Ash dieback – Update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee of 5th October 2021 (Print 4, page 281) noting the potential implications for Glasgow in relation to Ash dieback, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the actions to address and mitigate Ash dieback affecting trees across Glasgow, advising

(1) of the background to Ash dieback, which was caused by the fungus hymenoscyphus fraxineus which was first detected in the United Kingdom in 2012 and had steadily spread north since then;

(2) that the service continued to engage with key stakeholders regarding the matter, including the Tree Council, UK Parks Core Cities and the Greenspace Scotland Parks Managers' Forum;

(3) that the service also gathered best practice in relation to inspection, removal, potential reuse of wood and funding sources from other local authorities across the UK and that officers also attended regular Association for Public Service Excellence seminars relating to Ash dieback to maximise the opportunities to shape delivery and to engage with and learn from industry experts;

(4) of the high and medium risk target areas across the city, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of information on the response to Ash dieback, as detailed in the report, which included tree inspections, additional survey works and the establishment of a Project Team and its priorities.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the contents of the report; and

(b) that an annual update would be reported to committee outlining progress.