Plastics Reduction Strategy – Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 23rd January 2020 (Print 6, page 499) approving the Plastics Reduction Strategy and Action Plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the progress of the Plastics Reduction Strategy and Action Plan, advising

(1) that further to the Glasgow Plastics Reduction Strategy and Action Plan being published, Scotland had become the first country in the UK to implement a ban on single-use plastics;

(2) that in addition, the UK Government was reforming the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging Waste, to be introduced in 2024 which would reform existing regulation to introduce a full net cost recovery system that required producers to pay the full costs of household packaging that they placed on the market;

(3) that data would become available in 2023/24 that would allow the Council to understand the impact of the single use plastic ban and assess its effectiveness as well as that of the Plastic Reductions Strategy and it was anticipated that EPR would in time lead to a reduction in plastic waste and once the EPR was introduced, associated actions would be added to future iterations of the Plastic Reductions Strategy; and

(4) of the Plastics Reduction Action Plan progress to date and next steps, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the work of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in reducing single use plastic consumption and waste in the city; and

(c) that further updates would be provided on an annual basis.