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To: All Members of the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee

1 September 2022

Dear Member

### **AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC JOINT COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of the **Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee** to be held on **THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2022** at **0900 HRS** in the **SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/MS TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED BY DAVID MITCHELL  
ON BEHALF OF

David Mitchell  
Chief Governance Officer  
CB/FM

### **B U S I N E S S**

#### **CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES (page 1)**

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (page 2)** - Note that under the Terms of Reference for the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee, the Chair of the Joint Committee is due, from September 2022, to rotate to East Ayrshire Council for the period up until September 2023. Consider appointment of Chair to the Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee.
2. **RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (page 3)** - Agree appointment of Councillor Douglas Reid as Chair of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership Board
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** - Submit, for approval, Minutes of the following meetings:-
  - 20 June 2022 (pages 4-7) ([copy enclosed](#))
  - 30 June 2022 (Special) (pages 8-9) ([copy enclosed](#))
4. **DIGITAL PROCESSING MANUFACTURING CENTRE, PHASE 1 - FULL BUSINESS CASE (pages 10-141)** - Submit report by Director, Growth & Investment,

North Ayrshire Council ([copy enclosed](#)) to seek approval of the Full Business Case (FBC) for Phase 1 of the Ayrshire Growth Deal, Digital Processing Manufacturing Centre (DPMC) project at i3 Enterprise Area in Irvine. It should be noted that approval is only sought at this stage for Phase 1 of the project, which is a pilot and is using £1m of the £6m allocated from the AGD to the DPMC project. This is also supported by a grant of £515,100 from Scottish Enterprise and additional contributions of £48,300 each from project partners NAC, University of Strathclyde and Centre for Process Innovation (CPI). The Full Business Case will be subject to further addendums as Phase 1 progresses and will be followed by a Full Business Case for Phase 2.

5. **AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL - DIGITAL PROJECTS UPDATE (pages 142-241)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Project Lead - Space and Digital Ayrshire Growth Deal on progress of the Ayrshire Growth Deal Fibre Optic Subsea Cable Project as at 8 September 2022.
6. **UK GOVERNMENT - SHARED PROSPERITY FUND INVESTMENT (pages 242-247)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Ayrshire Executive Group to advise members of the submission of Investment Plans by the three Ayrshire Councils in respect of the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). The respective Investment Plans identify a number of important proposals which will be taken forward (subject to funding being secured) across Ayrshire in support of strategic objectives.
7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING (page 248)** - Consider if the scheduled meeting of 26 September 2022 requires to be held.
8. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (page 249)** - Recommend that the Committee pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
9. **AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL - PRESTWICK COMMERCIAL BUILD FULL BUSINESS CASE (pages 250-260)** - Submit report dated 1 September 2022 by Director - Place, South Ayrshire Council for Members to consider and approve the Full Business Case (FBC) of the Prestwick Commercial Build project, which is part of the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD). **Report not enclosed - Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public paragraph above.**

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT FOLLOWING THE MEETING AN AWARENESS RAISING SESSION ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY WILL BE HELD BY RACHEL BENTLEY OF CLES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS SESSION WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR.**