

# North Lanarkshire Council Report

## Enterprise and Growth Committee

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## North Lanarkshire City Deal Programme Update

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### Executive Summary

The North Lanarkshire City Deal Programme Update report seeks to inform Enterprise and Growth Committee of the current status of North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure subprojects alongside wider progress made within the labour market and innovation strand.

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### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1) Note recent progress of North Lanarkshire City Deal infrastructure subprojects alongside current MediCity and Working Matters Successor performance position.
- 2) Note the development of a Glasgow City Region based Regional Spatial Strategy in 2020.

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### The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority Improve economic opportunities and outcomes

Ambition statement (5) Grow and improve the sustainability and diversity of North Lanarkshire's economy

## 1. Background – NLC City Deal Programme

1.1 The Glasgow City Region (GCR) City Deal is an agreement between the UK and Scottish Governments and the eight GCR Local Authorities, with the sole focus of creating additional economic growth. The 20 year GCR Deal was accepted by Council Leaders on 20 August 2014 and incorporated:

- implementing a £1.13bn Infrastructure Fund to improve the regional transport network, regenerate sites for economic use and improve public transport provision;
- supporting growth in the life sciences sector;
- helping small and medium enterprises to grow and develop;
- establishing programmes to support the unemployed; and
- piloting new ways of boosting the incomes of low wage employees.

1.2 The Council obtained GCR Cabinet approval on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 to modify the scope of our initial £172.5m infrastructure programme to ensure our investment continued to deliver the maximum economic benefit alongside supporting the regeneration of the Ravenscraig site. A summary of the new £202.2m North Lanarkshire infrastructure programme is provided in **Table 1**.

<b>A8/M8 Corridor Access Project</b>	<b>£6,478,521</b>
- Eurocentral Park, Ride/Share	£4,278,521
- Orchard Farm Roundabout	£2,200,000
<b>Gartcosh/Glenboig CGA</b>	<b>£6,223,205</b>
- Glenboig Link Road	£6,223,205
<b>Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor</b>	<b>£189,524,000</b>
- Motherwell TC Transport Interchange	£3,800,000
- East Airdrie Link Road	£84,724,000
- Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access	£101,000,000
<b>Total NLC City Deal Programme</b>	<b>£202,225,726</b>
<b>Total NLC City Deal Grant Allocation</b>	<b>£148,956,293</b>
<b>Total NLC City Deal Contributions</b>	<b>£53,269,433</b>

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## 2. Report: City Deal Programme Update

### 2.1 Motherwell Town Centre Transport Interchange (MTCTI)

2.1.1 Transport Scotland and ScotRail remain committed to the redevelopment of Motherwell Train Station with a funding announcement due imminently. This investment will be coupled with funding already committed by the Council and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), enabling the creation of an improved transport integration hub.

2.1.2 Once complete, the project will deliver:

- An enhanced station building with a brighter, larger concourse;
- Improved passenger and ticket retailing facilities;
- Enhanced retail environment within the station;
- Improvements to pedestrian and cycling access;
- Expansion of the bus facility on Muir Street;
- New facilities for taxis, car drop-offs and disabled parking; and
- Increased cycle parking.

2.1.3 The project will be delivered in two phases with work on the station redevelopment due to start in Spring and the transport integration works on Muir Street will follow in early 2021. The full project is expected to be completed by autumn 2021. Access to the station will be retained throughout the construction period. Plans detailing access arrangements and any relevant pedestrian and/or vehicle access restrictions during each stage of the project will be available both on site and via the project website. A Communication Group has been established with representatives of each of the project partners to ensure that coordinated, clear messages and updates are communicated to businesses, residents and passengers.

2.1.4 Works to expand park and ride provision for Motherwell Train Station and improve active travel links between the station and Strathclyde Country Park are progressing well. Resurfacing of the car park and adjacent paths at Hope Street was completed in November and works to resurface, widen and infill gaps in the path network at Strathclyde Country Park were completed in December 2019. Work has now commenced at the Farm Street/High Road/Heritage Centre car parks, which will be followed by the final phase at Pollock Street car park for completion in March 2020. In total, an additional 80 car parking spaces will be delivered by this investment.

