European Citizenship and Youth Mobility - Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

7 Bailie Christie, seconded by Councillor McTaggart, moved that:-

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Council recognises that almost 67% of Glaswegians who voted in the 2016 referendum voted to remain in the EU and have had their European citizenship removed against their will. Council continues to oppose Brexit and Glaswegians loss of the Four Freedoms and the opportunities that go with this citizenship.

Council recognises the immense social, economic and cultural contributions made by EU citizens to our city; along with those same contributions by Glaswegians to the European cities they called home, either permanently or temporarily – noting that this multilateral exchange between communities of some 600 million EU citizens added immeasurably to our common prosperity. As this free movement comes to an end therefore, Council mourns the bonds that will no longer be made across our continent: the easy access for Europeans to work, study, live and love in Glasgow, and the ability of Glaswegians to do the same in Europe. Council hopes that this act of cultural vandalism can one day be repaired.

Council confirms Glasgow's place as a European city, as outlined in previous successful motions in May 2023 and last term and that Brexit continues to be a key source of the cost-of-living crisis, economic problems, and daily hardship for thousands of Glaswegian households.

Council notes that independent, expert analysts who advise major supermarkets, wholesalers and the government on the impact of Brexit on trade, have recently reported the cost of new border controls will be £2.9 billion - almost ten times higher than the UK Governments estimates, which if the extra costs are passed on to consumers will see the average household monthly food shop continue to increase. Council further notes that their calculations are "conservative" and do not include the cost of "Safety and Security Declarations", which the UK Government wants hauliers to submit at the border later this year.

Council reconfirms its commitment to active engagement with European partners, consolidating relationships, garnering accolades, and positioning itself as a lead European city as successfully demonstrated in 2023 as European Capital of Sport, the Burrell Collection securing a European Museum of the Year 2024 nomination, and Glasgow being recognised as the number one city for its foreign direct investment strategies in the European Cities & Regions of the Future 2024.

Council notes that Glasgow's reign as 1990 European City of Culture, a world leading successful example of culture-led regeneration, was a key milestone since we last celebrated Glasgow's birthday in 1975, a period during which the people of

Glasgow and Scotland also voted in another referendum to remain in Europe, and these events and our European citizens and connections, including our Twin Cities should be part of our Glasgow 850 celebrations in 2025.

Council commends the work across the Council Family to promoting EU citizens' rights and contribution to Glasgow and commits to ongoing participation in key networks such as Eurocities which continue to provide opportunities for Glasgow to meet the Grand Challenges of our 2022-27 Strategic Plan. Council notes the recent achievements of successfully securing membership of the Horizon Europe Food Trails programme, and chosen as one of 10 leading cities by the European Commission for cultural heritage in action, and the City's exemplar social, digital and environmental work in the Burrell Collection, Pollok Park and proposals for the People's Palace which have been recognised by our European peer cities.

Council notes that since the successful Europe Day event celebrated in the City Chambers last year, the support given to Glasgow's EU citizens and community groups to establish an EU Citizens Forum and the ongoing collaboration to celebrate their contribution to the city. Council further notes the opportunity to work with the Forum and its members to take forward important Glasgow 850 anniversary themes in the city that are reflective of our past, present, and future such as Civic Participation, Communities, Culture, Migration and Business.

Council also notes that another 850th anniversary theme is Education and Young People, and when a recent civic welcome was given by the Lord Provost, Leader of the Council and the Glasgow EU Citizens Forum to the EU Ambassador to the UK, Pedro Serrano, on Friday 19 April, it was the same day that the European Commission had made the proposal which would have allowed a youth mobility programme between the UK and EU.

Council again notes its extreme disappointment in the UK Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition with their refusal to accept this lifeline from the EU.

Council instructs the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the UK Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, underlining that it is clearer than ever that Brexit has failed, and their ongoing policies and recent rejection of a youth visa with Europe are inflicting misery and limiting life chances and opportunities for young people and our wider communities in Glasgow.

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Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Brown moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council regrets the outcome of the 2016 EU Referendum; and that the calls for a 'People's Vote', supported by this Council, were ignored by a Conservative

Government that is intent on diminishing the UK's role in the world and demonising immigrants to the UK.

Council notes that the UK Government is currently considering plans to scrap the Graduate visa altogether causing further harm and uncertainty. Council believes that restoring our place in the world and our relationship with European partners will take time and only be possible with a clear rejection of the current UK Government.

Council recognises and celebrates the immense social, economic and cultural contributions made by EU citizens to our city; along with those same contributions by Glaswegians to the European cities they called home, either permanently or temporarily - noting that this multilateral exchange between communities of some 600 million EU citizens added immeasurably to our common prosperity.

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Council believes that Glasgow can and should play its part in this process constructively, by working with our EU citizens and our partners globally on areas of shared concern; to resist any further restrictions on legal immigration by this UK Government; and work to ensure that the gains from international engagement are felt equally across all of Glasgow's communities."

Councillor Massie, seconded by Bailie Hoy, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) At the eleventh paragraph, after “Council again notes its extreme disappointment in the UK Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition with their refusal to accept this lifeline from the EU.” insert the following:

“Council notes that over 2,000 Scottish students, staff and learners used the Erasmus Plus scheme each year. Scotland attracted proportionally more Erasmus participants from across Europe than any other country in the UK. The University of Glasgow was one of the top three sending institutions in the UK, so this represents a major loss to our city.”; and

(2) After the twelfth paragraph insert:

“Council further instructs the Chief Executive of the Council to ask in her letter that both the PM and Leader of the opposition reverse their decisions to not reopen negotiations with the European Commission to restore youth mobility between the UK and the European Union.”

During the debate Bailie Christie and Councillor Massie, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 34 members voted for the amendment by Councillor O'Neill and 44 for the motion as adjusted with 2 abstentions.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

8 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1300 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

9 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	KENNY McLEAN
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	NORMAN MacLEOD
IMRAN ALAM	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ELAINE McSPORRAN
BLAIR ANDERSON	SEAN FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
ALEXANDER BELIC	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
RICHARD BELL	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNS
DECLAN BLENCH	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
EVA BOLANDER	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
ABDUL BOSTANI	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX

PHILIP BRAAT	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY
JILL BROWN	FIONA HIGGINS	MARGARET MORGAN
HOLLY BRUCE	SEONAD HOY	EVA MURRAY
MAUREEN BURKE	RASHID HUSSAIN	CECILIA O'LONE
BILL BUTLER	DAN HUTCHISON	KEIRAN O'NEILL
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	FYEZA IKHLAQ	JILL PIDGEON
CHRISTINA CANNON	EUNIS JASSEMI	LINDA PIKE
PAUL CAREY	ANN JENKINS	HANIF RAJA
JOHN CARSON	LILITH JOHNSTONE	THOMAS RANNACHAN
ANTHONY CARROLL	JIM KAVANAGH	GEORGE REDMOND
ALLAN CASEY	RUAIRI KELLY	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	ALEX KERR	ROZA SALIH
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	MATT KERR	FRANNY SCALLY
STEPHEN CURRAN	THOMAS KERR	JAMES SCANLON
FEARGAL DALTON	KEVIN LALLEY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
JOHN DALY	PAUL LEINSTER	KIERAN TURNER
AUDREY DEMPSEY	FRANK McAVEETY	CATHERINE VALLIS
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	PAUL MCCABE	MARTHA WARDROP
	ELAINE McDOUGALL	ALEX WILSON

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apology: Ken Andrew.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Democratic Services; S Millar, Chief Executive; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; J Miller, (for the Executive Director of Education Services); J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.