

Twinning agreement with Boston, United States of America - Proposals approved.

4 There was submitted a report by Councillor Hepburn, Business Manager and City Convener for Open Government regarding discussions with the city of Boston, United States of America around a proposed twinning agreement between Boston and Glasgow, advising that

- (1) the Scotland Men's Football Team's first and second round games of the FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 had taken place in Boston, and the excitement surrounding Scotland's presence in the city had sparked many conversations about the deep connections between our communities and the opportunities to strengthen those ties for years to come;
- (2) the Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu, had reached out to Glasgow noting that Boston had been absolutely energised by the FIFA World Cup and, in particular, by the tremendous spirit and enthusiasm that Scotland and the Tartan Army had brought to its city, not just through their passion for the game, but through their warmth, friendliness, and unmistakable sense of humour; and
- (3) Mayor Wu had noted her formal declaration of intent, detailed in the Appendix to the report, that expressed the city of Boston's intention to explore a future partnership with Glasgow and to explore opportunities for cooperation in areas including economic development, education and workforce development, research and innovation, arts and culture, tourism, sustainability, public health, and major international events.

After consideration, the Council agreed that

- (a) Glasgow and Boston become twin cities; and
- (b) a formal signing ceremony would follow in due course.