

Museums collections – Proposed dispersal of items noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

5 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life regarding the proposed dispersal of items from the Museums collections, following review and recommendation by the Repatriation and Spoliation Working Group, advising that

- (1) the Council had entered into a Collections Agreement with Glasgow Life to operate its museums and under that agreement approval of the Council was required to dispersal of items from the Museums collections;
- (2) Glasgow Life Museums had sought to rehome 7 items under its transport and technology collections, 33 items from the furniture collections, 12 items found in the collection without an ID number and a number of items that had been brought in for temporary use/set dressing, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and having exhausted all reasonable dispersal options, it was proposed that these items be sold and approval had been received from the Museums Association Code of Ethics Committee on the conditions that any income generated from the sale of the items was invested in the long-term benefit of the museum and its collections; and
- (3) Glasgow Life Museums had also sought approval for the dispersal of 2 items under its transport and technology collections and 32 items found in the collection without an ID number, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report and that these items would be dispersed in accordance with the Museums Association Disposal Toolkit, including offering them to other museum and heritage organisations and local community groups and in the event that all reasonable dispersal options were exhausted, it was proposed these items be sold, where feasible and that the income generated would be invested in the care of the Museum and its collection.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the recommendations of the Repatriation and Spoliation of Artefacts Working Group regarding the dispersal of items, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) referred the report to the City Administration Committee for approval of the dispersal of items from the Museums collection, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.