Fleet Strategy 2020-30 – Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 12th September 2019 (Print 4, page 334) approving the Fleet Strategy 2020-30, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on progress in relation to the said strategy, advising

(1) that the purpose of the strategy was to set out the Council's ambitions to modernise the fleet in support of its workforce and communities, while also setting out the intentions for the transition to a zero emissions fleet by 2030;

(2) of the key milestones and measures set out in the strategy that had now been completed, as detailed in the report;

(3) of progress on fleet replacement with regard to the requirement set out in the Scottish Government's Programme for Government that from 2025 all new vehicles under 3.5 tonnes would require to be zero emissions and from 2030 all new vehicles would require to be zero emissions;

(4) of certain revisions to the fleet strategy in relation to the approach to fleet procurement, as detailed in the report;

(5) of information in relation to the investment already made and highlighting that significant investment was needed to transition the remaining 1,300 vehicles to a zero emissions fleet based on current market prices and that an investment plan was required to ensure the Council could deliver the scale of change necessary; and

(6) that to support such an investment plan, a revised fleet replacement strategy was being prepared that would highlight the ongoing annual fleet replacement funding requirements and would be reported to this committee at a future meeting.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress made in delivering the Fleet Strategy 2020-30;

(b) the change in the fleet strategy to focus fleet replacement on electric and EURO 6 compliant vehicles to improve the fleet until such time as the hydrogen market was more mature; and

(c) that any future hydrogen fleet purchases would be based on a fully green hydrogen solution.