Tackling the climate emergency – Motion, as adjusted, approved.

16 Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Reid-McConnell, moved that:-

*"*Council notes that the world continues to experience the devastating impacts of climate breakdown on every continent, but particularly in countries in the Global South. Council believes that the climate emergency remains the most significant crisis we all face, and that it is both caused by and will further exacerbate inequality across the world unless climate action is taken urgently and in a just and equitable way.

Council notes that COP27 is due to take place in Egypt from 6th – 18th November and that Glasgow continues to have an important platform as the host city of COP26. Council believes that we should use our platform to demand more and therefore welcomes the opportunity which is presented by the Leader of the Council attending COP27. Council agrees that the Leader should: demand a global response which is commensurate with the scientific consensus; call-out the failure of the Global South by richer nations at COP26; and urge meaningful action on climate justice, including reparations for loss and damage.

Council believes that tackling the climate emergency needs real leadership, ambition and action at a local level and this will require integrating climate adaptation and mitigation into all aspects of how we plan our city, deliver services and support our citizens. Council notes the recent Audit Scotland report "Scotland's councils' approach to addressing climate change" which reinforces the important role of local government in influencing and delivering climate action at a local level, and the need for councils to set our clear, data-driven pathways to meet net zero targets, such as through carbon budgeting. Council therefore welcomes the creation of a Climate and Net Zero Progress Monitoring Committee with a remit to scrutinise the impact of our Climate Plan actions and identify where they can be strengthened. Council notes that its early considerations have looked at how all policy and decision making can have climate justice at their heart and have supported the view that carbon literacy and climate justice training should be mandatory for all elected members and senior officers.

Council recognises the continuing risks posed to climate action by those, including the current UK Government, who are pursuing policy agendas which are influenced by climate denial and the fossil fuel lobby. Council restates its opposition to fracking and is reassured that no fracking will occur in Scotland due to its prohibition in national planning policy. Council recommits to an industrial strategy in Glasgow which supports and enables the development of renewable energy and low carbon industries.

Council is also mindful that Glasgow's increased profile and ambition may mean that polluting companies and those who support them may seek to "greenwash" themselves by association, and that this poses a strategic and reputational risk. Council therefore agrees to continue to develop and implement policies which guard against this, including exploring climate conditionality in how we procure goods and services and how we do business with others more widely."

Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Millar, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the end of the second paragraph insert the following:

"Council notes that these are already key demands of many of the international climate networks of which Glasgow is a member and in which the Council plays an active role, including ICLEI, C40 Cities, the Resilient Cities Network and the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, which include members from the Global South and with whom the Leader will be engaging closely at COP27."; and

(2) at the end of the third paragraph insert the following:

"Council notes that many elected members and senior officers have already received carbon literacy training through the programme provided in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful."

Councillor Molyneux, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Aitken resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion, as adjusted, was approved.