**Funding for the establishment of a Health Determinants Research Collaboration in Glasgow noted etc.**

**2** There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Governance regarding the successful award of National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) funding to this Council and partners to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow, and outlining the proposed next steps, including governance arrangements, advising

(1) that this Council (GCC), together with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board(NHS GCC) and the University of Glasgow (UoG) had been successfully awarded funding from the NIHR to set up a HDRC in Glasgow, the purpose of which was to develop capability and capacity within the Council to make better use of data and research in decision making on the wider determinants of health, such as employment, housing, education, and the physical environment;

(2) that the overall award had been £5.25m over 6 years starting from 1st January 2024, with the first year funding, approximately £250k, that focussed on the project set up and onboarding of key partners and stakeholders to develop a shared vision and action plan for the remaining £5m over subsequent years;

(3) that there were substantial health inequalities within Glasgow and it was widely accepted that the key to improving this situation lay in addressing the wider determinants of health and inequality, of the longstanding commitment in Glasgow to act on those determinants and a recognition that integration of research, policy and implementation was key to effective action, and that the opportunity to catalyse greater integration enabled through a Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration (GHDRC) was timely and welcome;

(4) that the GHDRC was a collaboration of 3 organisations, GCC, UoG and NHS GGC, and 2 existing partnerships, namely, the Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership, linking the Council and Health Board, and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, a partnership of all 3 organisations, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the GHDRC would engage with other stakeholders across Glasgow, the wider city region and Scotland, would place emphasis on the inclusion of the public and communities and would add value by significantly increasing the capacity of the Council to impact on place-related determinants where the Council had lead responsibility and to use its convening power to drive change in favour of better and more equal health;

(6) of the focus of the Council's Grand Challenge Mission to "end child poverty using early intervention to support families", as detailed in the report;

(7) that it was intended that the NIHR work would link with the next stage of the Glasgow Child Poverty Pathfinder and other Council initiatives on place and community empowerment that involved person-centred approaches and multi-

agency working consistent with implementation of Christie principles, which would foster culture change, combining the experience and expertise of researchers and practitioners to develop policies and implementation approaches that were well-evidenced and robust;

(8) of the proposed key deliverables of the GHDRC in the initial development year and of the 3 workstreams to date that had been established to support the delivery of the GHDRC, as detailed in the report;

(9) that a milestone plan for the development year had been submitted to NIHR and the funding would enable a small multi-agency HDRC team and a limited research capacity over the course of the funding term, however one of the aims of the GHDRC was to enable further research applications to be successful in Glasgow for areas of key priority in the city, and throughout the development year it was proposed to develop a process for receiving and prioritising requests for research support; and

(10) that the GHDRC would report into the existing Public Health Oversight Group (PHOG) ensuring it was well embedded into the Council and key partners existing structures and processes, notably the Community Planning Partnership, since the PHOG itself reported to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the proposed governance arrangements, as detailed in the report.