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4th December, 2020

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE TAY
CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

Dear Sir/Madam

TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

Will you please attend a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** on Friday, 11th December, 2020 at 10:00am, to be held remotely.

Please submit any apologies to Veronica Thomson, Committee Services Officer or telephone (01382) 434205 or by e-mail veronica.thomson@dundeecity.gov.uk.

Members of the Press or Public wishing to join the meeting should contact Veronica Thomson, Committee Services Officer on telephone (01382) 434205 or by e-mail veronica.thomson@dundeecity.gov.uk by **12 noon on Wednesday, 9th December, 2020.**

Yours faithfully

ROGER MENNIE

Clerk to the Joint Committee

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members are reminded that, in terms of the Councillors Code, it is their responsibility to make decisions about whether to declare an interest in any item on this agenda and whether to take part in any discussions or voting.

This will include all interests, whether or not entered on your Register of Interests, which would reasonably be regarded as so significant that they are likely to prejudice your discussion or decision-making.

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(Copy enclosed).

4 CO-OPTED MEMBER

Reference is made to Article V of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 9th November, 2018 whereby the Joint Committee agreed that the Chair of TACTRAN be co-opted onto the Joint Committee as an additional non-voting member for a period not exceeding two years.

This period has now expired. The Joint Committee's instructions are requested.

5 TAY CITIES DEAL

(Update by Mo Saunders, PMO enclosed).

6 INDICATIVE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

(Presentation by Gregor Hamilton, Head of Planning and Economic Development, Dundee City Council).

7 TAY CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY – FINAL DRAFT ACTION PLAN – Page 3

(Report No TCRJC11– 2020 by Alison Smith, Economic Development, Angus Council, enclosed).

8 MICHELIN SCOTLAND INNOVATION PARC – INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

(Verbal update by Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council).

9 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS - 2021

The Joint Committee is asked to approve the undernoted programme of meetings for 2021. All meetings will commence at 10:00am, and will be held remotely.

Friday, 22nd January, 2021

Friday, 19th February, 2021

Friday, 19th March, 2021

Friday, 23rd April, 2021

Friday 21st May, 2021

Friday, 18th June, 2021

Friday, 17th September, 2021

Friday, 10th December, 2021

10 ROTATION OF CHAIR

The Joint Committee is asked to note that this will be the final meeting for Fife Council and Cllr Ross to hold the position of Chair. From January 2021 this position will be held by Dundee City Council.

11 AOCB

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 22nd January, 2021, to be held remotely.

At a MEETING of the **TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE** held remotely on Monday 7th September, 2020.

Present:-

Angus Council

Councillor Bill DUFF
Councillor David FAIRWEATHER

Dundee City Council

Councillor John ALEXANDER
Councillor Lynne SHORT
Councillor Richard McCREADY

Fife Council

Councillor David ROSS
Councillor Karen MARJORAM
Councillor Tim BRETT

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE
Councillor John DUFF
Councillor Grant LAING

Non-Elected Members

Ellis WATSON, DC Thomson
Alison CARRINGTON, Skills Development Scotland
Councillor Andrew PARROTT, TACTRAN
Alison HENDERSON, Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce
Nigel SEATON, University of Abertay
Hayley MEARNS, Voluntary Action Angus

Also Present

Greg COLGAN, Tay Cities Deal Section 95 Officer
David MARTIN, Dundee City Council
Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council
Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council
Keith WINTER, Fife Council
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council
Vivian SMITH, Angus Council
Karen REID, Perth and Kinross Council
David LITTLEJOHN, Perth & Kinross Council
Mark SPEED, TACTRAN
Caroline WARBURTON, Visit Scotland
Roger MENNIE, Tay Cities Deal Legal Officer
Steve BELL, Tay Cities Deal Comms
Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal Programme Manager

Councillor David ROSS, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Macmillan Douglas

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

III MINUTE OF MEETING OF 21ST AUGUST, 2020

The minute of meeting of 17th July, 2020 was submitted and approved.

IV MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

V TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE

A presentation by the Chair, Tay Cities Management Group and S95 Officer was given to the Joint Committee regarding the current position with regards to the signing of the Deal and seeking instructions thereon.

The Joint Committee agreed that the Deal be signed, subject to the undernoted caveats :-

- (i) there would be an ongoing commitment by the Partnership to seek acceleration of funding in Years 1 to 5 to enable the earlier delivery of the James Hutton Institute projects;
- (ii) the order of project drawdown and delivery could change as business cases developed;
- (iii) there would be ongoing monitoring of the programme including the active management of any reported underspend on drawdown through bringing forward projects which could demonstrate spend and have an approved Full Business Case in place; and
- (iv) where spend had occurred, at the project owners own risk, which exceeded the partnerships drawdown profile, active dialogue with Governments would be held to identify if there were any opportunities through other City Deal reported underspends to bring forward earlier additional funds from within the wider Tay Cities programme.

