

## **Provision of Winter Hub Services for 2025 and 2026 – Award of contract approved.**

**7** There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration Regarding tenders received for the provision of Winter Hub Services for 2025 and 2026, advising

- (1) that the Councils requirement for the provision of Winter Hub Services for 2025 and 2026 had been procured as a service concession contract under the Concession Contract Regulations 2016;
- (2) that the Council had undertaken a strategic review of the city's overall Christmas offering which had identified an opportunity to develop a unique, innovative and inclusive winter offering, moving away from that of a traditional Christmas market delivered previously;
- (3) of proposals to appoint a single concessionaire to deliver Winter Hubs across 2 prime locations, namely Glasgow Green and St Enoch's Square;
- (4) that the contract would be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and the term of the contract would be from October 2025 until January 2027, with the exact dates to be confirmed post award;
- (5) of the 16 concessionaires expressing an interest, 4 submitted a bid and following an award evaluation it was recommended that the contract be awarded to Lochview Theme Park (Scotland) Ltd; and
- (6) the Council would not incur any costs from this contract and would receive significant revenue income from the concessionaire over the 2-year period of the contract.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract for Winter Hub Services for 2025 and 2026 to Lochview Theme Park (Scotland) Ltd.