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**Report to**                      **Clackmannanshire Council**

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**Date of Meeting:**    **21 February 2019**

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**Subject:**                      **City Region Deal Governance**

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**Report by:**                    **Monitoring Officer**

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### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. This brief report proposes that a single region wide Commission is established, replacing the Clackmannanshire Commission and the Stirling City Commission. The report also sets out the proposed Clackmannanshire Council membership of the new Commission and proposed terms of reference.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council
- 2.1.1. Agree to disestablish the Clackmannanshire Commission on the conclusion of the current bidding process for the Clackmannanshire Council capital fund
- 2.1.2. Agree to establish a Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional Commission (“the Commission”) with the terms of reference as set out in paragraph 3.6
- 2.1.3. Agree the membership of the Commission as set out in paragraph 3.7
- 2.1.4. Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer and the members of the Commission to finalise the governance arrangements for the Commission with counterparts from Stirling Council
- 2.1.5. Note that the terms of reference include the formation of short term project or working groups where required.

### **3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. On the 28 June 2018, Clackmannanshire Council agreed to establish the Clackmannanshire Commission. At that time the Commission was established to align the City Region Deal governance structures, replicating the Stirling City Commission for Clackmannanshire.

- 3.2. Since then the Clackmannanshire Commission has met on 5 occasions (4 regular meetings and 1 special meeting) and has considered some important issues, including the bidding process for the £8 million Clackmannanshire Council capital fund.
- 3.3. A number of Clackmannanshire Commissioners attended the Stirling City Commission on 10 December 2018 to see how that commission operated. At that meeting there was a discussion about whether it would be possible to have a single commission with a regional focus.
- 3.4. The Joint Committee met on the 18 December 2018 and at that meeting the issue of a single commission was raised again. The outcome from the Joint Committee was that officers should submit a report to their respective Councils at the earliest opportunity seeking approval for a single Commission. It is understood that a report will be submitted to Stirling Council on 28 February in similar terms to this report.
- 3.5. It appears that there is substantial support for a single Commission and the same theme emerged from the most recent meeting of the Clackmannanshire Commission on the 10 January 2019. At that meeting commissioners identified a number of benefits of having a single Commission including
- Ensuring that recommendations from the Commission have a regional focus
  - Embedding the partnership approach with City Regional Deal partners, which has been encouraged by government as part of the City Region Deal process
  - Broadening perspectives
  - Increasing business engagement opportunities, particularly for Clackmannanshire given the business representatives who sit on the Stirling City Commission
  - Linking Clackmannanshire Council in to the Scottish City Alliance, which Stirling is part of and,
  - Reducing meetings and streamlining of process
- 3.6. It is proposed that the new Commission's terms of reference is based on the existing Terms of Reference for the Clackmannanshire Commission. The following draft terms of reference is suggested for consideration:
- 3.6.1. To act as a forum to help guide choices for inclusive growth
- 3.6.2. To act as champions and ambassadors for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire region in the context of the City Region deal
- 3.6.3. To develop an inclusive growth strategy for the region as part of the wider City Region deal
- 3.6.4. To explore and develop partnership arrangements which maximise the economic potential of the area and its residents
- 3.6.5. To provide advice, guidance and proposals to both Councils, the Joint Committee and the emerging Stirling and Clackmannanshire Regional Economic Board on the development of the City Region Deal projects and other priorities for growth and

- 3.6.6. To establish short term project groups or working groups as required. .
- 3.7. The current membership of the commission is the Leader and Depute Leader of Council and one member from each of the Labour and Conservative groups. It is proposed that this continues with the nominated members able to appoint substitutes where required.
- 3.8. The Clackmannanshire Commission includes members of other public bodies including CTSI, Stirling University and Forth Valley College. It is anticipated that these members will continue as commissioners of the new body. There will also be a requirement that Clackmannanshire nominate a business representative for the Commission. These public sector and business representatives will be determined by the members appointed to the Commission in terms of paragraph 3.7 above. It is also proposed that the Commission have a general power to co-opt.
- 3.9. Implementation of a single Commission will require some joint working with Stirling Council in order to establish the framework, processes and administration for the Commission. There is already a framework established for the Joint Committee and it may be that elements of that framework could be adapted for the Commission even though the Commission is not a decision making body. Delegation is sought from Council for the Monitoring Officer and appointed members of the Commission to finalise the governance arrangements.

#### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

- 4.1. None

#### **5.0 Resource Implications**

##### *5.1. Financial Details*

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

##### *5.4. Staffing*

#### **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 )

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(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  not applicable

**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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