Garrowhill Community Centre, 31 Maxwell Drive, Glasgow (Ward 20) – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to commence negotiations for an off-market letting approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals for an off-market letting of Garrowhill Community Centre, 31 Maxwell Drive (Ward 20) to Brighter Baillieston through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, advising that

(1) the People Make Glasgow Communities programme was a mechanism by which local people, community groups, third sector and other organisations could express an interest in having a greater involvement in the management of local venues;

(2) Brighter Baillieston was a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with OSCR (Charity Number SC049281) since May 2019, and was a community-led, grassroots organisation which aimed towards the betterment of Baillieston and its surrounding communities by identifying and tackling key issues in the area; and

(3) the application had been assessed by both the PMGC project working group and Community Asset Working Group and they had recommended that the proposal be progressed to the development phase of the PMCG process.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the commencement of negotiations for an off-market letting of Garrowhill Community Centre to Brighter Baillieston through the PMGC programme;

(b) granted authority for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to negotiate terms and conditions for the proposed letting to Brighter Baillieston, which should include, as appropriate, terms which:

(i) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the council-owned facility;

(ii) maintained close alignment with all relevant council policies, including mechanisms for ‘keeping pace’ with future policy changes; and

(iii) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest; and

(c) noted that the provisionally agreed Heads of Terms would be reported to the Contracts and Property Committee for approval.