

## **Work of Glasgow Urban Design Panel noted.**

**8** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the role and work of the Glasgow Urban Design Panel (GUDP), advising that

- (1) the GUDP was a partnership between the Council's Planning Service and the Glasgow Institute of Architects (GIA) which had been established in 2006 and was informed and structured around the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment Design Review, Principles and Practice to be independent, expert, multidisciplinary, accountable, transparent, proportionate, timely, advisory, objective and accessible;
- (2) the Council's Planning Service hosted and facilitated the GUDP and invited projects at their early stages of design development for review, while the GIA volunteers as the lead for secretariat and together with the Glasgow Civic Forum invited built environment experts to review proposals and to report on the panel findings, as detailed in the report;
- (3) although the views of the GUDP were not part of the statutory planning process, they were valued as having an important role in terms of independent critical analysis which can be utilised to drive design improvement and negotiate the highest possible standards by refining development proposals; and
- (4) in 2024, the GUDP had reviewed 12 proposals, with each proposal having a different degree of complexity and strategic importance for the city, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) the work of the Glasgow Urban Design Panel in championing placemaking and design excellence and its independent role offering critical analysis and input intended to improve the design development of planning proposals; and
- (c) that officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would raise with the Glasgow Institute of Architects the issue of membership and gender balance on the Glasgow Urban Design Panel.