

## **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. Recommendations**

- 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 An important consideration for the activities and potentially the governance arrangements of Clydeplan is the emerging GCRP.
- 3.2 At the last Joint Committee in June, an update of current activities at GCR was provided. Since then the GCR is continuing to evolve beyond the delivery of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Fund into a '*regional partnership model*' to take forward delivery of its Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan through eight subject based portfolio groups. The first formal meeting of the GCRP is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 3.3 Recent operational changes to support delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan has seen an enhanced status to the Economic Delivery Group led by Renfrewshire Council. This Group now comprises of a senior officer group with responsibility for the delivery and implementation of the actions within the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan. Clydeplan is a member of this Group.
- 3.4 The Director of Regional Economic Growth is to report to a future meeting of the Chief Executives Group outlining the potential route forward for a phased implementation of an organisational structure to support the GCR activities including the establishment of an Intelligence Hub. The Clydeplan SDP Manager Clydeplan and the Director of Regional Economic Growth will maintain close contact as these matters are progressed, particularly in relation to the potential implications for the Clydeplan Core Team and the existing Clydeplan governance arrangements.

- 3.5 Clydeplan are increasingly involved in supporting the activities of the GCR. 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.
- 3.6 The Economic Intelligence Working Group met for the first time on Tuesday 21st August and is a short-term working group of research/analytical staff from regional and national partners which is to provide assistance with the production of the Regional Strategic Assessment, the creation of the Glasgow City Region Economic Model and the development of the Programme Business Case. Group membership includes: Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Clydeplan; Scottish Enterprise; Skills Development Scotland; Fraser of Allander Institute; the Commission for Economic Growth; and the Scottish Government.
- 3.7 Clydeplan have played a leading role in the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study to support the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio led by East Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.8 Clydeplan have also recently reconvened the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership in recognition that a third Glasgow City Region HNDA will be required to support the preparation of the next round of Local Housing Strategies, Local Development Plans and potentially NPF4. The requirement for an HNDA and the joint working approach is endorsed by the Scottish Government Planning and Housing officials. Work will formally commence on HNDA 3 once the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Analysis publishes its refreshed HNDA Tool which is due imminently.
- 3.9 In support of the Active Travel Task Force Report published in June 2018 ([www.transport.gov.scot/publication/active-travel-task-force-report](http://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/active-travel-task-force-report)) Clydeplan is working with SPT to consider the potential for joint working on a number of issues including transport modelling and promoting and delivering strategic cross boundary active travel routes which will support the development of the GCR and SPT Regional Transport Strategies and potentially related funding opportunities.

#### **4. Scotland's Centre for Regional Inclusive Growth**

- 4.1 A noteworthy development by Scottish Government and also relevant to regional partnership activities, is the recent launch of the Centre for Regional Inclusive Growth billed as *"an interactive platform for collaboration with stakeholders to strengthen our shared ability to deliver inclusive and sustainable economic growth throughout Scotland's economy, and across all of our regions."* The website includes an Inclusive Growth Diagnostics Tool, an Economic Asset Register, and an Inclusive Growth Outcomes Framework, all of which will be relevant to analysis of the economic performance of the city region including the work of the Economic Intelligence Working Group referenced above. [www.inclusivegrowth.scot](http://www.inclusivegrowth.scot).

## **5. Implications for Clydeplan**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Resources: At this moment in time Clydeplan remains the only fully resourced SDPA team in Scotland. Clydeplan currently have one of its Strategic Planners on secondment to the GCR team a decision on whether this will be extended for another 12 months is expected soon.
- 5.3 Processes and Governance: Future governance arrangements for Clydeplan will be shaped by the terms of the Planning (Scotland) Bill and also by the emerging governance and related structures for the Glasgow City Regional Partnership.
- 5.4 National Planning Framework: Discussions are ongoing, though with little clarity at this stage, with the Scottish Government regarding the future direction, timescale and technical/evidential requirements for the new National Planning Framework. Given the delay in the Planning (Scotland) Bill work is unlikely to begin on NPF4 until Spring 2019 following the approval of the Planning Bill. The Scottish Government still anticipated that NPF4 will be approved in 2020. The Scottish Government have stated that they will develop NPF4 on a co-production basis working particularly with regional partnerships and regional bodies. This co-production approach is welcomed and will be important in determining what role Clydeplan can play in supporting the development of NPF4. The SDP Managers are 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.

## **6. Clydeplan - Work Plan**

- 6.1 In support of the above the key elements of the Core Team work plan until the end of 2018 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 Glasgow City Region Partnership Portfolios
    - Land Use and Sustainability
    - Infrastructure and Assets
    - Transport and Connectivity
    - Housing and Equalities
    - Economic Delivery Group
  - Support for the GCR Economic Intelligence Working Group;
  - Development of Strategic Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan;

- HNDA 3 commencement;
- Development Management Forum;
- Forestry and Woodland Strategy Supplementary Guidance with FCS/SNH;
- 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 remains a funded resource which can help support

- delivery of the approved SDP Vision and Spatial Development Strategy;
- development of National Planning Framework 4;
- delivery of a number of the actions contained within the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Action Plan and support for the related portfolio activities;
- the potential Glasgow City Region Intelligence Hub; and,
- the ongoing development of the Local Authority Local Development Plans.

7.2 It is increasingly likely that the delay in the timetable for the Planning (Scotland) Bill will have knock on consequences for the Scottish Government's commencement of NPF4 engagement activities. Such delays in both the Bill and NPF4 continue 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. Similarly, the consequences for Clydeplan, of the proposed organisational changes within the Glasgow City Region also continue to remain unclear.

7.3 Given the delays in the Planning Bill and NPF4 and the ongoing and increasing support by Clydeplan in respect of GCR related activities it is proposed that a stand still budget, subject to discussions with the Treasurer, for 2019/20 be brought to the December meeting of the Joint Committee. This will enable the Clydeplan resource to be maintained to continue its support for both the implementation of the new planning system and the work programme of the Glasgow City Regional Partnership. This will also allow the Joint Committee to have time to fully consider the implications of the matters contained in this report particularly in terms of its governance and the future role of the Clydeplan Core Team.