City Centre Strategy 2024-30 - Presentation noted etc.

- 6 The Forum heard a presentation by Jane Laiolo, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council, regarding the City Centre Strategy 2024-30, advising
- (1) that the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 Action Plan would deliver the recommendations of the following reports, either directly or through coordinated action:-
 - (a) Strategic Development Frameworks;
 - (b) District Regeneration Frameworks;
 - (c) Golden Z Report;
 - (d) Property Repurposing Action Plan;
 - (e) Increasing Residential Capacity Outcomes in City Centre; and
 - (f) Retail & Commercial Leisure Capacity Study;
- (2) of the City Centre Task Force, co-chaired by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery and Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, which was the strategic body with oversight of the City Centre Strategy and was supported by the following 4 thematic sub-groups:-
 - (a) City Services Operations and Events;
 - (b) City Centre Transport;
 - (c) City Centre Infrastructure Development and Repurposing; and
 - (d) Evening/Night-Time Economy and Hospitality Sectors;
- (3) of the work of the Development Team, which was a one stop shop for development in Glasgow City Centre;
- (4) of information on the City Centre Improvement Funds and various city centre projects;
- of information regarding the City Centre Avenues Programme, including those projects currently under construction and progressing towards construction;
- (6) of advocacy work with the Scottish Government to seek additional powers and of the George Square and surrounds Redevelopment Plan; and

(7) of the Glasgow 850 Programme, which would run from January to December 2025 and of the 2026 Commonwealth Games, which would be held in the city from 23rd July to 2nd August 2026.

After consideration and having heard further from Jane Laiolo in response to members' questions, the Forum noted

- (i) the presentation;
- (ii) various comments by members highlighting the need for better consultation and engagement with the community and local businesses in the city centre in relation to certain projects;
- (iii) that delays in relation to the redevelopment of George Square were as a result of the procurement process;
- (iv) that any members who had specific issues regarding the impact of any project should contact Jane Laiolo directly after the meeting at jane.laiolo@glasgow.gov.uk and she would arrange for an appropriate response; and
- (v) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be emailed to all members after the meeting.