

ISLANDS GROWTH DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held through Microsoft Teams on Monday, 22 November 2021 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Roddie Mackay (Chair) Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Cllr James Stockan (Vice-Chair) Orkney Islands Council
Cllr Steven Coutts, Shetland Islands Council
Cllr Alastair Cooper, Shetland Islands Council
Cllr Donald Crichton, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

APOLOGIES

Cllr Graham Sinclair, Orkney Islands Council
Mr John Mundell, Orkney Islands Council
Mr Malcolm Burr, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Mr Calum Iain Maciver, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Maggie Sandison, Shetland Islands Council
Mr Neil Grant, Shetland Islands Council
Ms Louise Shearer, Shetland Islands Council
Mr Gareth Waterson, Orkney Islands Council
Ms Lorna Richardson, Orkney Islands Council
Mr Gavin Mitchell, Orkney Islands Council
Mr Joe Macphee, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Mr Derek Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Ms Anne Murray, Islands Deal Programme Director
Mr Neil MacIennan, UK Government

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 29 October 2021 1 The Minute of the Meeting of 29 October 2021 was **approved**.

Declaration of Interest of 2 There were no declarations of interest.

Outline Business Cases 3(a) Outer Hebrides Food & Drink Programme
Mr Joe Macphee, Head of Economic Development, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, and Ms Anne Murray, Islands Growth Deal Programme Director, submitted a Report which sought approval to submit the Outline Business Case for the Outer Hebrides Food & Drink Programme to UK and Scottish Governments.

The Report stated that the project is currently profiled to draw down up to £1.5 million capital funding from the Islands Growth Deal over the first two years of the Deal. £500k match funding is required for the Project.

The Report further stated the investment objectives of the project, which included:

- Creating of a significant network of Local Food Hubs across the Outer Hebrides.
- Facilitating the re-development and upgrade of pier-heads and harbours across the Outer Hebrides.

- Supporting the expansion of value-added food processing in the Outer Hebrides, including R&D and innovation activity.
- Creating opportunities to support business creation and growth, and increasing the resilience of the Outer Hebrides economy.
- Generating a range of new employment opportunities.

It was agreed:

- (1) to approve the submission of the Outer Hebrides Food & Drink Programme Outline Business Case to Scottish and UK Government;**
- (2) note that the Outline Business Case will be subject to a process of feedback from both Governments; and**
- (3) note that the final version of the Outline Business Case will be presented to the Islands Growth Deal Programme Board and Joint Committee.**

3(b) Creative Islands Wellbeing Programme

Mr Joe Macphee, Head of Economic Development, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, and Ms Anne Murray, Islands Growth Deal Programme Director, submitted a Report which sought approval to submit the Outline Business Case for the Creative Islands Wellbeing Programme to UK and Scottish Governments.

The Report stated that the Programme is currently profiled to draw down up to £4.7 million capital funding and £900k revenue from the Islands Growth Deal from Year 2 of the Growth Deal. £4.5m match funding is required. The total programme is worth £10.1m.

The Report further stated the investment objectives of the project, which included:

- Increased turnover in creative practitioners (£2.1m increase in turnover by 31/32).
- New jobs created in the creative industry (275 FTE gross new jobs created by 31/32).
- New research income secured (£800k).
- Increased wellbeing (measure tbc) including older persons.

It was agreed:

- (1) to approve the submission of the Creative Islands Wellbeing Outline Business Case to Scottish and UK Government;**
- (2) to note that the Outline Business Case will be subject to a process of feedback from both Governments.**
- (3) to note that the final version of the Outline Business Case will be presented to the Islands Growth Deal Programme Board and Joint Committee.**

Date of Next Meeting 4

The Islands Growth Deal Joint Committee will next meet on Friday, 17 December 2021 at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held through Microsoft Teams.