New Vision and Plan for the Golden Z - update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Fiona Campbell Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Gerry Grams, Threesixty Architecture, Chris Breslin, Stantec and Kevin Murray and Rim Chouaib, Kevin Murray Associates regarding the nature of the Golden Z Vision and Plan project, its background and timescales advising that

(1) on 27th September 2022, the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee considered a progress report on actions in the City Centre Recovery Plan 2022-2024 and the City Centre Strategic Development Framework.

(2) the report updated on projects funded by the Scottish Government through the Scottish City Centre Recovery Task Force, towards the recovery of Glasgow City Centre. A New Vision and Plan for the 'Golden Z' is one such project;

(3) Following a procurement process, the project was awarded on 1st November 2022 to a team of Glasgow-based consultants led by Stantec (UK) and including Threesixty Architecture and Kevin Murray Associates;

(4) Funding for the project necessitates its completion by 31st March 2023 with the consultant team starting work on the immediately to engage with stakeholders and produce final design reports by this deadline;

(5) the project comprised of a two tiered approach to provide an overarching Vision and Plan showing the regeneration trajectory for the 'Golden Z' and more detailed design options for three areas of focus being the site of the Glasgow School of Art, the former BHS building on Sauchiehall Street and Candleriggs;

(6) the resultant Vision and Plan for the 'Golden Z' will feed into preparation of the new City Development Plan (CDP).

(7) workshops would take place in the Lighthouse on 5th December 2022 where the views of stakeholders would be actively saught, with the consultant team present to answer any questions on the day; and

(8) there would be wider public engagement at the beginning of 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Fiona Campbell and the Consultant Team for the report; and

(b) raised questions in relation to Net Zero targets to which the Consultant Team provided a response.