

Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board
18 September 2023

At a Special Meeting of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means.

Present

Councillors Marie Burns and Anthony Gurney (North Ayrshire Council); Iain Linton and Maureen McKay (East Ayrshire Council); and Martin Dowey and Bob Pollock (South Ayrshire Council).

In Attendance

Russell McCutcheon, N. McIlvanney, L. Kirk, E. McMullen and A. Finlayson (North Ayrshire Council); J. McLachlan, D. McDowall and D. Watt (East Ayrshire Council); G. Hunter (South Ayrshire Council); R. Phillips (Scottish Government); S. Foster (Spirit AeroSystems); D. McCrindle (Scottish Enterprise); A. Cox (Ayrshire College); P. Zealey (Skills Development Scotland); C. Baird (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce); A. Dobson (Taste of Arran); Milan Radosavljevic (University of the West of Scotland). S. Foster (Spirit AeroSystems); C. Baird (Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce); C. Stewart and S. Wilson (North Ayrshire Council).

Apologies

Councillors Douglas Reid (East Ayrshire Council) and William Grant (South Ayrshire Council), Craig Hatton (North Ayrshire Council), Eddie Fraser and Graham Saunders (East Ayrshire Council), Louise Reid (South Ayrshire Council), Gillian Docherty (University of Strathclyde), Christine Johnstone (Scottish Government), H. Kuboyama (Federation of Small Businesses); J. Mone (University of West of Scotland) 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 Regional Economic Strategy Delivery Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director, Place (North Ayrshire Council) requesting the Partnership Board to: (a) endorse the draft Year One Delivery Plan provided at Appendix One to the report; (b) agree to the submission of the Delivery Plan to the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee for approval; and (c) receive further reports for future years of the Delivery Plan.

The Partnership Board received a presentation on the Ayrshire Regional Economic Strategy Delivery Plan, which included the draft One Year Delivery Plan as set out in Appendix One to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the timeline on the Regional Intelligence Hub and who would host that;
- the resourcing of the draft Year One Delivery Plan in view of the large number of actions and sub-actions contained therein; and
- the existing activities the Delivery Plan referred to including the workstreams that they reported to.

The Partnership Board agreed to (a) endorse the draft Year One Delivery Plan provided at Appendix One to the report; (b) the submission of the Delivery Plan to the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee for approval; and (c) receive further reports for future years of the Delivery Plan.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.