Committee annual assessments noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Councillor Elaine McSporran, Chair of this committee, regarding an annual assessment of the work of this committee and the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction (ESCR) City Policy Committee

(1) advising that

(a) Council Standing Order No 32 (8) required that an annual assessment of the work of each City Policy Committee be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the workings of the committee and to assess any training needs of members/officers and also the effectiveness of the implementation of agreed policies, with the assessment being carried out by the relevant Chair in years 1 and 2 and an independent assessment being carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter;

(b) the ESCR City Policy Committee had been re-established in May 2022 following the Local Government Elections with its Terms of Reference having been approved by Council on 19th May 2022 (Print 1, page 23); and

(c) the Council on 8th December 2022 (Print 5, page 479) amended the title of the ESCR City Policy Committee to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods (ELN) City Policy Committee and approved updated Terms of Reference; and

(2) highlighting various issues, including

(a) the work plan for ESCR City Policy Committee from August to December 2022 approved on 23rd August 2022 (Print 2, page 297), with the committee having considered 14 items of business, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;

(b) the work plans for the ELN City Policy Committee from January to June 2023 which had been approved by this committee on 31st January 2023 (Print 5, page 570) and August to December 2023 approved by this committee on 22nd August 2023 (Print 3, page 59) , with the committee having considered 33 items of business up until the previous meeting on 3rd October 2023, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report;

(c) the contribution of members to the work plans, with the focus of work plans being on reports which reviewed, revised or created new policies and also considered reports for information and update; and

(d) the effectiveness of the working of both committees, including notable achievements, together with information on training needs.