Corporate Procurement Unit's approach to support Council's Net Zero by 2030 ambition – Update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the Corporate Procurement Unit's (CPU) approach to support the Council's Net Zero by 2030 ambition, advising

(1) that the Council purchased a variety of goods, services and works from stationery to multi-million-pound capital works contracts and that the Council's commercial expenditure in 2021/22 was £665m, increasing to around £807m over the entire council family with the CPU influencing around £268m (40%), over 48 categories of this spend and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) influencing around £300m over 6 care related categories;

(2) that procuring, buying or obtaining goods, works and services had a major impact on many aspects of life in Glasgow, which included the environment, social factors and local economic development and the public sector supply chains were estimated to make up between 65% to 80% of the sectors' total Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions footprint and that the supply chain, and related demand management was therefore seen as a key focus for early attention across all sectors to significantly reduce GHG emissions from its needs for goods, services and works, wherever these emissions were generated in the supply chain;

(3) that in local government, procurement was governed by a legislative framework which included the Procurement Reform Act (Scotland) 2014 (the Act) and other regulations, as detailed in the report;

(4) that as required under section 15 of the Act, a contracting authority must prepare a Procurement Strategy setting out how the authority intended to carry out regulated procurements or review its procurement strategy for the current financial year and make such revisions to it as the authority considered appropriate and that the Council's Corporate Procurement and Commercial Improvement Strategy 2018-2022 (Strategy) had been developed to comply with the Act and align with the aims, objectives and priorities of the Council's Strategic Plan 2017- 2022;

(5) that the Strategy had a strong focus on sustainability with 8 of the 26 actions being focused on improving and increasing the sustainable procurement performance of the Council and had been successfully delivered, as detailed in the report;

(6) that as required under section 18 of the Act, a contracting authority must produce and publish to the Scottish Ministers, its Annual Procurement Report (APR), which monitored the authority's regulated procurement activities against delivery of its Procurement Strategy;

(7) that the regulated procurements undertaken across the Council during the term of the Strategy, and as reported in the council's 3 APRs, had generated

significant social, economic and environmental benefits and impactful outcomes to the citizens of Glasgow and the local area as set out in the appendix to the report;

(8) that the CPU

(a) was a strong supporter and advocate of the Scottish Government's Sustainable Procurement Tools, which were fully embedded within the Council's process to identify the sustainable risks and issues and all contract approval reporting contained a section on sustainable outcomes achieved via the procurement tendering process;

(b) followed a robust Strategic Training Methodology and maintained a detailed Training Plan, as detailed in the report, which had an ever-increasing focus on sustainability;

(c) was committed to maximising community benefits outcomes via procurement activity and community benefit requirements were included in all contracts over £50k for goods and services and £500k for works contract (£50k for works contracts if a Glasgow City Region contract);

(d) monitored the delivery of the community benefit outcomes and during the delivery of the Strategy, 1136 community benefit outcomes had been secured and delivered in conjunction with Strategic Leads and contracted suppliers; and

(e) had embedded Fair Work First evaluation criteria into every procurement exercise over £5,000 and in conjunction with Marketing and Communications, had created a bespoke Supplier Recognition Page (SRP) with the main aim of the SRP being to reward and incentivise suppliers in the delivery of their contractual community benefits outcomes and to encourage suppliers to go above and beyond their contractual community benefit obligations by also delivering voluntary community benefits, as detailed in the report; and

(9) of future actions which included

(a) the CPU and HSCP developing the Council's new Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2023-2027 which had 6 key objectives and 28 actions below those objectives;

(b) the CPU and Neighbourhoods and Regeneration supporting the development of a tool that would allow the Council to measure and reduce its scope 3 emissions and that the CPU was in the process of exploring and embedding a number of new sustainable tools that were available in the marketplace, as detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(c) the CPU and the Community Engagement Team working with Glasgow City Region on the development of a community Wishlist portal and that the portal would allow communities to identify community needs that could be met through the delivery of community benefit outcomes with contracted suppliers.