

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 18th August 2021.

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Jane Morgan (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Ade Aibinu, Dr Martin Bartos, Christina Cannon, Annette Christie, Feargal Dalton, Stephen Dornan, Rashid Hussain, Aileen McKenzie, Jacqueline McLaren, Kenny McLean, Martin Rhodes and David Turner.

Apology: Gary Gray.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; L MacKenzie (for the Chief Executive); and C MacKenzie (for the Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships).

Thriving Economy Theme - Economic recovery update noted – Reference to Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee.

1 With reference to the minutes of 24th February 2021 (Print 5, page 307) noting the approach taken by Development and Regeneration Services in delivering the operational response to the pandemic and to recovery and renewal, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth providing an update on economic recovery activities during the COVID-19 lockdown and recovery period,

- (1) advising of key achievements made during the period across economic development;
- (2) of the areas that impacted on the component parts of economic development, including, business support, Invest Glasgow and employment and skills, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the key Council Plan actions paused during the period; and
- (4) that the City Deal Programme continued to drive projects forward in design and tender preparation whilst directing the delivery of live construction projects.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report and a presentation by the Director of Regional Economic Growth and, in particular, GVA per hour statistics comparing Glasgow with Core cities, as well as ongoing challenges with the use of tools such as GDP, GVA etc; and

- (b) referred to the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee a request that it gives consideration to reviewing the statistical tools, ongoing work and challenges in relation to measuring and comparing local and regional economic activity with other cities and regions, giving due regard to the suitability of economic measures during a 'Just Transition' and in response to the climate emergency.