Hospitality Trade – Motion as adjusted, approved.

12 Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Daly, moved that:-

"Council acknowledges the huge role that Glasgow's hospitality trade and night-time industry plays to our city's economy and culture. And recognise the huge strains put on both sectors following the global pandemic. Council agrees that it's vital we support these sectors in their recovery to protect jobs in the industry and to bolster the city centre's overall recovery.

Council commends the role that the Glasgow Licensing Board has played over the years in developing policy that supports hospitality, including a 4am night-club terminal and the new pilot of 1am for bars in the city centre. Councils put on record it's thanks to the Clerk to the Licensing Board and the entire Glasgow Licensing Board team for being so supportive and adaptive to the trade over the covid pandemic.

Council agrees that as budgets continue to be strained from national government, our role in supporting this vital industry is becoming increasingly difficult. As such, believes we need a strategic lead to engage and support our night-time economy and work in partnership with the council and the private sector.

As such, Council agrees to reiterate its support for a "night tsar" as outlined by the Council Leader back in 2019. Council calls for a cross-party working group to be set up to look at the role and remit with final recommendations to come before City Administration Committee by the end of this year."

Councillor Millar seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved as an amendment to delete the last 2 paragraphs and replace with:

"Council agrees that as the hospitality sector continues to be affected by very challenging economic conditions, partnership working to support this vital industry is becoming increasingly important. Council notes the recent designation of a focused Sub-Group of the City Centre Task Force which is bringing together representatives from across hospitality and the night-time economy and which is in the process of developing its workplan.

Council notes that previous engagement with the night-time economy sector regarding the proposed establishment of a 'night tsar'-style post revealed a range of views regarding the best models for sector engagement and leadership, and notes that the new Sub-Group of the City Centre Task Force is intended to provide a collaborative approach to partnership working to support the sector.

Council therefore agrees to refer the question of how best to support ongoing engagement with the sector to the Night-Time Economy Sub-Group of the City Centre Task Force and agrees that any recommendations from this work will be reported to the City Administration Committee for discussion and approval."

Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved as an amendment to insert the following after the fourth paragraph:

“Council also agrees that including hospitality workers in this working group would be essential to ensure they are not left behind, as such a workers representative will be sought from Unite Hospitality to join the group.”

During the debate Bailie Thomas Kerr and Councillors Millar and Hutchison, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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Council calls for a cross-party working group to be set up to look at this question with final recommendations to come before City Administration Committee by the end of this year.

Council also agrees that including hospitality workers in this working group would be essential to ensure they are not left behind, as such a workers representative will be sought from Unite Hospitality to join the group.”

The motion as adjusted was approved.