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REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT ON: ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
CHAMPION MAYORS INITIATIVE (OECD)

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 290-2018

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information on the OECD Champion Mayors Initiative and to recommend that the Council signs up to the initiative.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:-

- (i) note the aims of the OECD Champion Mayors Initiative; and
- (ii) agree that Dundee City Council should sign up to the initiative and send a letter of commitment.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no initial or recurring financial implications involved in joining the initiative. Any expenditure relating to travel and subsistence for meetings will be met within existing revenue budgets.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The OECD Champion Mayors Initiative is a global coalition of mayors and political leaders of local authorities who have made tackling inequality and promoting inclusive growth a policy priority. The following is a brief summary of what has been agreed to date:-

- **New York Proposal, adopted by 47 mayors in 2016:** with focus on addressing rising inequalities within society, the proposal recognised the need to change policies and put social inclusion at the centre of the debate on economic growth. The proposal suggested championing an inclusive growth agenda and working together to advance this agenda. This includes focusing on an inclusive education system, an inclusive infrastructure and public services.
- **Paris Action Plan, adopted by 50 mayors in 2016:** expands on the New York Proposal and its inclusiveness agenda across education, labour market, housing, infrastructure and public services. In education this focuses on early intervention, the education system and life-long learning. In the labour market it focuses on supporting people access the labour market, improving the quality of jobs, making labour markets more accessible for people with disabilities or mental health barriers, supporting SMEs and expanding opportunities for entrepreneurship and support for the digital revolution. With regards to inclusive environments this focuses on housing affordability/availability, improving the quality of life in urban neighbourhoods and tackling housing exclusion and homelessness. The plan also addresses access to infrastructure and public services, accessibility to jobs, shops, cultural and recreational spaces, combatting climate change and addressing health inequalities.
- **Seoul Implementation Agenda:** focuses on how cities can best bridge strategies to address climate change and inclusive growth and how cities can support small businesses and entrepreneurs.

4.2 The Scottish Cities Alliance has agreed that individual member cities should consider joining the initiative. Since the aims correlate well with the commitments to inclusive growth made in the City Plan, Council Plan, Climate Change Strategy and Tay Cities Deal submission, it is recommended that the Council agrees to the Leader of the Council, as the Council's representative on the Scottish Cities Alliance, sending a letter of commitment. Joining the

initiative would demonstrate the Council's commitment to inclusive growth and also give access to resources such as reports, videos and webinars, allowing us to share good practice with cities around the world. If members agree, a letter of commitment will be sent to the Secretary General of the OECD.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

David R Martin, Chief Executive

DATE: 3 September 2018