NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE.

Hybrid meeting, 11th April 2023.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present: Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Christina Cannon, Chris Cunningham, Stephen Docherty, Malcolm Mitchell, Robert Mooney, Eva Murray and Keiran O'Neill.

Apology: Rashid Hussain.

Also present: Ruairi Kelly.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); C Connolly and G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and L Richardson (for the Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships).

Air Quality Action Plan – Update noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the new draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP), advising

(1) that every local authority that had an active Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) was required under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 to provide an AQAP;

(2) that in response to the implementation of the AQMA's in the city, the Council produced AQAP's in 2004 and 2009 which introduced a range of measures aimed at reducing pollution in the city;

(3) that progress was reported on an annual basis within the Air Quality Progress Reports (APR) and additional actions had been incorporated into the AQAP reporting section of the APR since the last plan was produced, most notably the introduction of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone (LEZ);

(4) that a draft AQAP had been produced in 2021 with Air Quality Consultants Ltd and had been prepared in collaboration with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and departments across the Council, as well as Transport Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;

(5) that following further development of the plan and action appraisal, the plan was due to be subject to statutory public consultation, approval and adoption, however, due to the critical nature of the development of the LEZ the AQAP

had been paused, with the approval of the Scottish Government's Air Quality Team;

(6) of the changes to the AQAP process following an investigation by the Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS), who had identified weaknesses in the current operational and governance arrangements to improve local air quality and ensure future compliance with NO_2 limit values and which included 6 key recommendations for improvement to the AQAP process, as detailed in the report;

(7) that in response to the ESS report the Scottish Government's Air Quality Team had established a working group to revise the AQAP process and take forward the recommendations, as detailed in the report; and

(8) of the next steps in the process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the previous AQAPs and the progress towards producing an updated plan;

(c) the changing regulatory framework proposed for the production of AQAPs; and

(d) the future actions in respect of finalising the AQAP for formal adoption.