

# GLASGOW AND THE CLYDE VALLEY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY JOINT COMMITTEE

To: Joint Committee

On: 10 June 2024

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**Report by:** Head of Economy and Development; Renfrewshire Council

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**Heading:** Glasgow City Region – Commercial and Industrial Land Study

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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to request that Joint Committee makes a financial contribution to the above study (alongside the GCR member authorities' decision to fund the remainder) which will help to inform the forthcoming Regional Spatial Strategy, the respective Local Development Plans (LDPs) and reflects the changed policy context, including NPF4.

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## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
- a) Approve the funding contribution of £25,000 from the existing Clydeplan budget towards the cost of the GCR Commercial and Industrial Land Study;

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## 3. Background

- 3.1 The current Joint Committee Financial Regulations (2016) delegate authority for the Clydeplan Manager to spend up to £10,000 without requiring authorisation from the Joint Committee. The Clydeplan Manager post is currently vacant. It has been assumed that without any changes to the Financial Regulations governing Clydeplan that this same limit will also apply to any officer of the Steering Group of the 8 member authorities.
- 3.2 Therefore, to approve the proposed spend, it is necessary to bring a report to the Joint Committee making such a request.
- 3.3 In late 2023, Glasgow City Region appointed Ryden (property agents / consultants) to undertake a study into elements relating to the current and future supply of commercial and industrial land and buildings within the Clydeplan area. This work is now under way and consists of 4 different elements with different outputs and a range of timescales for completion from March to September 2024:
- a. **A Market Intelligence Report on the Commercial and Industrial Land Supply for Glasgow City Region** - expected to be completed in June 2024.
  - b. **Analysis of the Supply and Demand for Property and Land relating to 15 Glasgow City Region Deal projects** -expected to be completed in June 2024.

- c. **An Assessment of the Energy Efficiency of Existing Commercial and Industrial Stock within Glasgow City Region** - due to be completed in September 2024.
- d. **An Assessment of the Economic and Commercial Opportunities to Develop Specific Vacant & Derelict Land Sites in Glasgow City Region** -due to be completed in September 2024.

3.3 The total budget for the Study elements is circa. £300,000.

3.4 The Chief Executives' Group on 6 September 2023 agreed that the cost of the work would be met through existing GCR Programme Management Office underspend. Clydeplan was invited to contribute £25,000 towards the cost of output (a) relating to the work undertaken to provide evidence reports for each local authority's local development plans.

3.5 This amount of contribution is considered acceptable to the Clydeplan Officer Steering Group and is therefore recommended to the Joint Committee for their approval.

3.6 Outputs from Study will be reported to the Joint Committee (or the proposed Regional Planning Sub-Committee if this is in place prior to the outputs being presented) in due course, as part of the evidence work for the emerging Regional Spatial Strategy.

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