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**Report to Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 15 December 2016**

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**Subject: City Deal**

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**Report by: Head of Development & Environment**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. This report seeks to update Council on City Deal following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement of a Clackmannanshire and Stirling City Deal and seeks Council approval to allocate financial resource to support development and to establish steering arrangements to take forward City Deal activities.

**2.0 Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1. Welcome the UK and Scottish Government's support for a Clackmannanshire and Stirling City Deal.
- 2.2. Agree to allocate £500,000 in 2017/18 capital programme for City Deal development.
- 2.3. Agree to earmark up to £100,000 from Council's General Fund uncommitted reserves to support City Deal development in 2016/17 financial year.
- 2.4. Agree to establish an Officer/Member Steering forum as set out in this report to take forward City Deal developments.
- 2.5. Agree to establish a Clackmannanshire City Deal Advisory Board as set out in this report.

**3.0 Background & Considerations**

- 3.1. In September 2016 Council agreed to work in partnership with Stirling in support of a City Deal for the Clackmannanshire and Stirling region.
- 3.2. On the 23 November 2016 the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated "I can announce today we begin negotiations for a City Deal for Stirling". The UK and Scottish Government Civil Servants and respective Ministers with

responsibility for City Deal have confirmed that this is a City Deal for Clackmannanshire and Stirling.

- 3.3. The next steps for Clackmannanshire and Stirling are to hold joint discussions with the UK and Scottish Governments to progress the City Deal forward. This is expected to follow the arrangements that Edinburgh and the South East region City Deal is going through, which consists of workshops to refine economic proposals.
- 3.4. The Officer/Members Steering Forum would act as a Project and Steering Group to take forward collectively City Deal proposals. Financial and policy decisions will be referred to Council along with a regular updates on City Deal development.
- 3.5. The forum will be made up of Officer leads for themes and projects, the CEO, Executive Director and Head of Development & Environment.
- 3.6. The forum would seek representation from 6 Members, 3 from the Administration, 2 from the Opposition Group and 1 other. The forum would meet at least monthly commencing in January 2017.
- 3.7. The City Deal Advisory Board would seek to appoint City Deal Advisers to support, shape and champion City Deal developments and would consist of Officers, 2 Elected Members being the Leader of the Council and a member of the Opposition Group, business, public bodies, youth representatives and the third sector. The Advisory Board would also seek to meet monthly, commencing in January 2017.
- 3.8. All Services within the Council will have a role to play with key roles for Education, Housing, Development and Environment Services. A Programme Manager has been seconded to lead the coordination and development of proposals. Scottish Government through the Scottish Future Trust have also committed to providing a dedicated resource between January – April 2017 to guide and undertake work for Clackmannanshire.
- 3.9. There will be specific work that the Council shall commission and business case development. The Council will also resource and develop a communication programme and ensure appropriate officer resource is allocated to support proposal development. In order to resource this Council is asked to earmark up to £100,000 if required of revenue funding to be drawn down in 2016/17 and allocate £500,000 of capital funding to support City Deal development in the 2017/18 capital programme. Revenue requirements for 2017/18 will be set out in the Council's budget for 2017/18.
- 3.10. A programme of communication and engagement activities for residents, staff and businesses is being developed, to commence fully in January 2017. A website has been developed and will support communication and engagement activities.

#### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

- 4.1. City Deal developments will support the sustainability of the economy and support positive climate change activities.

## 5.0 Resource Implications

### 5.1. Financial Details

5.2. £500,000 will be built into the 2017/18 capital programme to support City Deal development.

5.3. Up to £100,000 will be drawn from General Fund uncommitted reserves in 2016/17 financial year. Any further City Deal revenue requirements will be built into 2017/18 budget.

### 5.4. Staffing

A number of officers and chief officers will take forward City Deal developments supported by external resources as appropriate.

## 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 )

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(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

**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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