## **2.2 Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access (RIA)**

2.2.1 Work is progressing on all aspects of the Ravenscraig Infrastructure Access Project. The Council's site investigation works for RIA North and South are now complete, with further investigations by Network Rail within the rail corridor taking place in January 2020. Environmental (habitat and ecology) surveys to support the development of detailed designs for RIA South have begun and will continue throughout 2020.

2.2.2 Alongside the Council's development of the designs for RIA South, the programme and service agreement for the development of the road crossing of the West Coast Mainline has been agreed with Network Rail's contractor, BAM Nuttall. An updated concept design for the road crossing is expected in spring 2020.

2.2.3 Voluntary land acquisition for RIA North is progressing where feasible prior to future resolution being sought from Enterprise and Growth Committee for a Compulsory Purchase Order. Land valuation appraisal has also commenced for RIA South which will inform future project budgetary considerations and the approach to land assembly.

2.2.4 The Council is working closely with Ravenscraig Limited and the Scottish Government on the development of the outline business case and on ensuring that the wider residential and commercial development at Ravenscraig, which is enabled by the RIA project, progresses.

### **2.3 East Airdrie Link Road (EALR)**

2.3.1 Stage one option development and sifting for EALR is near completion. This will result in the development of high level infrastructure options and cost estimates to enable further interrogation and support the strategic case for the sub project. Public exhibitions presenting the Stage one process and outputs are scheduled, with feedback from same being considered moving forward. The Stage two option development and sifting of the short listed options, identified through the Stage one process, will commence late February/early March 2020.

### **2.4 Eurocentral Park & Ride**

2.4.1 Alongside further in-house review of the concept design arrangements for the Eurocentral Park and Ride facility, site investigation work commenced in January 2020 to inform this project. An economic assessment will be carried out in parallel with transport modelling and transport assessment work to further develop the strategic case for the project and develop the outline business case. The procurement of a lead designer to develop detailed and technical design, contract manage and provide quantity surveying services will also take place during 2020 and the commencement of this will be reported to a future the Enterprise and Growth Committee. Work will also be progressed to prepare the planning application for submission in late 2020. It is intended that the outline business case will be reported to committee for approval in November 2020 and submitted to the City Deal Cabinet in February 2021.

### **2.5 Labour Market and Innovation Strand Update**

2.5.1 The short-term working matters successor programme dedicated to support ex-offenders within North Lanarkshire is on track to achieve performance targets. Referral arrangements for clients have been arranged to ensure positive outcomes including attainment of vocational certificates, employment and volunteering. The successor programme is looking to engage with 48 clients and progress to date includes:

- Registration of 24 clients;
- 7 vocational certificates in progress;
- 6 industry recognised certifications in progress;
- 2 clients progressed into employment; and
- 1 client progressed into volunteering.

2.5.2 The MediCity project which received 5 years of revenue funding from 2015 from both the Council and Scottish Enterprise continues to perform well against targets set. In particular, the target for private investment raised by Medtech business start-ups is now almost £15.4m, with a further £1.5m raised in the latest quarter. The 65 businesses assisted through the dedicated business development support offered at MediCity to date has resulted in 25 Med-Tech products being launched into the market. The number of new medtech associated jobs created through the project has risen by 9 this quarter to 144 in total.

