Twinning agreement with Mykolaiv, Ukraine – Proposals approved.

4 There was submitted a report by Councillor Greg Hepburn, Business Manager and City Convener for Open Government regarding discussions with the city of Mykolaiv, Ukraine around a proposed twinning agreement between Mykolaiv and Glasgow, advising

(1) that the City Administration Committee on 24th February 2022 (Print 7, page 504) had agreed to suspend the twinning relationship with Rostov-On-Don and to progress options for a twinning relationship with a Ukrainian city;

(2) of the process undertaken to identify Mykolaiv as a good fit for Glasgow due to their shared history as great shipbuilding cities;

(3) of a letter to the Mayor of Mykolaiv to explore the potential of a twinning partnership with Glasgow and subsequent response, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and

(4) of a draft Memorandum of Understanding which outlined some potential areas of co-operation between both cities, as detailed in appendix 3 to the report.

After consideration, the Council agreed

(a) that Mykolaiv and Glasgow become Twin Cities; and

(b) to progress signing the Memorandum of Understanding and invite representatives of Mykolaiv to attend a signing ceremony in Glasgow.