

International Glasgow – Motion dealt with.

11 Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved that

"Council takes pride in Glasgow being an outward looking welcoming place. Council notes that Glaswegians embrace this internationalism; consistently showing solidarity with others; unafraid to engage with challenging issues, including its own imperial past; as exemplified by the Glasgow International, Scotland's largest festival for contemporary art.

Council notes that 9th May was Europe Day, an annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe. Council believes that Europe has proved itself as a promotor and protector of human and digital rights; the planet's most progressive global voice on climate change; a vehicle for sustainable economic growth and the most successful peace project in history.

Council reaffirms its commitment to engaging with Europe, regardless of Brexit outcomes and Glasgow not voting to leave the EU. Council believes that post Brexit, it is vital that Glasgow maintains this outlook; and confidently engages with other cities and countries to ensure that Glasgow is seen to be a place to visit, live, work and do business.

Council recognises that the Cities4 Europe campaign provides one of many opportunities to do so, and believes that this and the 2018 European Championships, in partnership with Berlin, are a way to involve, inspire and make an impact.

Council calls on the Chief Executive to develop an international strategy, with our key partners in the city, which builds on work being undertaken to prepare for Brexit, and sells Glasgow as a world class city, which is open for business, for study, for visitors, to collaboration, and sharing our experiences and expertise and to people continuing to make our city their home."

Councillor Connelly, seconded by Councillor Curtis, moved as an amendment that

"Council takes pride in Glasgow being an outward looking and welcoming place. Council notes Glasgow's history both with Europe and with nations across the world as a centre of commerce and trade.

Council notes that the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union and affirms its commitment to continue to build and strengthen links with Europe after Brexit for the purposes of economic and social development.

Council believes that Glasgow must utilise any opportunities presented by Brexit to grow Glasgow's economy and to build our links both with Europe and the rest of the world. Council further believes that our city must continue to work to ensure that we are seen across the world as a city that is open and confident and is a great place to visit, live, work and to do business.

Council calls on the Chief Executive to develop an international strategy, with our key partners in the city, which sells Glasgow as a world class city, which is open for business, for study and for visitors and targets new areas for growth and investment.”

Councillor Wisely, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved as an amendment that the following be added to the motion:-

“Council asks that this international strategy should also make provision

- to support young people’s engagement with their counterparts in other European nations, particularly where disadvantage might otherwise preclude this;
- to renew the Council’s commitment to Learning for Sustainability which supports children development as critically aware and ethical global citizens;
- to provide welcome and advice services to EU nationals in Glasgow, as well as those from outside the EU who come to the city;
- to work with key sectors in the city, such as Universities, NHS, finance, manufacturing, digital, food and drink and energy to help recruitment and retention and continued alignment with EU environmental and social protections; and
- to keep close links with our twin and partner cities.

Council agrees that the Chief Executive should meet with political groups to discuss their priorities for the international strategy and to work on ensuring the strategy covers all areas of interest.”

Councillor McDonald, with the agreement of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Wisely.

On a vote being taken electronically, 8 voted for the amendment by Councillor Connelly and 70 for the motion as adjusted, which was accordingly declared to be carried.