

Consultation on support for talented sportspeople – Update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life regarding the ongoing review of the Glasgow School of Sport and the proposed consultation regarding its future, advising

- (1) that the City Administration Committee on 27th February 2025 (Print 7, page 24) had approved the new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for Glasgow and set out principles, 2 of which were Addressing Health Equalities and Championing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion;
- (2) of the high-level strategic priority of Sport and Recreation for All and the 6 underlying objectives, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that Glasgow currently supported sportspeople on a pathway to sporting excellence in 2 ways, namely Glasgow School of Sport and Talented Sports Performer Scheme;
- (4) that Glasgow School of Sport was run as a partnership between Education Services and Glasgow Life and was the only programme in Scotland which allowed young people to develop their sporting talents as part of their school education;
- (5) that Glasgow Life operated a Talented Sports Performer (TSP) scheme, which supported approximately 143 Glasgow athletes annually by providing free access to world-class training facilities;
- (6) that across Scotland, other local authorities supported talented sports performers by operating a bursary programme which was open to residents who were participating in sport at a performance or excellence level and that the bursary programme was an option available to the Council and was based on the outcome of any consultation; and
- (7) of the Future of Glasgow's Talented Sportspeople consultation and that it was envisaged the consultation would take place between April and August 2025 with findings and recommendations submitted to a future meeting of the relevant committee.

After consideration, the committee noted that a

- (a) consultation exercise would be undertaken to inform how Glasgow could best support its talented sports performers; and
- (b) report would be brought back to the relevant committee setting out the findings of the consultation and the proposed next steps to ensure that Glasgow's talented sportspeople were appropriately supported.