

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held at Dundee on Friday, 21st February, 2020.

Present:-

Angus Council

Councillor Bill DUFF

Councillor David FAIRWEATHER

Councillor Angus MACMILLAN DOUGLAS

Dundee City Council

Councillor John ALEXANDER

Councillor Lynne SHORT

Councillor Richard McCREADY

Fife Council

Councillor David ROSS

Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Councillor Andy HEER (substitute for Councillor Tim Brett)

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE

Non-Elected Members

Gordon McGUINNESS, Skills Development Scotland

Michael WRIGHT, Scottish Enterprise

Hayley MEARNS, Voluntary Action Angus (substitute for Gary Malone)

Councillor Andrew PARROTT, TACTRAN

Alison HENDERSON, Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce

Nigel SEATON, University of Abertay

Also Present

Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal

Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council

Greg COLGAN, Tay Cities Deal

Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council

Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council

Keith WINTER, Fife Council

Vivian SMITH, Angus Council

Jim VALENTINE, Perth & Kinross Council

Kenny McKAIG, Tay Cities Deal

Niall GARDENER, TACTRAN (substitute for Tom Flanagan)

Carol PROKOPYSZYN, University of Dundee

Susan PEART, Tay Cities Deal

Councillor Murray LYLE, in the Chair.

**I APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Tim Brett, Ms Karen Reid, Mr Grant Archibald, Mr Ellis Watson and Mr Gary Malone.

**II DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **III CONVENER AND VICE CONVENER**

The Joint Committee was required to appoint a Convener from Fife Council and Vice Convener from Dundee City Council for 2020/2021.

It was agreed that Councillor David Ross of Fife Council be appointed as Convener and Councillor John Alexander of Dundee City Council be appointed as Vice Convener.

### **IV MINUTE OF MEETING OF 8TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

The minute of meeting of 8th November, 2019 was submitted and approved.

### **V MATTERS ARISING**

On a reference to Article V of the minute of meeting of 8th November, 2019, it was reported that a letter had been sent to UK and Scottish Governments, seeking assurances that going forward all projects would go through the agreed Tay Cities due process and governance, however, no response had been received to date.

### **VI MEMBERSHIP**

The Joint Committee noted that, due to the sad passing of Councillor Brian Gordon, and in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, TACTRAN had appointed Councillor Andrew Parrott of Perth and Kinross Council as their representative on the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee further noted that, in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, Perth and Kinross Council had appointed Councillor Grant Laing as their representative on the Joint Committee, as a replacement for Councillor David Doogan who had resigned as a Councillor following his election as a Member of Parliament.

### **VII TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE**

The Tay Cities Programme Manager advised members that whilst UK and Scottish Governments remained committed to achieving a deal, no signing date was currently agreed. The Partnership was continuing to develop and progress key documentation and projects/programmes to achieve the deal.

The Joint Committee noted that the impact of the delay on signing included:-

- Serious Reputational Risk – for both Governments and the Partnership;
- Spend on two projects in particular - Eden Campus and Perth City Hall is being carried out at risk and this cannot continue indefinitely.

### **VIII INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC1-2020 by Head of Partnerships and Teamleader of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise, seeking approval for the Outline Business Case for the Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme as part of the Tay Cities 'side deal' funding.

The Joint Committee agreed to approve the report 'Tay Cities Industrial Investment Programme Outline Business Case' that set out the case for spend, including key priorities, against the Tay Cities 'side deal' funding of £10 million for the Programme.

### **IX MICHELIN SCOTLAND INNOVATION PARC – INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

There was submitted Report No TCRJC2-2020 by Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council, outlining the proposed governance procedures for the delivery of the £7.5m Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc (MSIP), supported by the Industrial Investment Programme and providing an overview of the proposed projects at MSIP.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- (i) note the governance procedures for delivering the £7.5m Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc programme as outlined in the report; and
- (ii) delegate authority to Dundee City Council to approve the MSIP project business cases and enable them to work with partners to deliver the Parc.

#### **X DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 20th March, 2020, County Hall, Forfar, Angus.

**The Committee may resolve under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the undernoted items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.**

#### **XI PROFILING OF TAY CITIES DEAL**

The S95 Officer and Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council, gave a presentation to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee noted its content and agreed that a briefing paper be prepared for circulation to the membership. It was further agreed that the Chair write to Westminster and Scottish Governments on behalf of the Joint Committee, expressing concern for the delay in the signing of the deal, and outlining the serious implications this could cause.

David ROSS, Convener.