

Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 - Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 3rd June 2021 (Print 2, page 93) approving the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and action plan, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress made to deliver the action plan, advising

- (1) that during 2024, the resource and recycling industry had continued to undergo significant policy change and providing an update on some of the main policies, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the Circular Economy Bill had been passed by the Scottish Parliament in June 2024, which was followed by the publication of the Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030 in December 2024, with key aspects of the legislation and guidance detailed in the report;
- (3) of the impact on local authorities of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency guidance on the management of persistent organic pollutants and of the Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging waste, which would be implemented in 2025;
- (4) of other pending policy changes which would impact on how waste was managed, as detailed in the report, and highlighting that like many other business sectors, the resource and recycling industry had a challenging year, with volatile commodity markets and difficulties encountered with waste re-processor contracts as they sought to increase costs due to the financial climate while ensuring only high-quality recyclables were received;
- (5) of the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 update for 2024 and of the strategic priorities for 2025, as detailed in the report; and
- (6) of the progress made in delivering the actions committed within the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30, as detailed in an appendix to the report.