City-wide Fireworks Control Zone – Motion as adjusted, approved.

11 Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Bailie Carroll, moved that:-

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Council also reiterates its support for organised public fireworks displays and calls on Glasgow Life to reconsider its indefinite suspension of a large-scale organised display at Glasgow Green".

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Bailie MacLeod, moved as an amendment to insert the following paragraph after the first paragraph:-

"Council acknowledges the existing partnership working between Police Scotland, GCC and the local community to reduce instances of antisocial behaviour involving fireworks which has been hugely successful in areas such as Pollokshields."

Councillor O'Lone, seconded by Councillor Lalley, moved as an amendment, that the last paragraph should read as follows:

"Council also reiterates its support for organised public fireworks displays and calls on Glasgow Life to reinstate the free organised display at Glasgow Green as part of the Winterfest programme"

Councillor Molyneux, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Kelly and Councillor O'Lone, resulting in the following adjusted motion

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The motion as adjusted was approved.