
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 21 February 2019

Subject: Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Update

Report by: Strategic Director (Place)

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal. It focusses on the progress being made in establishing the governance arrangements considered and agreed by the Council in August 2018 as well as work being done on taking forward the Heads of Terms agreement considered by Council in June 2018.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council:
- 2.1.1 Note progress being made in taking the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal forward.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. In August 2018 Council agreed to a regional governance framework based on establishing the following elements:
- The Clackmannanshire Commission
 - A City Region Deal Joint Committee
 - A Programme Liaison Group
 - Programme Management offices
 - A Regional Economic Advisory Board

Progress on taking each of these forward is described below.

- 3.2. **The Clackmannanshire Commission.** This is established and has met three times (October and November 2018 and January 2019). A fourth special meeting of the Commission was also held at the on January 8th 2019 to consider bids made to the Clackmannanshire £8m UK Government Fund. As well as agreeing the process for bidding into and assessing applications to this fund, Commissioners have also agreed a remit and membership criteria, a work programme, the need for a Communications Plan and financial governance arrangements. Updates on each of the strands identified in the Heads of Terms have also been considered. Finally, members will note from a separate report on City Region Deal Governance to this meeting, that a joint Commission be considered to replace the current arrangement of separate Commissions in Clackmannanshire and Stirling.
- 3.3. **Joint Committee.** A first meeting of the Joint Committee took place on 18th December 2018. Arrangements for appointing a Chair and Vice Chair were agreed with Stirling taking on the Chair role (until 31st March 2020) and Councillor Ellen Forson being appointed as Vice-Chair. These arrangements will be in place until until this date when the Chair role would transfer to Clackmannanshire. Standing Orders, including Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee, were also agreed. The Joint Committee also agreed to establish the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional Economic Advisory Board. Finally, members of the committee were provided with an update on overall progress on taking the Deal forward.
- 3.4. **Programme Liaison Group.** Conference calls are taking place every two weeks involving local partners (Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils and the University of Stirling) and the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments to check on the progress being made in delivering the Deal.
- 3.5. **Programme Management Offices.** A regional Programme Management Office (PMO) has been established based on the principle of bringing together PMOs in Stirling and Clackmannanshire as well as the University. The Stirling PMO will provide overall coordination.
- 3.6. **Regional Economic Advisory Board.** The establishment of the Board has been agreed (see 3.4 above) and it is anticipated that an inaugural meeting will take place soon.
- 3.7. As well as Governance arrangements, discussions have also been taking place on the requirements for sign-off of the formal City Deal Agreement. This will require the development of outline business cases, broadly following Treasury Green Book criteria, for each of the main project/programme headings referred to in the Heads of Terms. The Scottish Futures Trust are supporting the two Councils and the University of Stirling in taking business case development forward. Partners are working on the basis of a May deadline to complete this part of the process. This is likely to be a challenging timescale.

- 3.8. The Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Heads of Terms was the first Deal to include undefined joint programme funding at programme level (Culture, Heritage and Tourism; Active Travel and Digital) and part of the business case development for these areas will be to agree on a process and criteria for assessing specific projects against these programme headings.
- 3.9. Discussions are also taking place on how the Deal will be funded over a 10-15 year period with money from both governments being released on the broad basis of equal profiling over the period of the Deal. Potential implications for the phasing of individual projects are being assessed and discussed.
- 3.10. The largest individual funding award made in the Heads of Terms was for Scotland's International Environment Centre. This has three main elements made up of a research and policy centre at Stirling University's main campus, skills and training facilities in Alloa and a business incubator also in Alloa. Following the Council decision in June, negotiations are continuing on the acquisition of land at Alloa West to take this project forward.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. Development of the Business Cases under the City Region deal will incorporate a range of sustainability themes including energy conservation, economic growth and improving the quality of life for Clackmannanshire residents. Inclusive Growth principles will also be a core part of developing and refining specific proposals.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial details

- 5.2. The financial implications of the city deal will be subject to further development as business cases are produced and discussions continue with partners and both Governments.
- 5.3. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.4. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.5. Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

- 8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No Not required

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)
Yes (please list the documents below) No

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