

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held at Fife on Friday, 20th September, 2019.

Present:-

Angus Council

Councillor Mark SALMOND (substitute for Councillor David FAIRWEATHER)

Councillor Angus MacMillan DOUGLAS

Councillor Bill DUFF

Dundee City Council

Councillor Lynne SHORT

Councillor Richard McCREADY

Fife Council

Councillor Karen MARJORAM

Councillor Tim BRETT

Councillor David ROSS

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE

Councillor David DOOGAN

Non-Elected Members

Alison CARRINGTON, Skills Development Scotland (substitute for Gordon McGUINNESS)

Michael WRIGHT, Scottish Enterprise

Alison HENDERSON, Tay Cities Business Forum

Ellis WATSON, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum

Also Present

Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal

David MARTIN, Dundee City Council

Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council

Greg COLGAN, Dundee City Council

Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council

Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council

Keith WINTER, Fife Council

Kirstin MARSH, Fife Council

Vivian SMITH, Angus Council

Alan GRAHAM, Perth & Kinross Council

Roger MENNIE, Dundee City Council

Tom FLANAGAN, TACTRAN

Lorna WIGGIN, NHS Tayside

Geraldine CAMPBELL, Scottish Government

Councillor Murray LYLE, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Fairweather, Councillor Alexander, Councillor Stewart, Mr Gordon McGuinness, Ms Karen Reid, Professor Andrew Atherton, Mr Jim Valentine and Mr Gary Malone.

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

III MEMBERSHIP

The Joint Committee noted that due to the resignation of Julie Farr, and, in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, the Third Sector had appointed Gary Malone, Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Action Angus, as their representative on the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee further noted that due to the retiral of Jim Reid, and in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, Scottish Enterprise had appointed Michael Wright as their representative on the Joint Committee.

IV MINUTE OF MEETING OF 21ST JUNE, 2019

The minute of meeting of 21st June, 2019 was submitted and approved.

V MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

VI PRESENTATION – TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE

The Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council gave a presentation on progress to date.

The Joint Committee noted that since the signing of the Heads of Terms, Government commitment of £300m over 10-15 years had been made, with three programmes and 22 projects named. To achieve full deal, robust business cases were required for each project/programme, along with completed deal documentation. Development of the business cases was ongoing along with development of governance measures and a communications protocol.

Challenges to achieving full deal included realising the Heads of Terms commitment to at least 6000 jobs and leverage of the £400 million in investment required, along with achieving the 2019/20 draw down.

The role of the Joint Committee in this process would be to ensure governance arrangements were adhered to and that full business cases were approved accordingly.

The Joint Committee then had an opportunity to ask questions with the following points being clarified:-

- It was the responsibility of project leaders to ensure that any drawn down of funding could be reclaimed
- Similarly due diligence for projects was the responsibility of the project leader

The Chair thanked the Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment for his presentation and it was agreed that this would be circulated with the minutes

VII REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY REFRESH

There was submitted Report No TCRJC13-2019 by the Chair, Tay Cities Management Group and Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council seeking the approval of the Tay Cities Region Economic Strategy and authorisation for Executive Officers within the Tay Cities Management Group to take forward the relevant actions identified within the strategy.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- (i) approve the Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy 2019-2039; and

- (ii) remit the Tay Cities Management Group to work in partnership to deliver the relevant actions.

The Joint Committee further agreed that the undernoted be included within the Action Plan:-

“that the potential for community wealth building be explored as an approach to deliver inclusive growth across Scotland, involving working with partnerships of public and private sector anchor institutions, focussing on their role in their local and regional economies as employers, purchasers, asset owners and enablers of wider economic activity.”

VIII A O C B

- (i) REGIONAL SKILLS INVESTMENT PLAN

It was reported that the Regional Skills Investment Plan for the Tay Cities Region, prepared by SDS and partners across the region, was launched on 26th August. It was agreed that a copy of this be made available to members of the Joint Committee and that in future, members be given notice of similar launch events.

- (ii) DASHBOARD OF PROGRAMMES

A query was made regarding whether a dashboard of programmes was to be made available to members.

The Joint Committee noted that this was to be developed in conjunction with the communication strategy and current arrangements within the local authorities.

IX DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, Friday, 8th November, 2019 in Committee Room 2, 14 City Square, Dundee.

Murray LYLE, Chair.