

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Friday, 17th July, 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

Councillor Grant LAING

Non-Elected Members

Ellis WATSON, DC Thomson

Gordon McGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland

Councillor Andrew PARROTT, TACTRAN

Alison HENDERSON, Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce

Hayley MEARNS, Voluntary Action Angus

Also Present

Greg COLGAN, Tay Cities Deal

David MARTIN, Dundee City Council

Steve BELL, Dundee City Council

Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council

Keith WINTER, Fife Council

Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council

Vivian SMITH, Angus Council

David LITTLEJOHN, Perth & Kinross Council

Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal

Mark MITCHELL, Tay Cities Deal

Caroline WARBURTON, Visit Scotland

Martin Beard,

Mark SPEED, TACTRAN

Lucy BYATT, Hospitalfield Trust

Martin BEARD, Hospitalfield Trust

Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal

Councillor David ROSS, in the Chair.

**I APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been intimated from Karen Reid, Steve Grimmond, Nigel Seaton, Michael Wright, Gary Malone and Councillor MacMillan Douglas.

## **II DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 19TH JUNE, 2020**

The minute of meeting of 21st February, 2020 was submitted and approved.

## **IV MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **V TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE**

The Tay Cities Programme Manager gave a presentation to members highlighting developments in the Deal process. The signing date was still to be agreed, however both the UK and Scottish Governments had given assurances that they remained committed to reaching a Deal.

It was reported that three Business Cases had now received Government approval to proceed to the Full Business Case stage:

- Eden Campus
- Growing Tay Cities Biomedical Cluster
- cyber Quarter

and it was agreed that a short note be prepared for members of the Joint Committee providing details on each of these projects.

The Joint Committee welcomed the progression of the Projects, but expressed concern that a signing date for the Deal had still not been identified. The Chair advised that the Leaders of the four Constituent Local Authorities had made further written representations to the UK and Scottish Governments seeking assurances that the Deal be signed as soon as possible but no response had been received to date.

It was noted that the Chair of the Management Group had a weekly scheduled call with Government representatives 21st July. The Chair requested a report back to the Council Leaders and Joint Committee members following the discussion.

## **VI TCD021(a) CULTURE & TOURISM INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - HOSPITALFIELD - FULL BUSINESS CASE**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC8-2020 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform – Angus Council seeking approval of the Full Business Case for project TCD021(a) Hospitalfield.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- (i) Consider the report and the executive summary of the Full Business Case for TCD021(a) Hospitalfield attached at Appendix 2.
- (ii) Note that the Management Group had approved the Outline Business Case and Full Business Case for TCD021(a) Hospitalfield and was recommending it for approval to the Joint Committee.
- (iii) Approve the Full Business Case, approving the allocation, in principle, of £5.5million to the project, subject to the signing of the Tay Cities Deal and the securing of the outstanding match funding, subject to the conditions at paragraph eight being met.

(iv) Agree the release of £3million over financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22 where 50% match funding was already in place. £2million was profiled in financial year 2021/22 and £1million was profiled in 2021/22 subject to the conditions at paragraph eight being met.

(v) Note the expectation that a further £2.5million was profiled for financial year 2023/24 subject to 50% match funding being secured.

## **VII RES ACTION PLAN PRESENTATION**

A presentation on the Regional Economic Action Plan by the Head of Planning & Development – Perth and Kinross Council, was given to the Joint Committee.

Consultation exercises had been ongoing to further develop this Plan with partners, however in the light of the Covid pandemic it had been agreed that this was an opportunity to revise and rescope the Plan, and to build back better with a future fit operating model. Short term actions would focus on local recovery, to be led by local partnerships and medium-term actions would concentrate on the development of regional recovery, noting that a fully flexible response was critical.

Bold measures would be required to enable equity and fairness for all citizens, create resilient and sustainable key business sectors and to ensure that the Tay Cities Region become an even more vibrant and prosperous place.

The Joint Committee welcomed the further development and rescoping of the Action Plan, noting that community wealth building would be a key feature within the plan. A co-ordinated and integrated approach would be used in its consultation process, whilst noting the importance of private sector involvement and support.

It was agreed that following the consultation process, the finalised Plan be submitted to the Joint Committee for approval.

## **X DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 21st August, 2020, to be held remotely.

David ROSS, Convener.