

## **MINUTE EXTRACT**

### **ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**12 MARCH 2025**

#### **LISCARD LEVELLING UP FUND 3 PROGRAMME**

The Assistant Director, Chief Regeneration Officer presented the report on behalf of the Director of Regeneration and Place which stated that the purpose of the report was to seek approval to progress with the Liscard Levelling Up Fund (LUF3) programme as a standalone programme and to seek authority for the Director of Regeneration & Place to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding which included the Liscard Levelling Up Fund allocation within its scope.

If the proposals set out in this report were ultimately approved by Policy and Resources Committee this would have the effect of negating the previous resolution of Policy and Resources Committee to submit the addendum to the Simplification Pathfinder Investment Plan to the UK Government for approval and include the Liscard Levelling Up Fund programme within the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Board's remit (20 March 2024, Minute 126, resolutions 2 and 4 refer).

Members queried whether the Liscard representative on the Pathfinder Board would be removed from the Board as the Liscard Levelling Up fund was now outside the Pathfinder Project.

The Lead Principal Lawyer responded that the terms of reference for the Pathfinder Board were within the control of the Policy and Resources Committee who would need to review them to make such changes.

Members asked about the uncertainty within the report on whether a new community hub would be viable and asked for further detail.

The Assistant Director – Chief Regeneration Officer responded that officers were still working on the options for how a community hub might be delivered, she noted that they were looking at a number of locations within Liscard and options for who the operator might be.

#### **Resolved – That**

- 1. Policy and Resources Committee be requested to recommend that:**
  - a. the Liscard Levelling Up Fund programme be progressed as a standalone programme and not incorporated into the remit of the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Board; and**
  - b. the Director of Regeneration and Place be authorised to:**

- i. enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Liscard Levelling Up Fund allocation, in consultation with the Director of Law and Corporate Services;**
  - ii. progress delivery of the Liscard Levelling Up Fund Programme, in line with the Grant funding provision and the Approved Project as described under paragraph 3.5 of the report; and**
  - iii. implement any necessary change control process in consultation with Economy, Regeneration & Housing Committee's Chair and group spokespersons.**
- 2. the update regarding the Town Centre Regeneration and Public Realm Interventions and the Community Hub be noted.**