Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance Annual General Meeting – Update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Council's membership of the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) and reflection from the 2023 Annual General Meeting, advising

(1) that the CNCA was a collaboration of leading global cities working to achieve carbon neutrality in the next 10-20 years and that the mission of the CNCA was to mobilise transformative climate action in cities in order to achieve prosperity, social equity, resilience and better quality of life for all on a thriving planet;

(2) of the 7 key strategic priorities of the CNCA which aligned well with the strategic priorities and climate ambitions of the Council, as detailed in the report;

(3) that the Council had been nominated to join the CNCA in 2020 by New York City and following a successful interview had been invited to become a member with membership to the CNCA costing $10,000 annually;

(4) that due to the pandemic, international travel was severely restricted, which resulted in the 2021 AGM being held online and the 2022 AGM being split into 3 meetings which were hosted in Central Europe, America and Australia and the 2023 meeting was hosted by Toronto;

(5) of the benefits of membership of the CNCA together with details of the 2023 AGM, as detailed in the report; and

(6) that in relation to the next steps there was great interest amongst the CNCA cities for Glasgow to host either the 2024 or 2025 AGM and that it would be reasonable for Stockholm to host in 2024 and Glasgow in 2025, aligning the meeting with the city's 850th celebrations.