



Subject:	Notice of Motion re: Metropolitan City Growth Deal
Date:	16 th December, 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a notice of motion in relation to the Metropolitan City Growth Deal which, in accordance with standing orders, was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 1 st December, 2016.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the notice of motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> In accordance with notice on the Council agenda, Alderman Convery proposed: <i>“This Council notes that the British Government has agreed major City Region Deals in England, Scotland and Wales, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>a £1.13 billion Glasgow and Clyde Valley Infrastructure Fund, in partnership with Scottish Government and local authorities;</i><i>a £1.2billion City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region, in partnership with the</i>

Welsh Government and 10 local authorities; and

- *a £315m City Region Deal for Inverness and the wider Highlands area with Scottish and UK governments.*

The Council notes that these deals are based on the ability to increase productivity and also in many cases to ensure that many communities are not left behind. The ability of councils to contribute finance alongside the Treasury and the Northern Ireland Executive to fund major infrastructure, regeneration and skills development projects, in Belfast, will be essential to realising the executive's emerging economic and a social strategies.

The Council recognises that City Region Deals can have far-reaching impacts, not just on the economy, but on regional competitiveness, connectivity, infrastructure, housing, employment and lifestyle.

The Council welcomes the dialogue with neighbouring local Councils about promoting city region devolution deals and calls upon the Minister of Finance and the Northern Ireland Executive to prioritise City Region Deals and to actively facilitate negotiations between the Department of Finance, local authorities and the UK Treasury.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Attwood.

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the motion was referred, without discussion, to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

3.2

The City Growth and Regeneration Committee considered a report on the steps taken to date advocating for a city growth deal. It was agreed to commission a feasibility study on the detail of the growth deal, alongside developing a programme of work with London and Dublin. The feasibility study will seek to

- Engage with partners, establishing governance and setting the geography for the deal;
- Determine objectives, prioritisation criteria and identifying schemes;
- Prioritise projects and funding/financing routes for delivery.
- Provide economic analysis, financial modelling and agreeing performance metric e.g.

	<p>additionality in tax-take or increase in sustained employment opportunities; and</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.