

## **Youth participation - Engagement in Council Civic and Democratic Structure – Update noted.**

**2** With reference to the minutes of 18th April 2024 (Print 1, page 95) noting the ongoing work to develop youth participation by the Chief Executive's Department, Education Services and the wider Council family and the proposed approach to youth participation in the activities of this committee, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance on the continued development of youth engagement with this committee and the wider Council, advising

- (1) that the Youth Voice Design Jam, hosted by the Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI) brought together young people from the Youth Climate Action Fund programme and members of this committee, to explore where and how young people can be more involved in shaping the city, with topics for collaboration including decision making, participating in projects and initiatives and the sharing of ideas for what young people would like to see in their local areas and more;
- (2) that a Design Jam was a collaborative event geared towards working together, coming up with ideas and building on the ones with potential and as a result in a number of outputs, recommendations and next steps, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, sets out the context of the wider work being carried out by CCI and where the work of the committee can sit within that;
- (3) that work would now continue to develop these initiatives alongside the wider work by the Communities Team within the Chief Executive's Department to capture and assist in co-ordinating youth participation contacts that the Council family undertakes to maximise its potential; and
- (4) of additional work with young people, including promoting anti-racism together in Education, Girls4Equality and the Young Men's Mind project, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) the recommendations contained within the report regarding ongoing youth participation with the committee;
- (c) the ongoing Council work to engage young people in civic and democratic structures; and
- (d) the ongoing work with Education Services to support ongoing pupil engagement and develop joint strategies across council departments.