

## MEETING OF CLYDE GATEWAY URC

### Minute of Meeting of 26 February 2021 by video conference

**Present:** Alison Thewliss MP – Chair  
Ian Manson, Chief Executive  
Councillor John Anderson, South Lanarkshire Council  
Councillor Laura Doherty, Glasgow City Council  
Councillor Greg Hepburn, Glasgow City Council  
Councillor Carol Nugent, South Lanarkshire Council  
Robert McLeary, South Lanarkshire Community Representative  
Allan McQuade, Scottish Enterprise  
Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Business Representative  
Rosie Robertson, Glasgow Community Representative  
Jim Watson, Scottish Enterprise

**In attendance:** Fiona Brittle, Scottish Government  
Alison Brown, Clyde Gateway  
Lesley-Ann Logan, Clyde Gateway  
Barry Macintyre, Clyde Gateway  
Martin McKay, Clyde Gateway  
Ken Meek, Clyde Gateway  
Andrew Murphy, Office of Alison Thewliss MP  
Angela Rowley, Clyde Gateway  
Niki Spence, Clyde Gateway  
Donna Brand (Minutes)

#### 1. **Welcome, introductions, apologies and any declarations of interest**

Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were declarations of interest from Councillor John Anderson and Rosie Robertson in respect of item 5.1 – Business and Community Growth Programme 2020/21.

#### 2. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the previous Board meeting of Clyde Gateway URC held on 18th December 2020 were submitted and approved.

#### 3. **Chair's Report**

Alison conveyed her thanks to all staff and Board members for their continued hard work. Alison referred to progress which had been made in projects and to updates in funding, advising that these would be addressed in the Chief Executive's report.

Alison also made reference to the £2.3m funding which had been secured from the Clyde Mission Fund for the Cuningar Loop project allowing this project to be taken forward.

#### 4. **Chief Executive's Report**

Ian Manson referred to the themes which had been outlined in his report and advised that:

- (1) he was very pleased to receive recent confirmation that Clyde Gateway had secured £2.3m from the Clyde Mission Fund for the next phase of the Cuningar Loop Project;

- (2) he welcomed the Scottish Government's core capital support commitment to 2025/26 which allowed Clyde Gateway to pursue a full programme of projects; and
- (3) although Scottish Government funding had not been secured for the completion of the Shawfield decontamination project, other sources of funding were being explored.

## 5. Business

### For approval

#### 5.1 Business & Community Growth Programme CG21(FEB)01

Niki Spence provided an overview of the Business and Community Growth (B&CG) programme in the context of COVID-19, provided some key statistics and recent experience from within the community that had helped shape the proposed programme of activity for 2021/22, and sought approval for the associated budget.

The report outlined the themes across which CGURC's B&CG interventions were delivered and highlighted the key issues, challenges and opportunities and emphasised the impact of, and recovery from, COVID-19. The proposed projects for 2021/22 were listed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Board:

- (1) noted that
  - (a) in addition to this budget a further £278,000 of funding which had been approved in previous years would be carried forward giving a total allocation of £872,500;
  - (b) £100,000 had been secured from the Scottish Government Access to Childcare Fund and £62,500 had been secured from the Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund for the 2021/22 financial year; and
  - (c) the proposed projects and budget allocations details were contained in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) approved £594,500 of expenditure, including any irrecoverable VAT, to continue the Business, Employability and Community Programme during 2021/22.

#### 5.2 Sustainable Transport Project – CG Bus Service CG21(FEB)02

Alison Brown presented a report seeking approval to extend the Clyde Gateway Bus Service for a further 6 months to 3rd September 2021 whilst alternative funding was sought.

Alison provided background information in relation to the partnership working involved to transform the existing public transport and cycling infrastructure in the area, of which the branded bus service had formed an integral part to target the area's emerging employment locations and had provided links to new developments.

Alison advised that the Board had approved the continuation of the current bus service by the existing provider, JMB Travel Limited, for a further 5 weeks until 12th March 2021, utilising the remaining fare income which had been held by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport at its meeting in November 2020 (CG20(NOV)13).

Alison further advised of the ongoing review of alternative funding options for the service, and that following discussions with the Scottish Government, it had been agreed that funding from

the Supporting Communities Fund could be allocated to the Clyde Gateway Bus Service (CGBS) to meet the cost of extending the contract by 6 months until 3rd September 2021.

After consideration, the Board approved:

- (1) the strategic intent to maintain the operation of the CGBS; and
- (2) the extension of the service with the current service provider, JMB Travel Limited, for a further 6 months to 3rd September 2021 at a cost of £50,209.

### 5.3 Risk Register CG21(FEB)03

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report on the most recent Risk Register, a working document regularly reviewed for relevance by Clyde Gateway's Management Group and by the Audit & Evaluation Committee.

After consideration, the Board approved the updated Risk Register as set out in the Appendix.

#### **For information**

### 5.4 Cuningar Loop Woodland Park (Phase 2) – Project Update CG21(FEB)04

Alison Brown presented a report providing a further update on the second phase of the Cuningar Loop Woodland Park, which would contribute to a post COVID-19 'Green Recovery', with specific emphasis given to the outcome of the tender assessment and funding for the construction works.

Alison advised that details of the Phase 2 project had been presented to the Board in December 2020 and had included information on the procurement exercise and tender returns. A detailed description of the project was also provided.

Alison further outlined the details of the 2-stage contractor procurement exercise along with the proposed programme of works.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

### 5.5 Capital Programme – Update CG21(FEB)05

Alison Brown provided a further update on the Capital Programme particularly in respect of COVID-19 and also provided an update of projects at the pre-development stage.

Alison advised that there were several projects which had been completed in 2020/21 and provided further information on projects which were still on site.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

### 5.6 Finance Report – Period Ended 31st January 2021 CG21(FEB)06

Lesley-Ann Logan presented a report outlining the consolidated financial performance of both Clyde Gateway URC (CGURC) and Clyde Gateway Developments Limited (CGDL) for the 6-month period to 31st January 2021.

After consideration, the Board noted the report.

5.7 CGDL Board Meeting of 18th December 2020 CG21(FEB)06

The Board noted the Agenda and draft minute of the Clyde Gateway Development Limited Board meeting of 18th December 2020.

5.8 Audit & Evaluation Committee – Meeting of 12th February 2021 CG21(FEB)07

The Board noted the Agenda of the Audit & Evaluation Committee of 12th February 2021.

**6. Date, time and venue of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 30th April 2021 at 2:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.