Sustainability and Biodiversity Guidance for Events – Update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Sustainability and Biodiversity Guidance for Events, advising

(1) that a sustainable events ecosystem would contribute to Glasgow's Net Zero Carbon ambition and sustainability and biodiversity would be a key feature in the Glasgow Events Strategy, Tourism Strategy and Cultural Strategy, all of which were currently being reviewed for launch in the next year;

(2) that the city's commitment to achieving its 2030 Net Zero Carbon Target aligned strongly with the ambition of many of the national and international event owners and partners that the city currently worked with or might in the future;

(3) that a petition had been presented to the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee on 20th January 2022 (Print 6, page 430) with regard to 'Environmental and Biodiversity Risk assessment for use of Public Land', as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(4) that the petitioner requested that the Council reviewed its approach to the granting of events, specifically in relation to assessing and mitigating environmental and biodiversity impact;

(5) that the Council delivered on biodiversity through the implementation of the Glasgow Local Biodiversity Action Plan;

(6) that in September 2022 a Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks group had been established and the group's remit was to review the current processes and conditions of let which would reflect enhanced environmental and biodiversity conditions and guidance would be provided to event organisers;

(7) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Events managed the permission to use process which allowed for events and activities to take place in the city's parks and this process enabled the Council to attach specific conditions which the applicant was required to comply with, as detailed in the report;

(8) of the work of the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks group and the plan for the next 3 years, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and

(9) of the next steps which included:-

(a) Year 1 commitments to be progressed;

(b) the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks group continuing to meet to ensure milestones were reached and identified actions implemented;

(c) investigating the availability of alternative energy sources for events;

(d) in the initial stages of implementation, focus on amending the Conditions of Let which applied to events held in parks and during this period, officers would engage with the Corporate Licensing team to explore options around licence conditions for events; and

(e) continuing to support the development of the Glasgow Events Strategy, Tourism Strategy and Cultural Strategy relative to events in parks.