

Forestry and Woodland Strategy and Tree Plan update noted etc – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

4 With reference to the minutes of 6th June 2024 (Print 2, page 45) approving the Forestry and Woodland Strategy (FWS), there was submitted a report, together with a presentation by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on its delivery, advising

- (1) of the progress towards implementing the FWS including the delivery plan, as detailed in an appendix to the report;
- (2) of the progress in delivering the Council's Tree Plan which related specifically to the Council's estate and was one of the delivery components of the FWS;
- (3) of the trees planted and sites identified as potentially suitable for tree and woodland planting over the 10 year period of the plan and the action taken in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 and planned for 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (4) that the Council was working with Green Action Trust and a range of communities across the city to bring forward woodland creation and management as part of wider greenspace projects;
- (5) that Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL) funding was being used to bring a long term VDL site in Cadder into actively managed greenspace with Phase 1 of the VDL funded project having commenced in March 2025 and subsequent successful funding would see Phase 2 commence with further woodland and habitat management programmed for winter 2025/26;
- (6) that a 6 hectare site adjacent to the former Cathkin Quarry had emerged as an opportunity for around 10,000 trees to be planted, with woodland planting costed at £64,700, an anticipated grant income of £58,225, and the remainder of funding coming from existing budgets.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the delivery plan would be worked on annually and reviewed where necessary; and
 - (ii) the operational delivery of trees planted during 2024/25 and planned for winter 2025/26 through the Glasgow Tree Plan; and
- (b) referred the matter of grant funding of Green Action Trust to deliver Phase 2 works in support of this plan at Cadder and Cathkin Quarry to the City Administration Committee for approval.