

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Friday, 23rd April, 2021.

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 Andy HEER
Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE
Councillor John DUFF

Non-Elected Members

Michael WRIGHT, Scottish Enterprise
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, Dundee City Council
Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council
Robert EMMOTT, Dundee City Council
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council
Vivian SMITH, Angus Council
Keith WINTER, Fife Council
Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council
Niall GARDINER, TACTRAN
Barbara RENTON, Perth and Kinross Council
Alison SEGGIE, Perth and Kinross Council
Ronnie PALIN, Skills Development Scotland
Deirdre ROBERTSON, Dundee Heritage Trust
Gill POULTER, Dundee Heritage Trust
Colin MCILRAITH, Michel-Scotland Innovation Parc
Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal Legal Officer
Steve BELL, Tay Cities Deal Comms
Lauren HOLLAS, Tay Cities Deal Project Officer
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor John ALEXANDER, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Tim Brett, Councillor Grant Laing, Ellis Watson, Nigel Seaton, Mark Speed and David Littlejohn.

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 19TH MARCH, 2021

The minute of meeting of 19th March, 2021 was submitted and approved, subject to the sederunt to be amended to include Councillor Miklinski, Councillor Marjoram and Robert Emmott.

IV PRESENTATION BY COLIN McILRAITH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MSIP

An update on MSIP was given to the Joint Committee by Colin McIlraith, a copy of which is appended to the minute.

Colin highlighted the roadmap for progress of the project, highlighting key days whereby the project would move from the decommissioning stage to welcoming tenants and creating a new and innovative campus.

A brief question and answer stage followed with the following point noted: -

- The site had benefited from expertise gained from Michelin regarding Covid control measures which in turn would assist tenants in understanding challenges they may have in this regard.

Thereafter the Chair thanked Colin, on behalf of members of the Joint Committee, for his presentation.

V 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 Business Cases timetable was outlined, along with a timeline for their submission to the Joint Committee for approval. It was noted that a few projects were scheduled for approval at the June Committee, after which the quarterly timetable of Joint Committee meetings would resume.

With regards to Year 1 Drawdown, the Final Forecast Drawdown 2020/2021 was £22.359m, a total of £3.874m acceleration from the Deal profile approved on the 17th December 2020.

Claims had been paid in respect of TCD021 (a) Hospitalfield and TCD013 Eden Campus with all remaining claims now prepared and submitted to the Scottish Government by its deadline of 16th April 2021.

In conclusion, an update was given on the Scottish Government Revenue Recovery Fund, and the Joint Committee noted that 13 successful projects aligned to the theme: Accelerated delivery of City/Regional Growth Deal Investment had been signed off by the S95 Officer and an award of £220k had been made.

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

VI TAY CITIES REGION DEAL – BUSINESS CASE FOR APPROVAL

(a) TCD021(B) DISCOVERY POINT TRANSFORMED FBC

There was submitted Report No TCRJC09-2021 by Robin Presswood, Culture and Tourism Investment programme Co-Sponsor, seeking approval of the Full Business Case (FBC) and asking the Joint Committee to note that the Management Group had approved the OBC and FBC for TCD021(b) Discovery Point Transformed, a Project by Dundee Heritage Trust (DHT), which formed part of the Culture & Tourism Investment Programme.

A presentation was given to the Joint Committee by Deirdre Robertson and Gill Poulter, Project Leads, Dundee Heritage Trust, 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) for Discovery Point Transformed (a copy of the FBC would be available to the Joint Committee on request);
- (ii) note that the Management Group has approved the OBC and FBC for TCD021(b) Discovery Point Transformed; and
- (iii) approve the FBC subject to agreeing in principle to an allocation of £2.5m subject to the following Conditions: -
 - (a) The second phase of funding would not be released until the project owner is able to demonstrate:
 - (i) The remaining match funding was in place (additional £1.6m).
 - (ii) The total overall project costs had been secured and
 - (b) The request to progress with Phase 2 of the project would need to be approved by the Management Group and Joint Committee.

VI DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 21st May, 2021, to be held remotely. (subsequently cancelled), with the next meeting scheduled for Friday, 18th June, 2021.

John ALEXANDER, Chair.