

**REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 11 JUNE 2007**

**REPORT ON: CITIES GROWTH FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 262-2007**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek the committee's approval of the Annual Report in respect of the Cities Growth Fund 2003-2006 and the Cities Growth Fund 2006-2008, which has to be forwarded to the Scottish Executive by 30 June 2007.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the Cities Growth Fund Annual Report 2006-2007 for submission to the Scottish Executive.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

## **4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report. Note, however, that there is an ongoing sustainability study related to the Central Waterfront Project being undertaken by Abertay University.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications arising as a result of this report.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article XI of the Policy and Resources Committee of 17 October 2005. The Scottish Executive requires an Annual Report in respect of expenditure relative to the Cities Growth Fund 2003-2006. This year, in addition to the set format, the Council is requested to provide information on what plans it might have for 2008 and beyond, were the Cities Growth Fund to continue or be replaced by another funding vehicle.
- 6.2 The report (copies of which are available in the members lounge) states that Dundee wishes to continue to implement the proposals for the Central Waterfront and embark on the next phase of infrastructure work, which will involve the rearrangement of the ramps to the Tay Road Bridge. In this regard it is noted that the Interim Evaluation Report of the Cities Growth Fund, carried out by GEN Consulting, (commissioned by the Scottish Executive) favourably commented on Dundee's approach of concentrating entirely on one project that should have a sub-regional impact.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Director of

Economic Development and the Dundee Central Waterfront Board have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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