Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 - Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 3rd June 2021 (Print 2, page 93) approving the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and action plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress made to deliver the action plan set out within the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30, advising

(1) that the resource and recycling industry continued to undergo significant policy change and in 2023 the Scottish Government had consulted on the Circular Economy Bill and the Route Map to 2025 and beyond in 2022, that included the reuse and recycling targets from 2025;

(2) that the Deposit Return Scheme for single-use containers, scheduled to go live on 16th August 2023, had been delayed and was now due to be introduced, at the earliest, by October 2025 and that this had impacted the proposed withdrawal of the Council's kerbside glass collection service;

(3) of the published guidance in October 2023 by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency on the management of Persistent Organic Pollutants and of the planning for the implementation of future national policy changes that would be required in 2024;

(4) that the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging waste, due to be implemented in 2024, would not now be launched until October 2025 and would change the funding model for local authorities;

(5) of the Resource and Recycling Strategy update for 2023 and Strategic Project Priorities for 2024, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the progress made in delivering the actions committed within the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30, as detailed in an appendix to the report; and

(7) of key initiatives undertaken last year and the strategic project priorities to be undertaken in 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted the

(a) progress made in delivering the actions committed within the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30; and

(b) strategic priorities for 2024, which were key to delivering the ambitions of the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30.

Adjournment.

3 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1420 hours until 1425 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

4 The meeting resumed at 1425 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Holly Bruce (Chair), Declan Blench (substitute for Elaine McSporran), Abdul Bostani, Anthony Carroll, Stephen Curran, Stephen Docherty, Allan Gow, Alex Kerr, Kevin Lalley, Paul McCabe and Franny Scally.

Also present: Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar.

Apologies: John Carson and Elaine McSporran.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); E Marshall (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).