

Busking and street performing in Glasgow city centre (Ward 10) – Update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Sustainability and Regeneration regarding an update on busking and street performing in Glasgow city centre (Ward 10), advising

- (1) that busking and street performers could help to create a good on-street atmosphere and bring pleasure to people, both local and visitors, sometimes drawing significant crowds who enjoyed the entertainment, however, for those living or working in the city centre, busking could sometimes become intrusive or a nuisance;
- (2) that a partnership working group had been established in 2024 by the Council and Police Scotland to review the findings of a public consultation exercise which had been undertaken from 23rd July to 1st September 2023, develop a workplan of future activity and to monitor progress and an overview of project actions completed since June 2024 and grouped by theme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the Council and Police Scotland had collected related datasets to help monitor project effectiveness and inform action delivery, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Council had been exploring potential enforcement powers available to local authorities under existing legislation, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the lack of direct access to enforcement powers fundamentally limited the Council's ability to take effective measures to address complaints, especially where offenders were persistent, acted in bad faith and were aware of the legal position and as long as this position remained, there would be a reliance on Police Scotland to undertake enforcement action; and
- (6) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the findings of the review undertaken on the 2024 activity;
- (b) the proposed actions for 2025/26, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) that an updated report would be submitted to this committee in early 2026.

Councillor Graham Campbell noted his interest in this item.