VII DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 18th September, 2020 at 10.00 am, to be held remotely. (Subsequently cancelled , with next meeting scheduled for Friday 23rd October 2020 at 10.00am to be held remotely).

David ROSS, Chair.

REPORT TO: TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE - 11 DECEMBER 2020
REPORT ON: TAY CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY ACTION PLAN
REPORT BY: DAVID LITTLEJOHN (Heads of Economic Development Group)
REPORT NO: TCRJC11-2020

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Action Plan (Appendix 1) prepared by the Heads of Economic Development Group to support the delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy previously approved by the Joint Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Tay Cities Region Joint Committee is invited to consider this report and:
- a) Agrees the proposed Action Plan;
 - b) Notes the consultation undertaken; and
 - c) Agrees to the proposed arrangements for reporting on progress.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications of approving this report. The cost of specific actions will either be met from existing partnership budgets or approved Tay Cities Deal programme and project budgets.

4. MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 At its meeting of September 2019 the Joint Committee approved the [Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy](#) (Report TCRJC13-2019).
- 4.2 The Strategy, covering the period 2019-2039, updated an earlier document prepared as part of the Tay Cities Deal bid submission. It aligns with the Tay Cities Deal (TCD) Heads of Terms and better reflects current regional priorities as well as reflecting both Scottish and UK Government post-BREXIT policy framework.
- 4.3 The Strategy was designed to address some of the long-term structural weakness in the regional economy such as lower than average Gross Value Add (GVA) per capita, lower average weekly wages and pockets of long-term unemployment. Strategic objectives were identified for the initial 10-year period to 2029.
- 4.4 Many of the outputs required to achieve these strategic objectives will be delivered by the Tay Cities Deal itself, particularly in respect of capital investment, and others through the individual and collaborative efforts of the partners, specifically local authorities and the enterprise agencies but also the private and third sectors. For example, there is an existing partnership in place to deliver the regional tourism strategy and a Regional Tourism Strategy was approved by the Joint Committee in June 2019. (Report TCRJC7-2019).
- 4.5 However, the partners also recognised that some specific actions would achieve greater impact through greater regional collaboration, particularly where there were specific identified gaps. To steer and monitor these specific actions it was agreed that an Action Plan would be prepared.

- 4.6 The action planning process commenced in January 2020 with a workshop attended by representatives of the 4 Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland and Tactran. The output of this workshop was to develop a series of actions that addressed some specific gaps and complemented existing or planned activity. Initial discussions were also held with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Regional Enterprise Executive.
- 4.7 As a consequence of COVID-19 the Action Plan was revised during May and June this year to ensure that it would contribute to the general aspiration to “build back better” towards a fairer, cleaner more competitive economy. It was also important to review it against newly introduced local economic response and recovery programmes to avoid duplication. The Action Plan was restructured around short and medium-term interventions:
- Short-term – focus on supporting local recovery
 - Medium-term – focus on regional growth whilst recognising the proposed actions will require to be flexible and capable of being adjusted to respond to specific economic issues.
- 4.8 The partners agreed that the Action Plan should continue to focus on a relatively small number of actions capable of effecting real change regionally through stronger outputs than if delivered locally. Some guiding principles were agreed in order to shape the actions:
- Ensuring fairness in all we deliver
 - Promoting inclusive digital upskilling
 - Focusing on a net zero carbon economy
 - Encouraging deeper collaboration
 - Being agile to respond to circumstances
- 4.9 Comments on the revised Action Plan were invited from the various TCD Thematic Boards (which include Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland), the Regional Enterprise Forum, HE/FE Forum, Third Sector interface bodies, VisitScotland and NatureScot. Their feedback has shaped the final version of the Action Plan (Appendix 1).
- 4.10 Following approval it is proposed that the Heads of Economic Development Group (which also includes Tactran and Scottish Enterprise) is charged with developing and implementing a monitoring and reporting framework to support Action Plan delivery and, if necessary, adjustment to ensure the Strategy objectives and targets will be met.
- 4.11 It is further proposed that a quarterly progress report will be discussed by the Management Group, and an annual report prepared for the Joint Committee’s consideration.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1. In addition to the organisations and groups referred to above, the Tay Cities Management Group was also consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 None.

DAVID LITTLEJOHN, HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 03/12/20

PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

Regional Action Strategy Action Plan

The Heads of Economic Development in the four Tay Cities Region local authorities have been tasked with developing this Action Plan which aligns to the Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy.

<https://www.taycities.co.uk/documents/tay-cities-region-economic-strategy-2019-2039-21mb-pdf>

The Action Plan through its development has been revised and refined to take cognisance of national economic policy and reports as well as sectoral developments. In particular the Action Plan has been prepared to reflect the impact of COVID-19 and recovery.

Towards a Robust, Resilient Wellbeing Economy for Scotland: Report of the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/towards-robust-resilient-wellbeing-economy-scotland-report-advisory-group-economic-recovery>

