

5 CONSULTATION ON ASSISTED AREAS MAP 2014-2021 (AN113-2013)

Members are informed that a response was submitted at the end of September on behalf of Dundee City Council to a consultation on the new Assisted Areas Map that is due to come into force on 1st July, 2014 for a period of seven years. Large parts of Dundee are included in the current map. This has allowed over £20 million in regional selective assistance awards to be offered to 44 companies in the city since 2007 for the creation of 1,483 jobs and safeguarding of a further 529. The consultation response makes the argument for the retention of assisted areas coverage in Dundee. It highlights relative levels of economic disadvantage in Dundee, the city's strong track record in utilising assisted areas status and the future opportunities which exist to attract investment, particularly in relation to the Waterfront development. Responses are being considered by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills and Scottish Government. A draft map for consultation is expected to be published before the end of the year.