

## CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 16 September 2021
<b>Report Subject</b>	Mersey Dee Alliance (MDA) Economic Stimulus Package
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Countryside
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Operational

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the unprecedented impacts of the Covid pandemic, the Mersey Dee Alliance have developed a package of investment priorities for the sub region which will hopefully trigger the recovery of the economy. The package represents a bid to UK and Welsh Governments for funding to deliver on five investment priorities which are:

1. Keeping our businesses competitive
2. Decarbonising industry
3. Skilling for the future
4. Connecting our region
5. Digital connectivity

These priorities were developed in agreement with all of the MDA partners. The level of investment being sought equates to £402m, a combination of capital and revenue funding.

The package was developed from November 2020 to March 2021 and was the subject to a “soft launch” being introduced.

Initial feedback has been received from the then Senedd Member for the Economy and North Wales, Ken Skates and Under Secretary of State for Wales, David TC Davies.

The next steps are to refine the package further prior to further engagement with Welsh Government and UK Government officials on the detail of the stimulus package and how it can be successfully progressed. It is planned that the package

can be finalised and submitted prior to the publication of the UK Government's Autumn Budget statement.

A powerpoint along with a copy of the package itself are attached which explain the background and content of the stimulus package (Appendices 1 and 2).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	That Members note the content of the Fiscal Stimulus Package and support its refinement and submission to the relevant Governments.
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## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>BACKGROUND</b>
1.01	Officers will deliver a powerpoint presentation outlining the background to the package, its content and the next steps.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	No resource implications from this report.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
3.01	No particular risks from this report.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT</b>
4.01	Engagement with the private sector took place prior to the publication of the Fiscal Stimulus package.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 – Powerpoint Presentation Appendix 2 – Fiscal Stimulus Package

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	None.

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<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 703201 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:Andrew.farrow@flintshire.gov.uk">Andrew.farrow@flintshire.gov.uk</a>

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>