## **2.6 Glasgow City Region Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)**

- 2.6.1 The Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP) was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017 and unlike other SDP areas mirrored the City Region boundary. It set out a Vision and Spatial Development Strategy until 2036 of where new development should be located and a policy framework that helps deliver sustainable economic growth through the creation of high quality places, which reduces inequalities and enhances the quality of life in the Glasgow City Region.
- 2.6.2 Since the approval of the current SDP the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 has received Royal Assent and the statutory duty to prepare an SDP removed and replaced with a duty for local authorities working jointly to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Unlike the SDP the RSS will not form part of the statutory Development Plan but the National Planning Framework and Local Development Plan are to 'have regard' to the RSS. The RSS must be produced and approved, following consultation, by the local authorities and reviewed on a 10 year cycle to set out a long term spatial strategy in respect of strategic development of the region.
- 2.6.3 Alongside these changes to Regional Spatial Planning the Scottish Government are reviewing the National Planning Framework and a 4<sup>th</sup> publication is programmed for ministerial approval in summer 2021. To inform the development of NPF4 indicative RSS's have been sought by summer 2020. An indicative RSS is therefore being prepared for the Clydeplan/GCR area, informed by the existing SDP. The current Clydeplan SDP will consequently be reviewed over the coming months to meet emerging Scottish Government requirements and evolve into the Glasgow City Region Spatial Strategy. This will tie in with the emerging refresh of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan also proposed for 2020.

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## **3. Equality and Diversity**

### **3.1 Fairer Scotland**

- 3.1.1 The City Deal Cabinet has agreed that Inclusive Growth is to be fully embedded within the City Deal delivery and that it is also committed to supporting the delivery of the Fairer Scotland Action Plan. As part of the Assurance Framework review, it is intended that guidance will be issued to set out the arrangements for complying with City Deal duties under the Fairer Scotland Action Plan. The Assurance Framework will also require that Inclusive Growth benefits are fully integrated and demonstrated at a project and programmed level through the business case development, delivery and ongoing monitoring.

### **3.2 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 3.2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for the North Lanarkshire City Deal Programme.
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## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial Impact**

4.1.1 The modified City Deal Infrastructure Programme within North Lanarkshire will result in additional capital investment of £202.2m as summarised in **Table 1**. This investment is offset by future grant income of £149m from UK and Scottish Government (*74% intervention rate*) leaving a potential balance of £53.2m to be met by the Council (*26% contribution*). The above financial implications of the City Deal are incorporated within the Council's Long Term Financial Plan and budgetary implications have been approved by Policy and Strategy Committee.

### **4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact**

4.2.1 With a population of 1.8m, the GCR is critical to the Scottish and UK and Scottish economy. Accounting for 32% of national GVA and 29% of Scotland's businesses, GCR offers a unique conurbation of scale with a highly skilled labour market and facilities to compete on an international stage. City Deal allows its partner Local Authorities to exploit the collective economic power and opportunities generated by the region. The GCR City Deal and Governance structure is an integral component of the wider Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan (2017-2035).

### **4.3 Environmental Impact**

4.3.1 All infrastructure projects developed by the Council as part of the GCR City Deal will be subject to relevant environmental and sustainability appraisal and as part of subsequent planning application approvals and procurement.

4.3.2 Furthermore to adhere with HM Treasury Greenbook best practice, each iteration of project business case seeking GCR City Deal funding will include a review of the sustainability considerations.

### **4.4 Risk Impact**

4.4.1 The risk and mitigation management of North Lanarkshire's City Deal activity is incorporated within Council's City Deal programme risk register which is reviewed by the City Deal Board.

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## **5. Measures of success**

5.1 As the second largest Local Authority within the GCR, North Lanarkshire's residents and businesses will directly benefit from the City Deal through:

- creation of 2,000 new workplace jobs, representing a 1.6% uplift in the future jobs growth forecast for North Lanarkshire;
- a significant share of some 15,000 temporary construction jobs anticipated to be generated by the development of the Infrastructure Investment Fund projects – construction being a predominant local employment sector;
- estimated 9.2% of North Lanarkshire working age residents having heightened access to employment opportunities within the wider GCR area;
- additional tender opportunities as a result of GCR City Deal investment for North Lanarkshire Business and SME's;

- community benefits derived from all GCR City Deal contracts awarded over £50,000; and
  - a proportionate share of the £2.2bn per annum Gross Value Added (GVA) increase in the GCR area over the lifetime of City Deal, equivalent to 4% uplift in the region.
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