

Motherwell, 6 February 2020 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Carson, Vice-Convenor; Councillors Anderson, D. Ashraf, Baird, Carragher, Curran, Di Mascio, Duffy, Feeney, Fisher, Gallacher, Hume, Kelly, Lennon, Masterton, McPake, Roarty and Watson.

CHAIR

Councillor Carson (Vice-Convenor) presided.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A), Councillor Logue attended as a substitute for Councillor Brannan-McVey.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Councillors Brannan-McVey, Cameron, Gourlay, Graham and Larson.

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 paragraphs 2 and 3 and left the meeting during consideration of the items.

Councillor Kelly, by virtue of being a substitute member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, declared an interest in paragraph 2, and further declared that he believed that the interest was sufficiently remote that it did not preclude his participation in the consideration of the item of business.

Councillor Logue, by virtue of being a member of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet, declared an interest in paragraph 2 and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Di Mascio, by virtue of him leasing a property, declared an interest in paragraph 4 and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

During consideration of item 2, Councillor McPake, by virtue of being a Board Member of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, declared an interest in paragraph 2, and took no part in the consideration of the item.

Councillors Curran and Logue, prior to consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a member of Routes to Work and Glasgow City Region Cabinet, respectively, left the meeting for its duration.

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 consideration of this item of business.

Councillor McPake, during consideration of the following item of business, declared an interest by virtue of being a Board Member of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, took no part in the consideration thereof.

CITY DEAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

2. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) detailing the current status of the North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure Sub-Project; (2) advising of the progress made within the labour market and innovation strand for the MediCity project and the Working Matters Successor Programme; (3) detailing that the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan mirrored the City Region Boundary, and (4) informing that the development of a Glasgow City Region based Regional Spatial Strategy will tie in with the emerging refresh of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan, also proposed for 2020.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the North Lanarkshire City Deal Infrastructure Sub-Projects, alongside current MediCity and Working Matters Successor performance position, be noted, and
- (2) that the development of a Glasgow City Region based Regional Spatial Strategy in 2020 be noted.

Councillor Curran, prior to consideration of the following two items of business, having declared an interest by virtue of being a Member of Routes to Work, left the meeting for their duration.

EMPLOYABILITY RESOURCES UPDATE

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities (1) informing of the current status of the Council's externally funded employability programmes and their progress in the current labour market; (2) setting out statistical information for various programmes including, North Lanarkshire's Employability Pipeline, the No One Left Behind Fund and The Working Matters Programme, and (3) highlighting that the new Scottish Government Fund, aimed at addressing child poverty, was also playing a role in supporting the Council's Child Poverty Action Plan.

Decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Di Mascio, prior to the consideration of the following item of business, having declared an interest by virtue of him leasing a property connected to the report, left the meeting for its duration.

THE FUTURE DELIVERY OF LANARKSHIRE BUSINESS GATEWAY SERVICE

4. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Regeneration (1) advising that the Lanarkshire Business Gateway Service delivers business advisory services across Lanarkshire on behalf of North and South Lanarkshire Councils; (2) informing that the service in Lanarkshire is currently delivered through a contract with Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Limited (LESL); (3) intimating that the current contract commenced on 1 March 2017 for a 25 month period with the option to extend for a further 12 months and then for a final 11 months; (4) detailing that Business Gateway Steering Group agreed to extend the current contract into the final period to 28 February 2021; (5) confirming that a successful bid had been made for additional European Regional Development Funding of £1,017,251 to further support small and medium sized enterprises, and (6) seeking approval, in principle, to commence the tendering process, following further discussions with South Lanarkshire Council, for the continued delivery of the Lanarkshire Business Gateway Service from 1 March 2021.

Decided:

- (1) that the decision of the Business Gateway Steering Group, to extend the current contract into the final period to 28 February 2021, be noted;
- (2) that the successful bid for additional European Regional Development Funding of £1,017,251, to further support small and medium sized enterprises, with the delivery mechanism to be considered and agreed by the Lanarkshire Business Gateway Steering Group, be noted, and
- (3) that the tender process for the continued delivery of the Lanarkshire Business Gateway Service from 1 March 2021, subject to confirmation from South Lanarkshire Council following further discussions, be approved.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD

5. 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 from 1 October to 31 December 2019.

Decided: that the report be noted.