**Youth Participation: Engagement in Council Civic and Democratic structures – Proposed approach to youth participation in activities noted etc.**

**3** With reference to the minutes of 29th February 2024 (Print 7, page 71) noting that proposals for a young person's engagement strategy would be submitted to this committee alongside feedback on the Young Person's Development Day, there was submitted a report by the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance proposing an approach for endorsement to youth participation in the activities of the committee and outlining the current work ongoing to develop youth participation including the ongoing development throughout 2025 of the Council-wide Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy under the Glasgow 850 programme, advising

(1) that there were a number of areas of work underway that had youth participation as a key strand of work, as detailed in the report;

(2) that the Glasgow 850 (G850) Programme, led by the Leader of the Council, had been asked to create a Council family wide year-long Citizen Participation Programme in 2025, a key part of which would be activities to engage with young people and create ways of doing so that developed and improved for the future, and would act as the catalyst for a new Council family wide Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy which would bring together the new work undertaken as part of G850;

(3) that with regard to the Council's award winning Open Government work, 1 of the key strands of work was around the theme of Including Young People's voices and partnership work had been conducted with the Village Storytelling Centre ensuring marginalised and excluded young people in the Greater Pollok area were involved in and led on the development of their community through the delivery of a pilot project which placed their voices at the centre of change, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI) had been developing a model for participation in local neighbourhoods and had a pipeline of projects from across the Council family that were invested in meaningful and active participation by young people and was currently collaborating with Education Services and multiple teams in Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Services, as detailed in the report;

(5) that Education Services had worked with the Lord Provost's office to welcome primary school pupils into the City Chambers to learn about the architecture of the building and as a place of work, and to complement this, a digital learning resource designed to enable school children to explore architecture, design and social heritage had been developed with Glasgow City Heritage Trust and that feedback from the events had been positive and had demonstrated an appetite by children and young people to learn more about their city and participate in its civic life;

(6) that the Communities Team within the Chief Executive's Department was working to draw together a range of youth focused civic engagement, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(7) of an approach, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, to engagement in Council Civic and Democratic structures for young people, including this committee and the provision of an annual scheduled calendar visit to learn how the Council's decision-making structures operated.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the ongoing work to develop youth participation by the Chief Executive's Department, Education Services and the wider Council family;

(c) that further updates would be brought to committee as appropriate, including the ongoing development throughout 2025 of the Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy under the Glasgow 850 Programme; and

(d) the proposed approach to youth participation in the activities of this committee, as detailed in the report.