Responding to the climate emergency – Motion, as adjusted, approved after division.

10 Councillor Reid-McConnell, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved

"Council notes the devastating impacts of recent extreme weather events around the world, including fires in Hawaii which have killed at least 114 people and destroyed thousands of people's homes and livelihoods. Council also notes this summer has seen a number of climate records shattered, including the hottest day ever recorded, the highest ocean temperature ever recorded and the lowest ever levels of Antarctic sea ice. Council acknowledges that this comes after many years of escalating numbers of weather events that have led to catastrophic consequences. As the former host city of COP26, Council endorses the comments by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres that "our world needs climate action on all fronts: everything, everywhere, all at once." Therefore, as well as expressing sympathy with all those people around the world whose lives are being ruined by the worsening impact of climate change, Council also expresses deep disappointment at the continuing failure of the international community to deliver reductions in emissions that are commensurate with sustaining civilised life on Earth.

Council recalls its declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in 2019, the unanimous agreement of the Glasgow Climate Plan in 2021, and the creation of a Net Zero and Climate Monitoring Committee within the current term to keep the Climate Plan and associated plans under ongoing review. Council believes that on the basis of evidence presented to that Committee so far, Glasgow City Council is planning for and is capable of the level of transformation required to make us achieve our target for net zero emissions by 2030, however we are not presently on track to achieve them and therefore more must be done, urgently, to ensure we are on a viable pathway. In particular, Council calls for the Scottish and UK Governments to ensure Glasgow has the finances and the powers needed to accelerate action to reduce emissions. Considering the inextricable link between the climate crisis and poverty and inequality, Council wants to see faster progress on climate finance, aligning Investment Zones to support Glasgow's just transition to Net Zero, and establishing skills pathways for key transition needs including energy infrastructure, buildings retrofit, and industries such as sustainable fashion.

Council understands that to ensure our response to the climate crisis is ingrained in all that we do as a council, there must be a deep understanding by elected members and officers of the crisis and how we respond to it. Therefore Council requests that a paper is brought to the Net Zero Climate Progress & Monitoring committee on how we can prioritise resource to deliver a training schedule that incorporates learnings from the Just Transition Working Group Report within the updated Climate Literacy training. Council also believes that all elected members and senior officers have a duty to ensure climate action remains of the highest priority and therefore agrees to ask the Business Bureau to consider how the Full Council can be kept apprised, at least annually, of the scale of the challenge, where Glasgow is making progress, and what more can be done to accelerate necessary action. This should include considering setting targets for Scope 3 emissions and

raising their importance with partners such as Sustainable Glasgow signatories, considering they are estimated to be upwards of 80% of the council's emissions.

Finally, Council notes the recent announcement by the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak of plans to issue hundreds of new oil and gas licences in order to 'max out' North Sea reserves and that this is likely to include the massive Rosebank field. Council commits to support the Stop Rosebank campaign and others in opposing these acts of climate vandalism. Council believes that there is no credible policy justification for these actions, either for climate, jobs or energy security, and instead believes it is part of a conscious decision on behalf of the Conservative Party to seek to exploit the environment as a wedge issue in the misplaced belief it will provide them with short-term electoral gain. Council believes that such a mindset is deplorable and that all those politicians and political leaders who seek to wilfully delay, disrupt or otherwise thwart the implementation of necessary climate actions will never be forgiven for that."

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

(1) at the second paragraph, after “ongoing review”, insert the following:

“Council recalls that the Climate Plan presents an overall framework for our response to the climate emergency, but that meeting the ambitious 2030 net zero carbon targets require the Council to continuously raise our levels of ambition and intensify delivery of decarbonisation workstreams.”;

(2) at the end of the second paragraph, insert the following:

“Council notes a range of workstreams being progressed which will provide a framework for delivery of transformative green infrastructure, including the emerging Climate Finance Framework, the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy, the review of the Greenprint for Investment, and the proposed Net Zero Routemap which will support delivery at pace of key interventions and create a delivery plan with scenario pathways based on impact/benefits assessment to reach Net Zero by 2030, with interim milestones.”; and

(3) at the third paragraph, delete the last sentence “This should include … emissions” and replace with the following:

“Council agrees that in taking forward monitoring of Glasgow’s progress against its climate targets, consideration should be given to setting targets for Scope 3 emissions, considering these are estimated to represent up to or more than 80% of public sector emissions, and are likely to represent a very significant proportion of the Council’s emissions though these are yet to be fully quantified. Council notes that the issue of Scope 3 emissions has been raised by the Council with Sustainable Glasgow partners, who have agreed to work together to reach better understanding of how businesses in Glasgow are seeking and can seek to address their supply chain emissions.”

Councillor Docherty, seconded by Councillor Lalley, moved as an amendment that the following be inserted after the third paragraph:-

“Council fully supports calls for Just Transition in the North East of Scotland, focusing on a shift to major investment in renewables, wave, wind, tidal and green energy. Council agrees a Just Transition is crucial to ensuring Scotland meets its Net Zero climate targets by 2030. Council welcomes the recent announcement of the Green Prosperity Plan by Keir Starmer and Anas Sarwar, focusing on cutting energy bills, creating new, well paying green jobs, delivering energy security for our nation, and providing strong leadership on the climate to protect our planet.

Council agrees that more work must be done in Glasgow to deliver the Just Transition we urgently need for workers in the city. Council agrees that more investment from the UK and Scottish Government is required to provide more green job and training opportunities in Glasgow, working in partnership with both the public and private sector to deliver growth and prosperity whilst delivering on our Net Zero targets.”

Councillor Reid-McConnell, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Millar, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 34 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Docherty and 43 for the motion as adjusted with 1 abstention.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly approved.