

Minute of Meeting Economy and Regeneration Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 23 August 2022	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Graeme Clark, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Colin McCulloch, Councillor Jamie McGuire, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain McMillan, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Andy Steel

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A Morrison, Head of Economy & Development, R Cooper, Economic Development Manager, M Moran, Assistant Economic Development Manager, L Adamson, Communications & Public Affairs Manager and D McLavin, Communications Officer (all Chief Executive's); G Hunter, Chief Economic & Regeneration Officer (Communities & Housing); and V Howie, Finance Business Partner, D Pole, End User Technician, A McNaughton and E Gray, both Senior Committee Services Officers and D Cunningham, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

1 **Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report**

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the projected revenue outturn at 31 March 2023 for those services reporting to the Economy & Regeneration Board which reported an underspend position of £0.020 million.

The projected capital outturn as at 31 March 2023 for projects reporting to this Board was a breakeven position against the revised budget for the year. Tables 1 and 2 summarised the position and further analysis was provided in the appendices to the report.

Following discussion in relation to the Paisley Museum project, the Head of Economy & Regeneration undertook to provide further information to members regarding the introduction of same-sex toilets at the refurbished Museum and to provide clarity on the implications for Equalities and Human Rights.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the projected Revenue outturn position detailed in Table 1 be noted;
- (b) That the projected Capital outturn position detailed in Table 2 be noted;
- (c) That the budget adjustments detailed in sections 4 and 6 of the report be noted; and
- (d) That it be noted that the Head of Economy & Regeneration would provide further information to members regarding the introduction of same-sex toilets at the refurbished Museum and would provide clarity on the implications for Equalities and Human Rights.

2 **Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde (GRI) LEADER / Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a request from the Scottish Government to support the delivery of a new Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme for 2022/23 which would replace (in part) GRI LEADER. The report outlined the proposed approach for Renfrewshire and the joint work required with other local authorities to meet CLLD requirements.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the conclusion of the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde (GRI) LEADER 2014/20 programme and the interim Communities Testing Change Fund be noted;
- (b) That the offer from the Scottish Government to award £115,520 to the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area for the delivery of the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme for 2022/23 be noted;
- (c) That it be agreed that Renfrewshire Council continue to act as Lead Partner and

Accountable Body for the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area; and

(d) That it be agreed that authority be delegated to the Head of Economy & Development to deliver the programme requirements as laid out in Sections 5 and 6 of the report.

3 **Invest in Renfrewshire: Start-Up Street**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to Invest in Renfrewshire Start Up Street advising on progress and further development of the Start-Up Street project and the partnership agreement for the Renfrew development.

The report highlighted that Start-Up Street was an economic development initiative offering new and growing businesses low cost, high-quality workspace and wraparound support, detailed the proposed partnership approach with Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Limited and included an overview of the Partnership Agreement.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved that consideration of the report be continued for further information to the next appropriate Board.

As an amendment, Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor McMillan, moved that the report be approved.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Ann-Dowling, Clark, Graham, McCulloch, McGuire and McMillan.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Burns, Campbell, Andy Doig, Hughes, McGurk, McNaughtan, Nicolson, Paterson and Steel.

Six members having voted for the amendment and nine members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That consideration of the report be continued for further information to the next appropriate Board meeting.

4 **UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the development of detailed Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) proposals, at a Renfrewshire level, which met the Fund's objectives.

The report advised that the proposals would be aggregated, with those of the other seven local authorities in the Glasgow City Region, to provide a Regional Investment Plan for the Glasgow City Region.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the SPF Regional Investment Plan would be developed as a Glasgow City Region plan in conjunction with all eight Member Authorities and with all necessary approvals at both regional and local level being in place prior to funding being released in year 3;

- (b) That the outline set of SPF funded proposals at Renfrewshire level, as outlined in section 6 of the report, and which met the Fund's objectives be approved; and
- (c) That it be agreed that the Invest in Renfrewshire budget continued to be used, where necessary, to cashflow the proposals to allow spend to take place prior to funding being released in year 3.