Group had approved the Rural Angus and Rural Perth and Kinross Highspeed Broadband (TCD005 and TCD006) on 27th May 2021; and
- (iii) approve the FBC.

## **VI REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY UPDATE AND FUTURE STRATEGY**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC08-2021 by Kate Cowey of Angus Council providing an update on the indicative Regional Spatial Strategy, a review of areas where further partnership working could be possible and proposing future governance arrangements for spatial planning in the Tay Cities area.

The Joint Committee agreed to consider the report and :-

- (i) note the update on the indicative Regional Spatial Strategy work;
- (ii) review and consider opportunities for further partnership working;
- (iii) review and consider opportunities for shared governance with the Tayside RSS; and,
- (iv) agree the future actions proposed.

## **VII DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 17th September, 2021, to be held remotely.

It was noted that the Joint Committee would now revert to the Programme of quarterly meetings.

John ALEXANDER, Chair.