

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

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Glasgow City Region Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the ongoing role of Clydeplan within the portfolios and wider activities of the Glasgow City Region (GCR).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee notes this report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team in relation to GCR.

3. Glasgow City Regional Partnership (GCRP) and Clydeplan

- 3.1 The inaugural meeting of the Glasgow City Regional Partnership (GCRP) took place on 31st October 2018 in Glasgow City Chambers where it was agreed that its purpose was to drive forward the growth of the Glasgow City Region economy, prioritise inclusive growth and drive forward increased collaboration between public, private, third and academic sector.
- 3.2 Membership of the GCRP is the Local Authority Chief Executives, Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Skills Development Scotland, Transport Scotland and the Scottish and UK Governments.
- 3.3 At the meeting the GCRP had a presentation on Brexit by the Fraser of Allander Institute, an overview of Regional Partnerships by Scottish Government and a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth on the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan and the related work of the various local authority led portfolios.
- 3.4 The GCRP intends to meet quarterly with the next meeting schedule for 28th February 2019.

4. Glasgow City Region Staffing Structure

- 4.1 The Director of Regional Economic Growth is currently considering a dedicated staffing structure to support the GCRP and wider Glasgow City Region activities including the work of the eight local authority led portfolios. This structure will potentially seek to incorporate the Clydeplan staff resource. If this structure is agreed a further report will be brought back to the Joint Committee.

5. Clydeplan

- 5.1 Increasingly Clydeplan are involved in supporting the activities of the GCR and related portfolios as well as the City Deal Programme Management Office. Clydeplan are now involved as an active participant in four of the eight portfolios as well as the overarching Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Working Group.
- 5.2 Delivering Clydeplan SDP: Clydeplan will continue to focus on working with its Local Authorities and its delivery partners, in the manner set out in the SDP Action Programme, to support delivery of the SDP Vision and Spatial Development Strategy.
- 5.3 Resources: At this moment in time Clydeplan remains the only fully resourced SDPA team in Scotland. The 12 month secondment of a Clydeplan Strategic Planner to the Glasgow City Region team has been extended to 31st December aligned to the inward seconding arrangement to Clydeplan, a Senior Planner from Renfrewshire, employed on a part time basis.
- 5.4 The lease of the Clydeplan offices expires on 26th October 2019. A dilapidations report, was commissioned through Renfrewshire Council's Property Services to prepare a 'Terminal Schedule of Dilapidations' to identify the potential costs which would likely be incurred at the termination of the lease based on the offices current condition. The cost identified was in the region of £28,500 + VAT. This cost can be met from Clydeplan's earmarked balances.
- 5.5 A decision on the future of the Clydeplan Core Team and any related accommodation needs will again be dependent on the outcome of the Planning Bill and Glasgow City Regional Partnership considerations. A further report will be brought back to the Joint Committee on this matter.
- 5.6 Processes and Governance: Future governance arrangements for Clydeplan will be shaped by the terms of the amendment in relation to strategic planning set out in the Planning (Scotland) Bill and also by the emerging governance and related structures for the GCRP.
- 5.7 National Planning Framework: Discussions are ongoing with the Scottish Government regarding the future direction, timescale and technical/evidential requirements for the new National Planning Framework. Work is scheduled to begin on NPF4 following the Planning Bill receiving Royal Assent which will probably be in spring 2019.
- 5.8 It is still anticipated that NPF4 will be approved in 2020 though the new Planning Bill does allow this to be 2024 and given the delays to the Bill the 2020 timeline for NPF4 looks increasingly challenging.
- 5.9 These considerations will be important in determining what role Clydeplan can play in supporting the development of NPF4 through its regional partnership working role. The SDP Manager is maintaining ongoing contact with the Scottish Government however in all likelihood there will remain a lack of clarity around the requirements for and implications of NPF4 until after the publication of the Bill which itself has been delayed by at least three months.

6. Clydeplan - Work Plan

6.1 The key elements of the current Core Team work plan consists of the following:

- Land Supplies (housing land, vacant and derelict land and industrial and business land) and related monitoring and online mapping (AGOL) updating;
- Employment and Business Land Review;
- SITLUM Transport modelling and related training;
- Support for Regional Transport Strategy refresh;
- Development of Strategic Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan;
- Mapping/data support for City Deal PMO Business cases;
- Support for Glasgow City Region Partnership Portfolios
 - Land Use and Sustainability;
 - Infrastructure and Assets;
 - Transport and Connectivity;
 - Housing and Equalities;
 - Economic Delivery Group;
- Support for the Glasgow City Region Economic Intelligence Working Group;
- HNDA 3/Housing Market Partnership;
- Development Management Forum;
- Flood risk mapping updating;
- Scottish Government liaison - Planning Review/HNDA3/NPF4 requirements; and,
- Ongoing wider stakeholder engagement including Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Development Plan, Central Scotland Green Network, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network, Climate Ready Clyde, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Water and SPT.

7 Observations

7.1 Clydeplan continues to remain a funded resource which can help support

- the delivery of the approved Strategic Development Plan Vision and Spatial Development Strategy through partnership working with local authorities, the Key Agencies and wider stakeholders;
- the development of the Local Authority Local Development Plans;
- land supply data collection and monitoring and the consideration of issues arising from this monitoring;
- the Glasgow City Region local authority led portfolios with regard to the delivery of a number of the actions contained within the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Action Plan;
- the ongoing review of the Scottish planning system.

- 7.2 It is increasingly likely that the delay to the timetable for the Planning (Scotland) Bill will have knock on consequences for the preparation of NPF4 preparation activities. Such delays in both the Bill and NPF4 continues to be unhelpful particularly in giving a degree of clarity and certainly around the future role of strategic planning in the new planning system for Scotland.