Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy – Details noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 8th November 2022 (Print 4, page 452), noting the work on the development of the Forestry and Woodland Strategy (FWS), there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress with the emerging draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy, advising

(1) that the FWS would be the primary strategy and policy document relating to all woodlands and trees in the city and the draft FWS set the approach to trees and woodlands in the city within the context of the climate change and biodiversity emergencies noting that mitigation action in one of these areas would have an impact on the other;

(2) the draft FWS, as detailed in an appendix to the report, noted the benefits of trees and set out the vision for trees and woodlands in Glasgow;

(3) that a draft delivery plan setting out the actions which would contribute to increasing the tree canopy cover in the city had been incorporated in the draft FWS; and

(4) of the next steps, which would include using the draft FWS as the basis for engaging external organisations, stakeholders and members of the public before finalising.