

Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board
15 January 2024

At a Special Meeting of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board at 2.00 p.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Councillors Marie Burns, Joe Cullinane and Anthony Gurney (North Ayrshire Council); 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, J. King and A. Finlayson (North Ayrshire Council); E. Fraser, R. Grieveson, D. McDowall and G. Saunders (East Ayrshire Council); L. Reid (South Ayrshire Council); L. Barker and L. Brennan (UK Government); S. Foster (Spirit AeroSystems); P. Zealey (Skills Development Scotland); A. Dobson (Taste of Arran); C. Stewart and S. Wilson (North Ayrshire Council).

Apologies

Councillors Douglas Reid and Maureen McKay (East Ayrshire Council), C. Hatton (North Ayrshire Council), M. Newall (South Ayrshire Council), A. Cox (Ayrshire College), C. Baird (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce), G. Docherty (University of Strathclyde), H. Kuboyama (Federation of Small Businesses) and M. Roughhead (Visit Scotland).

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) presenting the summary mid-term review of the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) Community Wealth Building (CWB) Programme for endorsement and seeking authorisation to submit a change request proposal for a one-year extension to the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee. The AGD CWB Programme Review Report was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Partnership Board received a presentation on the summary mid-term review of the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD) Community Wealth Building (CWB) Programme.

Members asked questions and requested that officers produce a breakdown in terms of type of industry engaging in the programme to help identify strengths and also business areas not engaging as much as others that could be further encouraged to participate in the Programme, going forward.

The Partnership Board agreed to (a) note the progress of the AGD CWB Programme and endorse the summary mid-term review; (b) endorse the project change request proposal to extend the programme by one year; (c) note the project change request proposal had been supported by the Scottish Government with confirmation being received on 18 December 2023; and (d) recommend approval of the change request to the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee.

The meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.