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Report to:	Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 November 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Clyde Gateway URC - Approval of Proposals to Amend the Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company Articles of Association
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ seek authority to allow the Council, as a member of the Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company (URC), to provide the necessary approval to the URC to amend its Articles of Association.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council, as a member of the Clyde Gateway Urban Regeneration Company (URC), gives approval to the URC to amend its Articles of Association as follows:
- (1) Amend the Articles of Association whereby the five co-opted director posts are reduced to four following the withdrawal of Scottish Government representation on the Board.
 - (2) Amend the Articles of Association which will now incorporate a provision to appoint two, as opposed to one, Vice Chairs.
 - (3) Amend the Articles of Association where the quorum for meetings will be reduced from seven to six directors.

3. Background

3.1. The Committee will be aware that South Lanarkshire Council is one of the three member organisations that make up the Clyde Gateway URC – the others being Glasgow City Council and Scottish Enterprise. The URC was officially set up early in 2008 and has been implementing a programme of regeneration activity since then within its defined area.

3.2. The legal documentation, known as the 'Members Agreement', governs the operation and activities of Clyde Gateway URC. In certain circumstances, known as reserved matters, the URC requires to obtain the written consent of the three members before it can enter into certain contracts, engage in specific activities or make amendments to the URC Articles of Association.

4. Proposal by Clyde Gateway URC – Composition of the Board

4.1 The Articles of Association deal with the composition of the Board including the number of directors and from what sector or partner organisations they are drawn. On 9 September 2011, the Scottish Government intimated that it no longer wished to be represented at Board level. They will now send an observer to Board meetings. Section 52 of the revised Articles of Association will confirm this change.

5. Proposal by Clyde Gateway URC – Appointment of Two Vice Chairs

5.1 The Articles of Association deal with the procedure to appointment directors to the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair. At present, only one Vice-Chair office exists and following consideration, it has been decided to recommend the appointment of two Vice-Chairs offices. Section 68 of the revised Articles of Association will confirm this change.

6. Proposal by Clyde Gateway URC – Alteration to Quorum

6.1 The Articles of Association currently specify that the quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be 7. With the withdrawal of Scottish Government representation on the Board, it is proposed that the quorum be reduced to 6 directors. Section 92 of the revised Articles of Association will confirm this change.

7. Employee Implications

7.1 None

8. Financial Implications

8.1 None

9 Other Implications

9.1 There are no risks to the Council associated with this report.

10 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required. Appropriate consultation with all parties effected by the proposals contained in this report has been carried out.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability.
- Partnership working, community leadership and engagement.

Previous References

Minutes of Executive Committee held on 19 December 2007

List of Background Papers

- Clyde Gateway URC Articles of Association

Contact for Further Information

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