

Motherwell, 9 May 2019 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Graham, Convener; Councillor Carson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beveridge, Cameron, Carragher, Curran, Di Mascio, Duffy, Fisher, Gallacher, Gourlay, Hume, Kelly, Larson, Lennon, Masterton, McPake, Roarty, Stephen and Watson.

CHAIR

Councillor Graham (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities); Head of Planning and Regeneration; Head of Communities; Enterprise Projects Manager; Growth Programme Manager; Employability Resources Manager; Enterprise Manager; Group Manager (Estates), and Democratic Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors D. Ashraf and H. McVey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. Councillor Kelly, by virtue of being a substitute member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, declared an interest in paragraphs 2 and 3 and took no part in the consideration thereof.

Councillor Watson, by virtue of being a member of Lanarkshire Tourism Board, declared an interest in paragraph 5 and took no part in the consideration thereof.

Councillors Di Mascio and Lennon, by virtue of being members of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board, each declared an interest in paragraph 6 and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Graham, by virtue of being a member of Fusion Assets, declared an interest in paragraph 7 and took no part in the consideration thereof.

Councillor Graham, by virtue of being a member of the West of Scotland Loan Fund, declared an interest in paragraph 8 and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Curran, by virtue of being a member of Routes to Work, declared an interest in paragraph 12 and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

CITY DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATES

Councillor Kelly, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a substitute Member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, took no part in the consideration thereof.

(1) PRESENTATION - CITY DEAL UPDATE

2. Kate Bryson, Enterprise Projects Manager gave a presentation providing an update on the City Deal Project and North Lanarkshire City Deal activity.

Kate then responded to Members' questions and comments on the presentation.

Decided: that the presentation be noted.

(2) NORTH LANARKSHIRE CITY DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) informing of the current status of North Lanarkshire City Deal activity following on from the realignment of the Council's Infrastructure Programme, approved by the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Cabinet on 9 April 2019; (2) outlining the background to the modified Infrastructure Programme; (3) intimating that the Council's City Deal Infrastructure Programme remains encompassed within the three broad strategic business case themes, namely (a) A8/M8 Corridor Access Improvements; (b) Gartcosh/Glenboig Community Growth Area, and (c) Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor, therefore reducing the number of sub-projects to six; (4) summarising the progress of each of the six projects and their costings; (5) advising that the Working Matters Sub-Project, delivered by Routes to Work, is now complete and, due to an underspend, a one year successor programme for 2019/20 had been developed; (6) noting the submission of an augmented Outline Business Case (OBC)/Full Business Case (FBC) for the Glenboig Link Road Sub-Project, and (7) seeking approval to submit the Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange Augmented OBC for future consideration by the GCR Cabinet.

Decided:

- (1) that the current status of the modified North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure Project be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that officers develop an Infrastructure Agreement between the Council and Ravenscraig Limited to support the future delivery of the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access Project and formalise future economic benefits to be achieved from the Ravenscraig Redevelopment;
- (3) that the action taken to participate within the Working Matters Employability Successor Programme for 2019/20, and to allocate associated additional match funding contributions, be homologated;
- (4) that the submission of the augmented Outline Business Case/Full Business Case for the completed Glenboig Link Road Sub-Project, following a wider review by the GCR Project Management Office (PMO), of all previously approved Outline Business Case submissions be noted, and
- (5) that the submission of the Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange Augmented OBC, for future consideration by the GCR Cabinet, be approved.

RAVENS CRAIG INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH SITE ASSEMBLY

4. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the land requirements for Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access (RIA) North, with the purpose of re-establishing the approach to site assembly and obtaining permission to resume the process of land acquisition as part of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal Programmes; (2) detailing that the estimated financial exposure for land acquisition is £350,000; (3) advising that the RIA North Project will deliver improved transport links for the PAN Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor by upgrading the existing A723/B799 to dual carriageway; (4) seeking approval to agree, in principle, the use of compulsory purchase powers if impracticable or impossible to acquire all the land interests by agreement, following resumed engagement with affected land owners, and (5) informing that any resolution to make a Compulsory Purchase Order would be the subject of a further report to this Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the budget estimate of £350,000 for the advancement of land assembly for RIA North be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that land assembly be resumed, in advance of obtaining City Deal Outline Business Case approval;
- (3) that the use of compulsory purchase powers, if impracticable or impossible to acquire all the land interests by agreement, following resumed engagement with affected land owners, be agreed in principle, and
- (4) that the resolution to make a Compulsory Purchase Order be subject to a further report to this Committee.

