

**ANGUS COUNCIL – 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TAY CITIES DEAL - INTERIM MIINUTE OF AGREEMENT**

**REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report proposes a new interim Minute of Agreement between Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Fife Council and Perth and Kinross Council to allow the establishment of a Joint Committee to progress the Tay City Deal. This document will be strengthened by a further agreement setting out the specific governance arrangements and three members are sought to represent Angus Council on the Joint Committee.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council:

- Delegate authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to finalise and thereafter enter into a Minute of Agreement establishing the Tay Cities Joint Committee to discharge a range of statutory and non-statutory functions as set out in the proposed agreement;
- Appoint three members of Angus Council to sit on the Joint Committee; and
- Agree that a further detailed report is brought back to Council before the end of 2017 regarding the subsequent agreement which will detail the governance arrangements of the Joint Committee.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN**

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are prosperous and fair;
- Our communities are safe and strong;
- Our communities are sustainable.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Members are aware from previous reports and induction briefings that Angus Council is participating in the Tay Cities Deal and that a bid has been submitted to the Scottish and UK governments with the intention of growing the local economy, creating growth and sustainable employment opportunities and creating the conditions for long term growth. The Tay Cities Deal bid document can be accessed from the attached link. [https://www.taycities.co.uk/sites/default/files/tay\\_cities\\_deal\\_0.pdf](https://www.taycities.co.uk/sites/default/files/tay_cities_deal_0.pdf)

A Leadership Group, Directors' Group and Officers' Group have been established to provide an interim governance structure for the early stages of the work into a City Deal. The Leadership Group is made up of the Leaders and Chief Executives of the four Councils and it has full oversight on the project and provides guidance, through a group formed by the four Directors of Development (or equivalent), to the Officers' Group where the main work is undertaken. A temporary Project Coordinator was appointed to lead on the delivery of the initial work on a City Deal and Angus Council have seconded a member of staff to that team.

While this structure has worked very well in bringing the Councils together, it is unlikely to be sufficient to provide longer term governance on such a major partnership initiative. It is, therefore, proposed that the attached interim minute of agreement is entered into to create a

new Joint Committee structure. The attached draft document at appendix A sets out the basis and operation of that Joint Committee. Authority is sought to provide representation on the proposed Joint Committee to represent the interests of Angus Council.

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications created by the recommendations in this report. Members should note that revenue and capital resources will be required to support the operation of the TAY Cities Deal and the delivery of successful projects. Consideration of the Council's financial contribution to the Tay Cities Deal will be given through the budget setting process for 2018/19 to 2020/21 which is now underway. Further detail will be submitted to members when that is known.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Strategic Director – People, Head of Corporate Finance, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Service Manager - Economic Development have been consulted on the terms of this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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