

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held at Dundee on Friday, 8th December, 2017.

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

Fife Council

Councillor Tim BRETT

Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Ian CAMPBELL

Councillor Dave DOOGAN

Councillor Colin STEWART

Non-Elected Members

Gordon McGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland

Tim ALLAN, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum

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

Also Present

Jim REID, Scottish Enterprise

Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council

David MARTIN, Dundee City Council

Mike GALLOWAY, Dundee City Council

Eric KNOX, Third Sector

Alan McKEOWN, Angus Council

Jim VALENTINE, Perth & Kinross Council

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Councillor David Ross, Linda Hanna, Ellis Watson and Julie Farr.

I MEMBERSHIP

Reference was made to Clause Three of the Minute of Agreement between Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Perth and Kinross Council and Fife Council establishing the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee noted the following appointments:-

Angus Council

Councillor Bob Myles

Councillor Angus MacMillan Douglas

Councillor Bill Duff

Dundee City Council

Councillor John Alexander

Councillor Lynne Short

Councillor Richard McCready

Fife Council

Councillor David Ross
Councillor Karen Marjoram
Councillor Tim Brett

Perth and Kinross Council

Councillor Ian Campbell
Councillor Colin Stewart
Councillor David Doogan

Non-Elected Members

Gordon McGuinness, Skills Development Scotland
Linda Hanna, Scottish Enterprise
Ellis Watson, Chair, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum
Tim Allan, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum
Professor Sir Pete Downes, Principal, University of Dundee Region HE/FE Forum
Julie Farr, Dundee Social Enterprise Network, Third Sector

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected members were reminded that, in terms of The Councillors Code, it was their responsibility to make decisions about whether to declare an interest in any item on the agenda and whether to take part in any discussions or voting.

This included all interests, whether or not entered on their Register of Interests, which would reasonably be regarded as so significant that they would be likely to prejudice your discussion or decision-making.

No declarations of interests were made.

II CONVENER AND VICE-CONVENER

In terms of Clause Twelve of the Minute of Agreement, the Joint Committee agreed to appoint a Convener and Vice-Convener as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Convener</u>	<u>Vice-Convener</u>
2017/2018	Angus Council	Perth & Kinross Council
2018/2019	Perth & Kinross Council	Fife Council
2019/2020	Fife Council	Dundee City Council
2020/2021	Dundee City Council	Angus Council

Accordingly Councillor Bob Myles was appointed as Convener and took the Chair.

IV GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Joint Committee remitted to the Clerk to submit proposed governance arrangements to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

V PRESENTATION

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Jim Reid of Scottish Enterprise highlighting factors of economic importance when relevant to the bid process for the Tay Cities, which would also reflect the four priorities of the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy.

Members noted the three key elements of the bid:-

- Inclusive Tay – delivering of a smarter, fairer economy over the next 20 years which would in turn provide better economic outcomes for citizens

- Innovative, International Tay – support to businesses for innovation of growth, and also creation of new skilled jobs within the region.
- Connected Tay – improved digital connectivity to enhance the development of knowledge intensive business across the Tay Cities Region.

Members agreed that it was imperative to build upon existing strengths within the region and that this was an important time to be ambitious about attracting new talent and opportunities for the area.

Jim Reid was thanked for his interesting and informative presentation.

VI PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted Report TCRJC 1-2017 by David Littlejohn, Head of Tay Cities Deal provided Committee Members with an update on progress since the submission of the Tay Cities Deal in March 2017 and the anticipated timescale for its inclusion.

The Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the content of this report; and
- (ii) request a further report on the progress of negotiating the Tay Cities Deal at its next meeting.

VII PROPOSED TIMETABLE 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
16th February	10 am
18th May	10 am
24th August	10 am
9th November	10 am

All meetings to be held in Committee Room 1, 14 City Square, Dundee.

The Joint Committee agreed the timetable as detailed.

Bob MYLES, Convener