

Woodside Hall (Ward 11) – Lease approved – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a 25-year lease of Woodside Hall, 36 Glenfarg Street (Ward 11) to the Community Central Hall (CCH) SCIO through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme, advising that

- (1) Glasgow Life (GL) currently had a 25-year lease of Woodside Hall which commenced on 1st April 2007 and had operated the facility until its closure in 2020, as instructed by the Scottish Government as part of the lockdown prompted by the Covid 19 pandemic and following the pandemic had opened through a licence to occupy from GL to CCH in 2023;
- (2) CCH had evolved from providing community space for local organisations to providing a range of diverse vital community services to include pre-school nursery provision, after and out of school care, youth work, home care for older people, café and catering;
- (3) by granting a long-term lease of Woodside Hall to CCH would help to ensure that the community continued to benefit from the critical facilities and services,
- (4) CCH's application had been assessed by the PMGC project working group as well as the PMGC assessment panel consisting of officers from GCC and Glasgow Life, and that both groups considered it a good application and recommended that the proposal for a 25-year lease was accepted based on the terms outlined in the report; and
- (5) of the provisionally agreed terms of the contract.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the terms of a 25-year lease of Woodside Hall, 36 Glenfarg Street (Ward 11) to the Community Central Hall (CCH) SCIO through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme which should include as appropriate terms which:-
 - (i) maintain a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the council-owned facility;
 - (ii) maintain close alignment with all relevant council policies, including mechanisms for 'keeping pace' with future policy changes; and
 - (iii) provide options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions are taken by the leaseholder which the Council considers detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest; and

- (b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to approve a 25-year lease to Community Central Hall, and is required to cover:-
 - (i) the consenting of a sub-lease from Glasgow Life up to 31st March 2023; and
 - (ii) the granting of a lease beyond 31st March 2032, for the remainder of the 25-year term.