

**Motherwell, 29 August 2019 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Graham, Convener; Councillor Carson, Vice-Convener; Councillors Anderson, D. Ashraf, Beveridge, Cameron, Curran, Di Mascio, Fisher, Gallacher, Gourlay, Hume, Kelly, Lennon, Masterton, McPake, H. McVey, Roarty, Stevenson and Watson.

**ALSO PRESENT**

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A), Provost Jones attended as a substitute for Councillor Duffy and Councillor Kerr attended as a substitute for Councillor Larson.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Graham (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Head of Planning and Regeneration; Employability Resources Manager; Enterprise Projects Manager; Growth Programme Manager and Democratic Services Manager.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Baird, Carragher, Duffy, Larson and Stephen.

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

1. Councillor Curran, by virtue of being a member of Routes to Work, declared an interest in paragraph 3 and left for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Kelly, by virtue of being a substitute member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, declared an interest in paragraph 4 and further declared that he believed that the interest was sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of this item of business.

Councillor McPake, by virtue of being a Board Member of a company associated with a company mentioned within the report, declared an interest in paragraph 6 and took no part in the consideration thereof.

**ADVANCING MANUFACTURING CHALLENGE FUND BID**

2. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval to submit a full funding application to the Scottish Government's Advancing Manufacturing Challenge Fund (AMCF) to develop a North Lanarkshire Manufacturing Innovation Hub based at New College Lanarkshire; (2) informing that the Hub will focus on robotics, whilst providing a focal point to support North Lanarkshire's manufacturing companies in growing their business, generating efficiencies and creating jobs; (3) advising that a first stage submission to the fund, to determine project eligibility, had previously been approved; (4) detailing that the deadline for the second stage submission of a full application is 13 September 2019, and (5) proposing that, should the application be successful, the

project must commence before 1 April 2020 and end on 31 December 2022 as part of the AMCF eligibility conditions.

**Decided:** that the submission of a full application to stage 2 of the Advancing Manufacturing Challenge Fund be approved.

**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 for its duration.**

#### **EU FUNDED EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME**

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) reminding the Committee that the Council has active European Union (EU) funded programmes within Employability Services with significant grant contributions to support Council led activities, which are subject to a series of verifications by the Scottish Government's EU Funding Team; (2) informing that the Scottish Government had sent a letter to all local authorities in Scotland dealing with the EU funds, highlighting concerns raised by the European Commission, that the management of EU funds by the Scottish Government had raised concerns; (3) advising that, until the concerns are addressed, the EU will not reimburse the Scottish Government in respect of any claims; (4) providing an update on the current suspension of payments and the actions taken by the Council in response to the letter, and (5) updating on the progress of the second phase of the EU Funded Employability Programme, which began in January 2019.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**Councillor Kelly, prior to consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a substitute member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, had further declared that he believed that the interest was so sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of this item of business.**

#### **NORTH LANARKSHIRE CITY DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

4. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) informing of the current status of North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure Sub-Projects; (2) advising of the approval of the augmented Outline Business Case for the Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange Sub-Project; (3) explaining that North Lanarkshire benefited from £1m of capital investment to support the creation of MediCity Scotland, a new dedicated medical technology centre business incubation facility within the BioCity Life Sciences Campus, Newhouse; (4) highlighting that the Council had been awarded £455,000 of revenue funding to deliver the "Working Matters" employability scheme from August 2015 over three years to support long term unemployed North Lanarkshire residents back into employment or training, and (5) reporting that a refresh of the 2016 Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan is currently being undertaken.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the approval of the augmented Outline Business Case for the Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange Sub-Project be noted;
- (2) that the progress of the North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure Sub-Projects be noted;

- (3) that the current MediCity performance position and proposed Working Matters successor project be noted, and
- (4) that the refresh of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Associated Action Plan be noted.

**ECONOMIC REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN - ACTION PLAN**

5. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 9 May 2019, there was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval for North Lanarkshire's Economic Regeneration Delivery Plan (ERDP) 2019-2023; (2) informing that the ERDP is a high level framework aligned to the Composite Capital Programme and delivers on the first priority of "The Plan for North Lanarkshire"; (3) outlining that the plan would be achieved by delivering an integrated approach to investing in four key inter-related areas, underpinned by a further three key principles; (4) detailing that an action plan, subject to annual review, had been developed separately from the ERDP, as the plan will evolve over time as challenges and opportunities facing North Lanarkshire's economy would also change over the lifetime of the ERDP, and (5) enclosing, within the appendices to the report, the ERDP and action plan.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the ERDP and action plan, as detailed within the appendices to the report, be approved, and
- (2) that the approved action plan be subject to annual review, and that further updates on the action plan be reported to future meetings of this Committee.

**Councillor McPake, prior to consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a Board member of a company associated with a company mentioned within the report, took no part in the consideration thereof.**

**RIA SOUTH MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROJECT SERVICES - CONTRACT AWARD**

6. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) seeking approval to award a contract for the Multidisciplinary Project Services, in order to support the delivery of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access Project, to Amey OW Limited in the sum of £633,080; (2) advising that the contract is for a period of seven years, encompassing design, planning and construction, and contract management, and (3) intimating that the recommendation followed the completion of a procurement exercise, in which the tender recommended for contract award had been evaluated as the most economically advantageous tender in terms of cost and quality for the Council.

**Decided:** that the award of the contract for the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access South Multidisciplinary Project Services to Amey OW Limited, in the sum of £633,080, be approved.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD**

7. 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 April to 30 June 2019.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.