Councillor Watson, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a member of Lanarkshire Tourism Board, took no part in the consideration thereof.

REVIEW OF TOURISM LANARKSHIRE 2020: LANARKSHIRE AREA TOURISM STRATEGY 2016-2020

5. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on Tourism Lanarkshire 2020, which is the Lanarkshire Area Tourism Strategy for the period 2016-2020; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) confirming that a review of the Strategy is to be undertaken to ensure continuation of alignment towards, and to achieve, the shared ambition outlined in the Plan for North Lanarkshire, and (4) informing that work will continue during 2019 to ensure the aims of the Strategy are met whilst investigating how tourism will be taken forward beyond 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the plan and timetable for review of the Strategy be noted, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

Councillors Di Mascio and Lennon, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of both being members of North Lanarkshire Partnership Board, left the meeting during consideration of this item.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE PROPERTIES LLP: 2018/19 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: 13 OCTOBER 2018 - 4 JANUARY 2019 AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 4 JANUARY 2019 (PERIOD 10)

6. There was submitted a report by the Business Relationship Manager (1) outlining North Lanarkshire Properties (NLP) LLP financial performance against 2018/19 targets for the period 13 October 2018 to 4 January 2019; (2) highlighting NLP LLP's financial performance as at period 10, ending on 4 January 2019; (3) highlighting achievements the Organisation has delivered in 2018/19; (4) seeking approval to change, following discussions, the loan facility agreement with Barclays Bank Plc to reduce the bank covenant ratio from 1.5:1 to 1:1, and (5) enclosing, in appendices to the report, a number of documents supporting the information contained within the narrative to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that NLP LLP's operational performance against its 2018/19 targets for the period 13 October 2018 – 4 January 2019 be noted;
- (2) that NLP LLP's financial performance as at period 10 ending on 4 January 2019 be noted;
- (3) that the change in the loan facility agreement with Barclays Bank Plc to reduce the bank covenant ratio from 1.5:1 to 1:1 be approved, and
- (4) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

Councillor Graham, prior to the consideration of the following items of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a member of Fusion Assets, took no part in the consideration thereof and vacated the chair.

Councillor Carson assumed the Chair.

FUSION ASSETS LIMITED - 2018/19 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2019 AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

7. There was submitted a report by the Business Relationship Manager (1) outlining Fusion Assets Limited's operational performance against its 2018/19 targets; (2) setting out Fusion Assets Limited's financial performance against its approved 2018/19 revenue and capital budgets as at 31 December 2018, and (3) enclosing, in the appendices to the report, a number of documents supporting the information contained within the narrative to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that Fusion Assets Limited's operational performance against its 2018/19 targets be noted, and
- (2) that Fusion Assets Limited's financial performance against its approved 2018/19 revenue and capital budgets, as at 31 December 2018, be noted.

Councillor Graham, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a member of the West of Scotland Loan Fund, left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Carson assumed the Chair.

WEST OF SCOTLAND LOAN FUND LIMITED/BUSINESS LOANS FUND LIMITED

8. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the status of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Limited (WSLF); (2) advising that the Board of WSLF has agreed to wind up the company due to the emergence of Business Loan Scotland Limited (BLS) as the vehicle through which debt finance is provided to Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) across Scotland; (3) informing that the Council had transferred £280,492 from its residual funds available within the WSLF from the 2007-2013 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme as match funding for both loans and to support the administrative and management costs of BLS; (4) seeking approval to (a) transfer the outstanding WSLF, Loan Portfolio and Ringfenced ERDF funds, required to be utilised for debt finance, to BLS, and (b) the withdrawal of the remaining excess funds from the WSLF, once the debts and liabilities have been settled, to be utilised for SME development, and (5) requesting that authority be delegated to the Convener and the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities), with advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions, to conclude negotiations with BLS to amend its Articles of Association in order to enable the Council to withdraw funds in the future.

