

Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue (Ward 7) – Lease approved etc – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a 25-year lease of the Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue (Ward 7) to the Toryglen Community Youth Project through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, advising

- (1) that the subject site, as detailed in an appendix to the report, was a single-storey brick building that had opened in 1969 for use by the community;
- (2) Glasgow Life currently held a 25-year lease of the centre commencing on 1st April 2007, and prior to its closure in 2020 as part of lockdown prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the centre had been a well-used community centre in the heart of Toryglen providing activities for a variety of groups, from children to young people, to people with disabilities to older adults and many more;
- (3) following the pandemic, the centre had been re-opened on a part-time basis, with Glasgow Life indicating it had no immediate plans to open it on a full-time basis and as a result it had been made available to lease through the PMGC programme;
- (4) of the background information to Toryglen Community Youth Project who had applied to lease the centre through the PMGC programme, detailing its dedication to providing recreational activities that aimed to enhance community health and well-being by offering structured activities that improved education and life skills for the community; and
- (5) of the provisionally agreed terms of the contract.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the terms provisionally agreed for the off-market letting of Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue to Toryglen Community Youth Project, through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme; and
- (b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to approve a 25-year lease to Toryglen Community Youth Project, to cover the
 - (i) consenting of a sub-lease from Glasgow Life up to 31st March 2032;
 - (ii) granting of a lease beyond 31st March 2032, for the remainder of the 25-year term; and
 - (iii) inclusion of appropriate terms and conditions that

- (A) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the Council-owned facility;
- (B) maintained close alignment with all relevant Council policies, including mechanisms for 'keeping pace' with future policy changes; and
- (C) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.