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4th November, 2019

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 8th November, 2019 at 2 pm in Committee Room 4, 14 City Square, Dundee.

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

Yours faithfully

ROGER MENNIE

Clerk to the Joint Committee

1 MEMBERSHIP, 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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4 MEMBERSHIP

The Joint Committee are asked to note that Perth & Kinross Council have intimated that in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, they have appointed Councillor John Duff as their representative on the Joint Committee to replace Councillor Colin Stewart.

The Committee resolved under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the undernoted items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

5 TAY CITIES REGION DEAL

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2 pm, Friday, 20th December, 2019 in Committee Room 1, 14 City Square, Dundee.

ITEM No ...3.....

At a MEETING of the TAY CITIES REGION JOINT COMMITTEE held at Fife on Friday, 20th September, 2019.

Present:-

Angus Council

Councillor Mark SALMOND (substitute for Councillor David FAIRWEATHER)
Councillor Angus MacMillan DOUGLAS
Councillor Bill DUFF

Dundee City Council

Councillor Lynne SHORT
Councillor Richard McCREADY

Fife Council

Councillor Karen MARJORAM
Councillor Tim BRETT
Councillor David ROSS

Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Murray LYLE
Councillor David DOOGAN

Non-Elected Members

Alison CARRINGTON, Skills Development Scotland (substitute for Gordon McGUINNESS)
Michael WRIGHT, Scottish Enterprise
Alison HENDERSON, Tay Cities Business Forum
Ellis WATSON, Tay Cities Enterprise Forum

Also Present

Mo SAUNDERS, Tay Cities Deal
David MARTIN, Dundee City Council
Steve GRIMMOND, Fife Council
Greg COLGAN, Dundee City Council
Robin PRESSWOOD, Dundee City Council
Margo WILLIAMSON, Angus Council
Keith WINTER, Fife Council
Kirstin MARSH, Fife Council
Vivian SMITH, Angus Council
Alan GRAHAM, Perth & Kinross Council
Roger MENNIE, Dundee City Council
Tom FLANAGAN, TACTRAN
Lorna WIGGIN, NHS Tayside
Geraldine CAMPBELL, Scottish Government

Councillor Murray LYLE, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES

Apologies had been intimated from Councillor Fairweather, Councillor Alexander, Councillor Stewart, Mr Gordon McGuinness, Ms Karen Reid, Professor Andrew Atherton, Mr Jim Valentine and Mr Gary Malone.

II DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

III MEMBERSHIP

The Joint Committee noted that due to the resignation of Julie Farr, and, in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, the Third Sector had appointed Gary Malone, Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Action Angus, as their representative on the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee further noted that due to the retiral of Jim Reid, and in terms of Clause Six of the 2017 Minute of Agreement, Scottish Enterprise had appointed Michael Wright as their representative on the Joint Committee.

IV MINUTE OF MEETING OF 21ST JUNE, 2019

The minute of meeting of 21st June, 2019 was submitted and approved.

V MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

VI PRESENTATION – TAY CITIES DEAL UPDATE

The Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council gave a presentation on progress to date.

The Joint Committee noted that since the signing of the Heads of Terms, Government commitment of £300m over 10-15 years had been made, with three programmes and 22 projects named. To achieve full deal, robust business cases were required for each project/programme, along with completed deal documentation. Development of the business cases was ongoing along with development of governance measures and a communications protocol.

Challenges to achieving full deal included realising the Heads of Terms commitment to at least 6000 jobs and leverage of the £400 million in investment required, along with achieving the 2019/20 draw down.

The role of the Joint Committee in this process would be to ensure governance arrangements were adhered to and that full business cases were approved accordingly.

The Joint Committee then had an opportunity to ask questions with the following points being clarified:-

- It was the responsibility of project leaders to ensure that any drawn down of funding could be reclaimed
- Similarly due diligence for projects was the responsibility of the project leader

The Chair thanked the Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment for his presentation and it was agreed that this would be circulated with the minutes

VII REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY REFRESH

There was submitted Report No TCRJC13-2019 by the Chair, Tay Cities Management Group and Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council seeking the approval of the Tay Cities Region Economic Strategy and authorisation for Executive Officers within the Tay Cities Management Group to take forward the relevant actions identified within the strategy.

The Joint Committee agreed to:-

- (i) approve the Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy 2019-2039; and

- (ii) remit the Tay Cities Management Group to work in partnership to deliver the relevant actions.

The Joint Committee further agreed that the undernoted be included within the Action Plan:-

“that the potential for community wealth building be explored as an approach to deliver inclusive growth across Scotland, involving working with partnerships of public and private sector anchor institutions, focussing on their role in their local and regional economies as employers, purchasers, asset owners and enablers of wider economic activity.”

VIII A O C B

- (i) REGIONAL SKILLS INVESTMENT PLAN

It was reported that the Regional Skills Investment Plan for the Tay Cities Region, prepared by SDS and partners across the region, was launched on 26th August. It was agreed that a copy of this be made available to members of the Joint Committee and that in future, members be given notice of similar launch events.

- (ii) DASHBOARD OF PROGRAMMES

A query was made regarding whether a dashboard of programmes was to be made available to members.

The Joint Committee noted that this was to be developed in conjunction with the communication strategy and current arrangements within the local authorities.

IX DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2.00 pm, Friday, 8th November, 2019 in Committee Room 2, 14 City Square, Dundee.

Murray LYLE, Chair.