Sustainable Glasgow Partnership – Update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Sustainable Glasgow, advising

(1) that the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership (SGP) had been established in 2009 in tandem with the production of the Sustainable Glasgow report written by the University of Strathclyde in partnership with the Council and through funding by the Scottish Government through the Central Energy Efficiency Fund allocated to Glasgow;

(2) that the Sustainable Glasgow report established a target for Glasgow to reduce its CO_2 emissions by 30% by 2020 against a baseline of 2006 and set out 33 actions that, if delivered, were stated to enable this target to be achieved;

(3) of the composition of SGP, as detailed in the report;

(4) that in the interim period, a number of significant projects had been delivered that had been supported by SGP and which had contributed to the city reaching its 2020 target;

(5) that in the approach to COP26 in Glasgow, and in light of the developing Climate Plan and 2030 Net-Zero Carbon Target, a review had been undertaken into the operation and impact of the SGP which included a public event in the SEC in 2020 and following the event it was agreed that input from non-board member organisations would be critical to achieving the 2030 target and, as a result, agreement was reached on the establishment of 4 thematic hubs that would invite non-board member organisations to get involved and support activity within the SGP, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the launch of a new SGP website to help communicate much of the good work that had been delivered in the city in response to the climate emergency, including activity of the hubs, case studies on best practice, information on the circular economy, plus more;

(7) that 1 of the key pieces of work produced was the Sustainable Glasgow Business Charter and the Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy Hub Charter which was a commitment by leading businesses to take action within their own organisations and sectors to contribute to a green recovery and radically reduce the city's carbon emissions and that to date the charter had 27 major signatories with a further 3 lined up to sign;

(8) that the Sustainable Glasgow Board had facilitated progress on a number of different projects including energy, district heating and transport, Glasgow Green Deal and Greenprint and the work done around communication, as detailed in the report; and

(9) of the proposed next steps which included:-

(a) a review of the existing partnership which would explore the resource requirements to continue to support Sustainable Glasgow and to explore ways in which the partnership could bid into available funding pots to secure more investment into sustainability projects in the city; and

(b) the plans and priorities for the 4 thematic hubs for the forthcoming year, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(i) the updated report together with the next steps; and

(ii) that a further update would be submitted to this committee in 12 months.