Decided:

- (1) that the intention of the WSLF's Board to wind up the Company be noted;
- (2) that the Council's commitment to the treatment of residual ERDF money received during the 2007-2013 ERDF programme be noted;
- (3) that the transfer of the outstanding WSLF Loan Portfolio and Ringfenced ERDF funds, required to be utilised for debt finance to BLS, be approved;
- (4) that the withdrawal of the remaining excess funds from the WSLF, once the debts and liabilities have been settled, to be utilised for SME development, be approved;
- (5) that a further paper be presented to this Committee later in 2019, outlining options for the utilisation of the excess funds withdrawn from the WSLF, and
- (6) that authority be delegated to the Convener and the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities), with advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions, to conclude negotiations with BLS to amend its Articles of Association to enable the Council to withdraw funds in the future.

Councillor Graham resumed the Chair.

BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION FUND

9. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the proposed changes to the Business Transformation Fund; (2) advising that the Fund is a Council Funded Grant Scheme designed to help North Lanarkshire's Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMSEs) grow and create jobs; (3) explaining each of the proposed changes, including the eligibility criteria, and (4) highlighting that Committee approval had previously been granted to implement the new scheme for the start of the financial year 2019/20.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed changes to the Business Transformation Fund Grant Scheme Guidelines and eligibility criteria be approved, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

RAVENS CRAIG GREENSPACE - CONTRACT AWARD

10. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising of the action taken by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities), under delegated authority and following consultation with the Convener, to award two contracts for the creation of a new public park at Ravenscraig; (2) informing that the contracts awards had been made following a two stage restricted procedure, and (3) detailing that the contract for Ground Works and Remediation works had been awarded to VHE Construction Plc in the sum of £958,456 and the contract for Main Works had been awarded to Idverde Limited at a cost of £2,760,223.45.

Decided: that the action taken in accordance with the delegated authority given to the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities) in awarding the contracts for the creation of the Ravenscraig Park for (a) Ground Works and Remediation Works to VHE Construction plc in the sum of £958,456, and (b) Main Works to Idverde Limited at a cost of £2,760,223.45 be noted.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD

11. There was submitted a report by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions providing, within the Appendix to the report, details of contracts which had been awarded by him, under delegated authority, for works over £50,000 but less than £500,000 in value, during the period 1 January and 31 March 2019.

Decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Curran, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a member of Routes to Work Limited, left the meeting during consideration of this item.

EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMMES UPDATE

12. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) providing an update on a number of the current employability programmes within North Lanarkshire; (2) summarising national, regional and local policy developments, which have the potential to support and help shape future provision for North Lanarkshire; (3) reporting on the second phase of the Council's EU funded programme; (4) informing of two pilot employability projects funded by the Scottish Government, and (5) outlining the plan for North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Carragher, immediately prior to the consideration of the following item of business, declared an interest by virtue of a family member owning a local business and further declared that she believed that her interest was sufficiently remote that it did not preclude her participation in consideration of this item of business.

ECONOMIC REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

13. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) providing an update on the progress made on the development and delivery of North Lanarkshire's Economic Regeneration Delivery Plan (ERDP); (2) anticipating that the ERDP will be finalised by August 2019, following consultation with a range of key stakeholders; (3) proposing that the applications for funding be submitted for the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and the National Lottery's Heritage Lottery Fund; (4) informing that the RCGF application must be submitted to the

Scottish Government by 10 June 2019; (5) reporting that the Council had been allocated £3.25m from the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund, and (6) outlining that, in order to make the most effective use of external funding, a Council wide officer group be established to identify potential projects.

Decided:

- (1) that the regeneration currently being delivered/developed be noted;
- (2) that the scoping and commencement work on potential applications for the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and the National Lottery Heritage Fund programmes be approved;
- (3) that the submission of Stage 1 applications to the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund be submitted by the deadline of 10 June 2019, and
- (4) that the Council's allocation from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund and that the funding be utilised to support programmes for Town Centre Regeneration progressing under the ERDP be noted.