

Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee
15 January 2024

At a Special Meeting of the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee at 2.30 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Councillors Marie Burns, Joe Cullinane and Anthony Gurney (North Ayrshire Council); Douglas Reid and Iain Linton (East Ayrshire Council); and Martin Dowey, William Grant and Bob Pollock (South Ayrshire Council).

In Attendance

R. McCutcheon, N. McIlvanney, L. Kirk, E. McMullen, L. Neill and J. King (North Ayrshire Council); E. Fraser, R. Grieveson, D. McDowall and G. Saunders (East Ayrshire Council); M. Newall and L. Reid (South Ayrshire Council); J. Martin (Scottish Enterprise); P. Zealey (Skills Development Scotland); C. Stewart and S. Wilson (North Ayrshire Council).

Apologies

Councillor Maureen Mackay (East Ayrshire Council), C. Hatton (North Ayrshire Council) and A. Cox (Ayrshire College).

Chair

Councillor Marie Burns in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors

2. Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) Community Wealth Building Change Request

Submitted report by the Executive Director, Place (North Ayrshire Council) on the summary mid-term review of the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) Community Wealth Building (CWB) Programme and seeking approval to extend the programme by one year. The AGD CWB Programme Review Report was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Joint Committee agreed to approve the project change request proposal to extend the programme by one year, noting that the proposal had been supported by the Scottish Government and endorsed by the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board.

3. Ayrshire Skills Investment Fund (ASIF) Governance

Submitted report by the Chief Executive (North Ayrshire Council) seeking approval of the detailed governance arrangements for the Ayrshire Skills and Investment (ASIF) sub-committee of the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee (AEJC) including the Terms of Reference and Standing Orders.

The Joint Committee agreed (a) to approve the Terms of Reference for the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee Ayrshire Skills Investment Fund Sub-Committee; (b) to note that the agreed governance arrangements had been implemented, creating the AEJC, Ayrshire Skills and Investment Fund Sub-Committee, with delegated authority to award the fund; (c) to ratify the appointment of Councillor Marie Burns (North Ayrshire Council) as Chair and appoint Councillor Bob Pollock (South Ayrshire Council) as Vice-Chair of the Ayrshire Skills and Investment Fund Sub-Committee (ASIF sub-committee); (d) to note the grant funding approved at the meeting of the ASIF sub-committee in November 2023 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, in accordance with the general delegation granted by the AEJC on 20 June 2022 and ratify the delegation for approval of grant funding awarded; and (e) that an update be provided to the Joint Committee every 6 months on funding awards and achievements.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.