Justice for Mahsa Amini – Motion approved.

13 Bailie Salih, seconded by Bailie Christie, moved that:-

"Council condemns the shocking killing of the 22-year-old Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini following her arrest in Tehran by Iran's so-called "morality" police for alleged dress code violations. Council believes Iran's "morality" police routinely subject women and girls to arbitrary detention, torture and other ill-treatment for not complying with abusive, degrading and discriminatory compulsory laws.

Council recognises protests are being brutally quashed by the Iranian authorities and met with a deadly crackdown. Council stands in solidarity with the Kurdish Women's Group, Glasgow Kurdish Community Association, Unity in the Kurdish Community/Scotland, Scottish Solidarity with Kurdistan, Iranian Scottish Association and other Iranian community groups and those protesting in Iran and globally. Council supports the protestors call for "Jin, Jiyan, Azadi" – meaning Woman, Life and Freedom. Council believes in women's rights and choices and that they should be free to decide what they wish to wear and be free from violence and discrimination.

Council agrees with Amnesty International that there is a crisis of impunity in Iran, and it has emboldened the Iranian authorities to kill hundreds of protesters and torture and ill-treat thousands more in recent years without fear of consequences. Council condemns the use of violence in response to the expression of fundamental rights, by women or any other members of Iranian society, is wholly unjustifiable. Council calls on Iran to respect the right to peaceful assembly, to exercise restraint, and to release unfairly detained protesters.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government's Minister, Lord Ahmad to make an official statement on Mahsa's death to the UN Human Rights Council, of which UK is a member. Council calls for the UK to advocate for a joint statement or resolution with other members, and to immediately set up an independent UN mechanism to investigate and ensure accountability for the most serious crimes under international law in Iran."

The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

14 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1535 hours until 1545 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

15 The meeting resumed at 1545 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED
SUSAN AITKEN
IMRAM ALAM
BLAIR ANDERSON
KEN ANDREW
ALEXANDER BELIC
RICHARD BELL
DECLAN BLENCH
EVA BOLANDER
ABDUL BOSTANI
PHILIP BRAAT
JILL BROWN
HOLLY BRUCE
MAUREEN BURKE
BILL BUTLER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL
CHRISTINA CANNON
PAUL CAREY
ANTHONY CARROLL
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
JOHN DALY
AUDREY DEMPSEY
STEPHEN DOCHERTY
LAURA DOHERTY
STEPHEN DORNAN
PATRICIA FERGUSON
SEAN FERGUSON
ELAINE GALLAGHER
ZEN GHANI
ALLAN GOW
WILLIAM GRAHAM
SHARON GREER
GREG HEPBURN
FIONA HIGGINS
RASHID HUSSAIN
DAN HUTCHISON
FYEZA IKHLAQ
EUNIS JASSEMI
ANN JENKINS
JIM KAVANAGH
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
MATT KERR
THOMAS KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
FRANK McAVEETY
PAUL MCCABE
ELAINE McDOUGALL
KENNY McLEAN
NORMAN MacLEOD
ELAINE McSPORRAN
ANNE McTAGGART
HANZALA MALIK
LEÒDHAS MASSIE
CHRISTY MEARNS
ANGUS MILLAR
MALCOLM MITCHELL
JON MOLYNEUX
ROBERT MOONEY
MARGARET MORGAN
EVA MURRAY
CECILIA O'LONE
KEIRAN O'NEILL
JILL PIDGEON
LINDA PIKE
HANIF RAJA
THOMAS RANNACHAN
GEORGE REDMOND
LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
JAMES SCANLON
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Apology: Lilith Johnstone.

Attending: E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships.