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Glasgow City Council

2023/24 – Print 4

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MINUTES

OF

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL.

Glasgow, 7th September 2023.

Hybrid meeting, Glasgow City Council.

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

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	ELAINE McSPORRAN
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STEPHEN DOCHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD	

Apologies: Stephen Dornan, Rashid Hussain, Deacon Convener and Lord Dean of Guild.

Attending: M Millar, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; 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, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Minutes approved.

1 The minutes of the Council meeting of 22nd June 2023 (Print 3, pages 1 to 24) were submitted and approved.

Minutes of committees submitted and approved.

2 The minutes of the undernoted committees were submitted and approved:-

(1) City Administration Committee of 15th June and 17th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 25 to 46);

(2) City Policy Committees

(a) Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration of 15th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 47 to 54);

(b) Education, Skills and Early Years of 17th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 55 to 58);

(c) Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods of 22nd August 2023 (Print 3, pages 59 to 64);

(d) Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring of 8th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 65 to 70); and

(e) Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement of 10th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 71 to 76);

(3) Contracts and Property Committee of 3rd and 24th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 77 to 84);

(4) Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 14th and 21st June and 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August 2023 (Print 3, pages 85 to 110);

(5) Personnel Appeals Committee of 13th and 22nd August 2023 (Print 3, pages 111 to 114);

(6) Planning Applications Committee of 13th and 15th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 115 to 118);

(7) Planning Local Review Committee of 20th June and 8th and 22nd August 2023 (Print 3, pages 119 to 124);

(8) Scrutiny Committees

(a) Finance and Audit of 14th June and 2nd August 2023 (Print 3, pages 125 to 128); and

(b) Operational Performance and Delivery of 16th August 2023 (Print 3, pages 129 to 130); and

(9) Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee of 21st June 2023 (Print 3, pages 131 to 134).

Changes to committees approved.

3 There was submitted a tabled document proposing that Council approve the following appointments and changes to committees:-

Committee	*Appointment*
Champions Board for Care Experienced Children and Young Persons	Appoint John Daly, Elaine McDougall and Martha Wardrop
City Administration Committee	Remove Dan Hutchison and appoint Lana Reid-McConnell
Contracts and Property Committee	Remove Paul Leinster and appoint Fyeza Ikhlaq
Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee	Remove Bill Butler and appoint Lilith Johnstone
Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	Remove Fyeza Ikhlaq and appoint Paul Leinster
Local Licensing Forum	Appoint Ms Eva Curran
Planning Applications Committee	Appoint Elaine Gallagher as Vice Chair

Appointments and representation on outside bodies approved.

4 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to its representation on outside bodies:-

Organisation	*Appointment*
Glasgow City Integration Joint Board	Remove Leòdhas Massie and appoint Jon Molyneux

Culture and Sport Glasgow (Glasgow Life)	Appoint Anita Salwan and re-appoint Siobhan Nairn as Board members
Jobs and Business Glasgow Board	Appoint Mr James McGregor as Independent Trustee
Lord Provost Trusts for Vulnerable Citizens, Older People and Children Fund	Remove Elaine Galletly and appoint Mairi Millar
National Association of Councillors	Remove Declan Blench and appoint Anne McTaggart
SEC Limited	Remove Elaine Galletly and appoint Duncan Black

Questions.

5 Answers to the following questions, of which notice had been given under Standing Order No 11, were given as undernoted:-

Question by	*Question*	*Answered by*
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone	"To ask the City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, if she is concerned about the reduction in jobs at Glasgow Museums and Collections section, including curators, conservators, outreach assistants, digital photographers and technicians, and how this will impact on the future care and preservation of Glasgow's world-renowned museum collections?"	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Bailie Patricia Ferguson	"To ask the City Convener for Education and Early Years what highlights she would draw from the examination results achieved by pupils across the city this year?"	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone	"To ask City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People, if he will join us in supporting the 4 Steps to Fair Work campaign by the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland by asking the Scottish Government to implement the 4	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People

	Steps so that social care staff in Scotland can experience Fair Work?"	
Councillor Robert Mooney	"To ask the relevant City Convener how much money has been put aside by the council to maintain the new cycle lanes in the city?"	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Councillor Holly Bruce	"To ask the relevant City Convener what work has been undertaken to expand our night bus services, following the reinstatement of 9 of the 11 services, and how the Council are going to plug the gap in provision given the N6 and N2 have not been fully reinstated?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Councillor Dan Hutchison	"To ask the relevant City Convener what conversations have been had with the Scottish Government about the extreme cuts being forced by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service across Glasgow?"	Bailie Paul McCabe, Chair of Safe Glasgow Group
Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell	"To ask the relevant City Convener what conversations have been had with the Scottish Government to strengthen guidance on idling enforcement and raise awareness of damaging health implications, particularly outside schools, care homes and healthcare centres?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Bailie Paul McCabe	"To ask the Leader of the Council for her reflections on hosting the UCI Cycling World Championships and how it has enhanced Glasgow as a global events host and vibrant destination?"	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Councillor Holly Bruce	"To ask the relevant City Convener what plans the council has on expanding the sustainable consumption and use of textiles and what engagement has been done with local businesses and organisations, like the fair fashion collective, on building a	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition

	sustainable fashion economy in Glasgow?"	
Councillor Jon Molyneux	"To ask the relevant City Convener what Glasgow's share is of the £16m recently allocated to support a Scottish Recommended Allowance for foster and kinship carers, and what provisions are being made for that to be uprated annually in the Council's funding settlement?"	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People
Councillor Saqib Ahmed	"To ask the relevant City Convener: during major events involving road closures, what process does Glasgow City Council use to determine public transport diversions and how are operators notified? How much notice is given to them and what dialogue takes place on how good or effective the diversion signs are?"	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Bailie Leòdhas Massie	"To ask the relevant City Convener for a progress update on works to clear rubbish dumped along the White Cart river bank in Pollokshaws and if safety concerns from NRS staff have been addressed?"	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Councillor Eunis Jassemi	"To ask the Leader of the Council what engagement she has had with the First Minister on delivering a fairer council tax system?"	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition

Decriminalisation of drugs – Motion approved, after division.

6 Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Blench, moved that

"Council notes the recent annual publication of the drug related death statistics in Scotland and the 37% reduction in drugs-related deaths in Glasgow this year.

Council further notes the range of interventions that are being made with partners across the city to tackle this crisis. These interventions include - The Crisis Outreach Service; Mobile Harm Reduction Initiative; Injecting Equipment Provision

and, The Enhanced Drug Treatment Service. Council notes continuing discussions about creating a supervised drug consumption facility within Glasgow and restates its support for this facility.

Council places on record its thanks to Health and Social Care Partnership staff, as well as colleagues in partner organisations, and our inspirational recovery communities for their tireless work to make inroads into this ongoing health crisis in the city.

Council is encouraged that the interventions that have been made are beginning to make a difference, but Council is resolute in its belief that these figures remain too high and that more needs to be done locally and nationally to end this crisis.

Council welcomes the Scottish Government's recent publication of 'A Caring, Compassionate and Human Rights Informed Drug Policy for Scotland'. Council believes that this prospectus is one which is ambitious, progressive, and radical. It is grounded in evidence from around the world and aligned to our values that this is a public health emergency rather than a criminal justice one.

Council notes that some of the evidence-based interventions which have a track record of success outlined in that paper include changes which could allow wider access to naloxone, allow for supervised drug consumption facilities, create a network of drug checking facilities, and increase access to harm reduction approaches such as provision of drug paraphernalia. Council notes that naloxone training has been offered to all elected members and agrees that a further training session should be arranged and that the more people who are trained and carry a naloxone kit, the more lives might be saved.

Council notes that the publication of this policy paper was launched at the Global Commission on Drug Policy's annual general meeting in Scotland in July. Council further notes that Glasgow City Council have been invited by the Global Commission to work with them to establish a cities initiative to bring together cities across the world who have a particular interest in drug-related issues. Council welcomes this opportunity which has the potential to draw together insights from leading academics and civil society organisations across the globe, build a coalition for change with other urban networks like Eurocities, galvanise collaboration between the public sector and third sector organisations and showcase Glasgow's issues and solutions.

Council further notes the recent report by the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee found that the UK Government's response could "go further by adopting a broader range of public health-based harm reduction methods" and recommends that the "UK Government support a pilot facility in Glasgow and create a legislative pathway to enable more".

It is disappointing that the Home Office has immediately ruled this considered position out and Council remains frustrated that the UK Government continue to view drugs policy solely as a justice issue rather than a public health matter. Council therefore agrees with the call for the Decriminalisation of all drugs for

personal supply and seeks approval for the Council to adopt a formal position in favour of decriminalisation.

Council agrees that the "war on drugs" has failed and that decriminalisation would allow people found in possession of drugs to be treated and supported rather than criminalised and excluded. Council notes that decriminalisation is the common position of the UN Chief Executives Board.

Council asks the Convener to write to the Scottish Government and UK Government outlining the Council's support for decriminalisation; note the Home Affairs Committee the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 require reform; highlight the recommendation that Glasgow should pilot the use of drug consumption rooms; restate our longstanding commitment to be a place where new ideas to tackle this ongoing public health crisis are progressed."

Councillor McDougall, seconded by Councillor Dempsey, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

“Council regrets that, since the Scottish Government declared the drugs crisis a public health emergency in 2019, almost 800 drug-related deaths have been recorded in Glasgow, with a further 68 suspected drug deaths to date in this year alone.

Council notes that Scotland’s drug deaths remain almost three times higher than in the rest of the United Kingdom, with the latest data showing that people living in the most deprived areas of Scotland were almost 16 times as likely to die from drug misuse than in the least deprived areas.

Council notes the range of interventions that are being made with partners and across the city to tackle this crisis. These interventions include - Crisis Outreach Service; Mobile Harm Reduction Initiative; Injecting Equipment Provision and, Enhanced Drug Treatment Service. Council notes continuing discussions about creating a supervised drug consumption facility within Glasgow and restates its support for this facility.

Council places on record its thanks to Health and Social Care Partnership staff, as well as colleagues in partner organisations, and our inspirational recovery communities for their tireless work to make inroads into this ongoing health crisis in the city.

Council supports the Scottish Government’s National Mission on Drugs and its public health approach to tackling this emergency, but also recognises that much of the recent investment has simply unpicked the damage of years of national cuts to drug and alcohol treatment.

Council calls for the Scottish Government to work with Glasgow City Council and local partners to roll out naloxone kits more widely, to establish drug-testing sites without further delay, to improve pathways into recovery, and to fully implement the MAT standards, including same day prescribing, as a matter of priority.

Council notes that there needs to be better integration between mental health and substance misuse services so that treatment in one is not contingent on recovery in the other.

Council is committed to the creation of a pilot safe consumption rooms in the city, as part of a wider holistic drugs strategy, and asks the Scottish Government to use its existing powers to make this happen. Council also agrees to engage in full consultation with communities across the city which may have consumption rooms located within to build trust.

Council believes that both the Scottish Government and UK Government need to redouble their efforts in cracking down on drug smugglers and dealers who are cynically exploiting this public health crisis in Scotland's communities for their own profit."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 33 members voted for the amendment by Councillor McDougall and 47 for the motion.

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

7 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1250 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

8 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

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

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	ELAINE McSPORRAN
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Glasgow needs a fair deal – Motion dealt with, after division.

9 Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Siddique, moved

"Council notes that for too long, Glasgow has been let down by two failing governments, both at Holyrood and Westminster. The people of Glasgow deserve a competent and functioning Scottish Government, who act in the best interests of all the citizens of our city.

Council notes the recent proposals by the Scottish Government to increase Council Tax for the poorest people in society. This increase will affect thousands of hard-working families across the city, who are already struggling to make ends meet during a cost-of-living crisis. These increases are a direct result of years of SNP cuts to local government, leaving the people of Glasgow being asked to pay more for less.

Council welcomes the public transport initiative in Manchester led by Labour Mayor Andy Burnham, and notes that the Scottish Government has still not brought forward the secondary legislation to enable progress to be made. It was in 2019 that the Scottish Government first pledged to bring such legislation forward. Council agrees that Glasgow needs a fully integrated, not-for-profit public transport system which is publicly controlled and accountable.

Glasgow was promised a fair financial deal in 2017 but continued budget reductions have resulted in continued pressure on public services and the city facing a series of problems with industrial action being considered in our schools, in our culture sector and in our cleansing services.

Council further agrees that Glasgow needs a fair financial deal from the Scottish Government and resolves to write to the First Minister and all Glasgow MSPs to seek their support for a fair deal for Glasgow."

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Alex Kerr, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council draws attention to the recent Verity House Agreement which was signed, following approval by COSLA Leaders, by the First Minister, the COSLA President and Vice President, the Deputy First Minister, the Local Government Empowerment Minister and the COSLA Political Group Leaders, including the Scottish Labour Leader at COSLA.

Council welcomes this new deal for local government. Council notes that The Verity House Agreement sets out principles for working together to empower local communities, tackle poverty, transform the economy and provide high-quality public services.

Council notes that it includes commitments to:

- agree a new Fiscal Framework governing how local authorities' funding is allocated, reducing ring-fencing and giving them greater control over their budgets to meet local needs
- regularly review councils' powers and funding, with the expectation that services will be delivered at a local level unless agreed otherwise
- incorporate the European Charter of Local Self-Government into Scots Law
- reform public services, building on the partnership working established during the pandemic recovery
- develop a framework for collecting and sharing evidence to ensure progress is maintained

Council understands the constrained fiscal position that the Scottish Government continues to operate under, with ongoing austerity measures from the UK Government, a cost-of-living crisis that is coupled with rampant inflation and the continuing negative impacts of a hard-Brexit which is making the country poorer. Council agrees that within this context flexibility around funding is key. Council restates its position that more revenue-raising powers should be devolved to the city and instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Scottish Government outlining this position.

Council believes that paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn't be, and that tax, including Income Tax and Council Tax, enables us to provide services from education, health and social care, to flood defence and roads. Council agrees it also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies. Council does not agree with recent remarks from the Scottish Labour Leader that

income tax is hammering families and choking opportunity. Council agrees for the need for a progressive tax system where people pay their fair share, and notes the calls led by the Poverty Alliance for income tax to be raised to tackle poverty and inequality.

Council recalls the Vision of its comprehensive Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), which is to pursue "a sustainable transport system for people and for goods, which is affordable and inclusive, accessible and easy to use, clean and safe, integrated and reliable." Council notes the extensive work ongoing to deliver on this vision, and welcomes the recent publication of and ongoing consultation on the GTS part 2.

Council notes that decisions taken by past Conservative Governments and Labour local and regional authorities have resulted in the deregulation and subsequent privatisation of public transport provision in the Greater Glasgow area. Council reiterates its commitment (as detailed in the Bus Governance Routemap) to explore models of greater public control of the city's bus network such as franchising; notes that ongoing dialogue is taking place with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding options appraisal and business case development for the bus governance models provided for in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019; and calls on the Scottish Government to complete the enactment of that legislation to allow for exploration of these options to progress.

Council welcomes the recent announcement in the Scottish Government Programme for Government about exploring Metropolitan status for Glasgow, as called for by the Council Leader. Council believes this will be a game-changer for the city and city region and congratulates those who have been working tirelessly to secure this status for Glasgow. Council instructs the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government welcoming this announcement and outlining our support for additional powers to come to Glasgow."

Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Bailie Gallagher, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council recognises the current impact of inflation on public spending is unprecedented in recent times and recalls that this has been fuelled by disastrous decisions of the current UK government. In this context, Council recognises that raising taxes is one way we can secure more money to invest in public services on which our citizens depend, as well as redistributing wealth and tackling inequality.

Council believes that the Council Tax is imperfect for many reasons and agrees that it should be replaced with a fairer, up-to-date system of land and property taxation. Council understands that work is underway through the "Joint Working Group on Sources of Local Government Funding and Council Tax Reform" to explore alternatives to Council Tax as well as immediate changes which can achieve improvements in the shorter term. Nevertheless, Council believes that all possible opportunities should be taken to redistribute wealth within the city and that the joint consultation from the Scottish Government and CoSLA on Fairer Council Tax represents one such opportunity to tackle inequality and redistribute wealth for

the good of everyone in Glasgow by proposing increases in Council Tax payable by those in the most valuable properties.

Council recalls that there are options available to people to challenge and mitigate Council Tax increases where there is good reason, including revaluation requests, reductions and exemptions, and notes that further opportunities to mitigate any changes can be considered as part of the Council's budget process.

Therefore, Council agrees to support the proposed changes in the Fairer Tax Consultation.

Council further instructs the Leader to write to CoSLA and the Scottish Government communicating the Council's support for an alternative system to Council Tax which ensures fair redistribution of wealth and maximises the revenue raising powers of local government, and to write to the UK and Scottish Governments calling on them to provide fair funding for Glasgow.

Council also believes we should continue to explore other opportunities for raising revenue locally. Council recalls the Local Taxes Working Group in the last Council term started work on the business case for a visitor levy. Council agrees that the group should be reformed to urgently progress a firm proposal for a visitor levy in Glasgow, alongside the passage of the legislation through the Scottish Parliament. Council also asks that this group considers the option of introducing workplace licensing within the current Council term, the reform of vacant property reliefs for non-domestic rates, the potential further reform of Council Tax, and other opportunities for local fiscal empowerment which may come through the implementation of the Verity House Agreement.

Finally, Council recalls its previous support for greater public control of the city's bus network and operations, including franchising and public ownership, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver the powers legislated for in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which will enable the Council and partners to progress this opportunity."

During the debate Councillors Bell and Molyneux, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their amendments as follows:-

"Council draws attention to the recent Verity House Agreement which was signed, following approval by COSLA Leaders, by the First Minister, the COSLA President and Vice President, the Deputy First Minister, the Local Government Empowerment Minister and the COSLA Political Group Leaders, including the Scottish Labour Leader at COSLA.

Council welcomes this new deal for local government. Council notes that The Verity House Agreement sets out principles for working together to empower local communities, tackle poverty, transform the economy and provide high-quality public services.

Council notes that it includes commitments to:

- agree a new Fiscal Framework governing how local authorities' funding is allocated, reducing ring-fencing and giving them greater control over their budgets to meet local needs
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- reform public services, building on the partnership working established during the pandemic recovery
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Council understands the constrained fiscal position that the Scottish Government continues to operate under, with ongoing austerity measures from the UK Government, a cost-of-living crisis that is coupled with rampant inflation and the continuing negative impacts of a hard-Brexit which is making the country poorer. Council agrees that within this context flexibility around funding is key.

Council further recognises that raising taxes is one way we can secure more money to invest in public services on which our citizens depend, as well as redistributing wealth and tackling inequality.

Council recognises that the Council Tax is imperfect for many reasons, including because of the uneven geographic benefit from upper bands and agrees that it should be replaced with a fairer, up-to-date system of land and property taxation. Council understands that work is underway through the "Joint Working Group on Sources of Local Government Funding and Council Tax Reform" to explore alternatives to Council Tax as well as immediate changes which can achieve improvements in the shorter term. Nevertheless, Council believes that all possible opportunities should be taken to redistribute wealth within the city and that the joint consultation from the Scottish Government and CoSLA on Fairer Council Tax represents one such opportunity to tackle inequality and redistribute wealth for the good of everyone in Glasgow by proposing increases in Council Tax payable by those in the most valuable properties.

Council recalls that there are options available to people to challenge and mitigate Council Tax increases where there is good reason, including revaluation requests, reductions and exemptions, and notes that further opportunities to mitigate increases for those who cannot afford them can be considered as part of the Council's budget process.

Therefore, Council agrees to support the proposed changes in the Fairer Tax Consultation.

Council further instructs the Leader to write to CoSLA and the Scottish Government communicating the Council's support for an alternative system to Council Tax which ensures fair redistribution of wealth and maximises the revenue raising powers of local government, and to write to the UK and Scottish Governments calling on them to provide fair funding for Glasgow.

Council welcomes the recent announcement in the Scottish Government's Programme for Government about exploring Metropolitan status for Glasgow, as called for by the Council Leader. Council believes this will be a game-changer for the city and city region and congratulates those who have been working tirelessly to secure this status for Glasgow. Council instructs the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government welcoming this announcement and outlining our support for additional powers to come to Glasgow.

Council also believes we should continue to explore other opportunities for raising revenue locally. Council agrees that the group should be reformed to urgently progress a firm proposal for a visitor levy in Glasgow, alongside the passage of the legislation through the Scottish Parliament, so that can be implemented as soon as the legislation allows. Council also asks that this group considers the option of introducing a workplace licensing scheme within the current Council term, the reform of vacant property reliefs for non-domestic rates which is being consulted on, powers relating to Council Tax, and other opportunities for local fiscal empowerment which may come through the implementation of the Verity House Agreement and metropolitan status for the city region.

Council recalls the Vision of its comprehensive Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), which is to pursue "a sustainable transport system for people and for goods, which is affordable and inclusive, accessible and easy to use, clean and safe, integrated and reliable." Council notes the extensive work ongoing to deliver on this vision, and welcomes the recent publication of and ongoing consultation on the GTS part two.

Council reaffirms its previous support for greater public control of the city's bus network and operations, including franchising and public ownership, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver the powers legislated for in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 to enable the Council and partners to progress this opportunity."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 45 members voted for the combined amendment by Councillors Bell and Molyneux and 33 for the motion with 2 abstentions.

The combined amendment by Councillors Bell and Molyneux was accordingly declared to be carried.

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:-

"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 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. 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 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

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. 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.

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."

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.

Investment zones – Motion dealt with, after division.

11 Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Daly, moved

"Council welcomes the decision by the UK Government to designate the Glasgow City Region as one of two of Scotland's Investment Zones alongside North East Scotland. Council notes that the UK and Scottish Governments worked closely

together on this decision and welcomes proactive and positive engagement between both of our Governments.

Council recognises and thanks all of those officers from this Council and the wider Glasgow City Region who played their part in making the case for Glasgow and the wider region to benefit from an investment zone.

Council welcomes the up to £80 million that will be invested over the next 5 years as part of this zone and that it will be focused on creating jobs and prosperity. Council notes that Glasgow's Investment Zone will be focused on research institutions such as our universities helping the city to drive growth in cutting-edge high-tech industries. Council further notes that the funding will be invested in supporting the economy and providing targeted tax reliefs and incentives to support growth. Council recognises that the Investment Zone's priorities will also be tailored alongside our city's and the UK's wider net-zero targets.

Council expresses its firm desire to create a truly business friendly city and recognises the key role that the Council plays in delivering this through planning and economic development policies, delivering efficient Council services for residents and businesses and ensuring that our city's infrastructure is fit for purpose.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a paper for discussion at the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee which sets out in what ways Glasgow can work to become a truly business friendly city - identifying current issues expressed by businesses and investors, exploring what scope the Council has to address such issues and what steps can be taken to address such issues and ensure that processes and policies are as efficient as possible to encourage and welcome those who seek to invest in Glasgow.

Council agrees that this paper should be brought within 6 months of this motion."

Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Doherty, moved as an amendment to delete all after the first sentence in the third paragraph and replace with the following:-

“Council further welcomes the transfer by the Scottish Government of control of the £40m Clyde Mission to the City Region and agrees that, along with the Investment Zone, these are important steps towards further empowerment of the collaborative leadership of the City Region to deliver locally-determined strategic economic priorities.

Council notes that the Glasgow City Region is currently in the process of working with both the Scottish and UK governments and with key academic and business partners to co-create the parameters, criteria and objectives for allocation of Investment Zone funding, using detailed analysis and data from the City Region Intelligence Hub, and guided by the Grand Challenges set out in the City Region Economic Strategy: Productivity, Inclusion and the Climate Emergency.

Council understands that the Investment Zone and Clyde Mission are building on a strong existing economic partnership ecosystem and record of delivery in the Glasgow City Region; that the Glasgow City Region City Deal is the most advanced in the UK; and that the collaborative leadership of the City Region Cabinet continues to expand its role, for example to oversee delivery of £33m Innovation Accelerator funding in close partnership with local innovation business leaders. Council notes that Glasgow was ranked as the top UK city for small businesses in 2022; thirteenth most sustainable city in the world and second greenest UK city to invest in; fourth biggest place for FDI in the UK; and second best city in the UK for innovation.

Council understands that officers and senior politicians engage regularly and closely with businesses in the city, from SMEs to very large investors, and that businesses report that the major challenges they face in the current climate include: skills shortages due to Brexit; rising bills; crippling interest rates; and, in the case of consumer businesses, falling disposable income in the population due to the cost-of-living crisis. Council notes that much of the Council's economic development activity is geared towards trying to support businesses during this unprecedented period as well as delivering longer term strategic priorities.

Council further understands that the Glasgow City Region faces significant generational challenges in many communities, including deeply embedded social, economic and health inequalities. Council agrees therefore that spending decisions on major investments such as those accompanying the Investment Zone and the Clyde Mission should seek to support growth in industry sectors that will make clear and measurable contributions to the objective of building the most innovative, inclusive and resilient economy in the UK by 2030; uphold Fair Work principles; support the improved health and wellbeing of residents; and contribute to a just transition to a sustainable, net zero carbon economy.

Council notes that ongoing activity by Glasgow City Council's Economic Development and City Development is regularly reported to Committee, with the most recent agenda of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Policy Committee containing the Invest Glasgow Annual Report, the Investment Strategy and the plan for the Golden Z. Council instructs the Chief Executive to bring update paper to a future Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Policy Committee on the work of the Glasgow City Region PMO and Intelligence Hub and to offer briefings to all elected members on implementation plans for the Investment Zone and Clyde Mission as these are developed."

Councillor Butler, seconded by Bailie Greer, moved as an amendment that the following be inserted after the fourth paragraph:-

"Council notes the one-year anniversary of Liz Truss becoming Prime Minister and the subsequent long-term damage done to the UK economy caused by her reckless policies and actions. Glasgow needs more than just investment zones; it requires a UK Government focused on economic growth and transforming life opportunities in our city. Council agrees a change of UK Government is essential and Council would welcome the opportunity to work with a government dedicated to ensuring that Glasgow can flourish."

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved as an amendment that at the third paragraph, after the sentence ending “creating jobs and prosperity” replace with the following:-

“Council believes that capitalism and unlimited economic growth is fundamentally incompatible with the ongoing existence of life on Earth.

Council does not believe that tax cuts for private corporations is a good use of public money.

In light of the rapidly accelerating climate crisis, Council believes that radical climate action must be at the heart of all the Council’s work, including its contribution to the development of the Investment Zone.

Recognising the need to transition our economy and communities away from fossil fuels at an unprecedented scale and pace, and given the Scottish Government’s ambitious Zero Carbon Buildings agenda, Council recognises that there is an urgent need to develop and create green skills and green jobs in the city, particularly in skilled technical roles like heat pump installation.

Noting the challenges and opportunities highlighted in the recently published report of the Just Transition Working Group, Council believes that, to the greatest extent possible, the Investment Zone should prioritise working with public, private, and education partners to develop a green skills strategy and green jobs programme for Glasgow, including through the provision of high-quality and well-paid apprenticeships and training courses to help drive the Zero Carbon Buildings agenda. Council also supports the delivery of workforce retraining programmes to retain the local skilled workforce for the rollout of net-zero projects such as local heat networks and the renewables supply chain.

Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a paper for discussion at the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee detailing how the Investment Zone can support the just transition and climate-resilient economic development.”

During the debate Councillors Aitken and Anderson, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their amendments as follows:-

“Council welcomes the decision by the UK Government to designate the Glasgow City Region as one of two of Scotland's Investment Zones alongside North East Scotland. Council notes that the UK and Scottish Governments worked closely together on this decision and welcomes proactive and positive engagement between both of our Governments.

Council recognises and thanks all of those officers from this Council and the wider Glasgow City Region who played their part in making the case for Glasgow and the wider region to benefit from an investment zone.

Council welcomes the up to £80 million that will be invested over the next 5 years as part of this zone and that it will be focused on creating jobs and prosperity.

Council further welcomes the transfer by the Scottish Government of control of the £40m Clyde Mission to the City Region and agrees that, along with the Investment Zone, these are important steps towards further empowerment of the collaborative leadership of the City Region to deliver locally-determined strategic economic priorities.

Council notes that the Glasgow City Region is currently in the process of working with both the Scottish and UK governments and with key academic and business partners to co-create the parameters, criteria and objectives for allocation of Investment Zone funding, using detailed analysis and data from the City Region Intelligence Hub, and guided by the Grand Challenges set out in the City Region Economic Strategy: Productivity, Inclusion and the Climate Emergency.

Council understands that the Investment Zone and Clyde Mission are building on a strong existing economic partnership ecosystem and record of delivery in the Glasgow City Region; that the Glasgow City Region City Deal is the most advanced in the UK; and that the collaborative leadership of the City Region Cabinet continues to expand its role, for example to oversee delivery of £33m Innovation Accelerator funding in close partnership with local innovation business leaders. Council notes that Glasgow was ranked as the top UK city for small businesses in 2022; thirteenth most sustainable city in the world and second greenest UK city to invest in; fourth biggest place for FDI in the UK; and second best city in the UK for innovation.

Council understands that officers and senior politicians engage regularly and closely with businesses in the city, from SMEs to very large investors, and that businesses report that the major challenges they face in the current climate include: skills shortages due to Brexit; rising bills; crippling interest rates; and, in the case of consumer businesses, falling disposable income in the population due to the cost-of-living crisis. Council notes that much of the Council's economic development activity is geared towards trying to support businesses during this unprecedented period as well as delivering longer term strategic priorities.

Council further understands that the Glasgow City Region faces significant generational challenges in many communities, including deeply embedded social, economic and health inequalities. In light of the rapidly accelerating climate crisis, Council further believes that radical climate action must be at the heart of all the Council's work, including its contribution to the development of the Investment Zone. Council agrees therefore that spending decisions on major investments such as those accompanying the Investment Zone and the Clyde Mission should seek to support growth in industry sectors that will make clear and measurable contributions to the objective of building the most innovative, inclusive and resilient economy in UK by 2030; uphold Fair Work principles; support the improved health and wellbeing of residents; and contribute to a just transition to a sustainable, net zero carbon economy.

Noting the challenges and opportunities highlighted in the recently published report of the Just Transition Working Group and forthcoming Just Transition Skills Action Plan, Council believes that, to the greatest extent possible, the Investment Zone should prioritise working with public, private, and education partners to develop a green skills strategy and green jobs programme for Glasgow, including through the provision of high-quality and well-paid apprenticeships and training courses to help drive the Zero Carbon Buildings agenda. Council also supports the delivery of workforce retraining programmes to retain the local skilled workforce for the rollout of net-zero projects such as local heat networks and the renewables supply chain.

Council notes that ongoing activity by Glasgow City Council's Economic Development and City Development is regularly reported to Committee, with the most recent agenda of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Policy Committee containing the Invest Glasgow Annual Report, the Investment Strategy and the plan for the Golden Z. Council instructs the Chief Executive to: prepare a paper for discussion at the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee detailing how the Investment Zone can support the just transition and climate-resilient economic development; bring an update paper to a future Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Policy Committee on the work of the Glasgow City Region PMO and Intelligence Hub; and to offer briefings to all elected members on implementation plans for the Investment Zone and Clyde Mission as these are developed."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 43 members voted for the combined amendment by Councillors Aitken and Anderson, 33 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Butler and 2 for the motion.

The combined amendment by Councillors Aitken and Anderson was accordingly declared to be carried.

Live Well Community Referral Programme – Motion, as adjusted, approved.

12 Councillor Doherty, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, moved that

"Council notes the Live Well Community Referral Programme pilot which began in June 2022 and is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional, or practical needs to engage with Glasgow Life services; and is focused on improving their wellbeing and contributing to better health equity in the city. Council further notes Live Well links people either by health or community workers or through self-referral to activities in Calton, Bridgeton, Parkhead, Shettleston, Tollcross and nearby areas towards Springboig.

Council believes those who could benefit most from Community Referral include people with low mood, anxiety and stress, people who are socially isolated and/or lonely and those with long-term conditions who frequently attend either primary or secondary health care. Council recognises the benefits for those taking part include:

- Becoming more connected with their community

- Meeting new friends
- Improving their mental wellbeing
- Increasing their physical activity levels
- Learning new skills, volunteering or finding wellbeing information

Council commends Live Well's creative approach to green social prescribing, which links them to nature-based interventions and activities, and concurs with the positive feedback from participants on the range of wellbeing activities provided by Glasgow Life and community organisations in the pilot area which include art and creative activities, social groups, museum activities, walking groups, exercise classes and sports, family activities, computer basics, learning and skills classes and volunteering.

Council further recognises how shaping existing services to remove barriers can result in more take up among people who would not usually have participated, ultimately improving their physical and mental wellbeing.

Council further commends Glasgow Life's co-production of tailored programmes - Singing for Fun, Healthy Body Healthy Mind and Coffee and Culture initiatives - created in response to a local need for more accessible sessions and participants ideas.

Council believes community responses to local health and wellbeing issues are a vital way of addressing needs early on and minimising the need for more intensive statutory services further down the line.

Council instructs the Chief Executive Department to work with colleagues in Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to bring an update on Live Well to the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee in winter of 2023 to inform the potential rollout of a phased citywide approach."

Councillor O'Lone, seconded by Councillor Rannachan, moved as an amendment to add the following after the final sentence:-

"The update paper should include information on the following should include how many participants in each area, how many sessions, participants feedback, how we know this worked plus financial information, how much the pilot and how much it would cost to roll out and the source of funding for this."

Bailie Carroll, seconded by Councillor Reid-McConnell moved as an amendment to add the following at the end:-

"Council also values the work of our city's Community Link Workers, who are a vital non-medical, social support in GP practices. Their work in tackling isolation as well as emotional and financial hardship is a key preventative service that has been supported and expanded by the Scottish Government and HSCP due to its success.

Council believes that the reduction in Community Links Workers (CLWs) scheduled for year 2024/25 in Glasgow, by approximately a third due to the Scottish Government's withdrawal of financial support, will be detrimental to shifting our health care system from predominantly acute services out into the community. CLWs are important for connecting patients to programmes such as the Live Well programme as well as supporting patients with issues such as benefits, debt, housing, abuse, bereavement and loneliness.

Council acknowledges the difficult financial situation of the Scottish Government and HSCP however highlights the effectiveness of CLWs in preventative and holistic care. Council calls on the Scottish Government and HSCP to prioritise preserving the knowledge and skills that existing CLWs have built up of services and their community to support the most vulnerable in our city.

Council calls on the Scottish Government to commit to a long-term funding path for the Community Links Worker programme as well as prioritising the allocation of the £1.3million required to maintain CLW staffing at current levels. Council requests a meeting with representatives for the Scottish Government, Glasgow City HSCP, GMB and Deep End GP Network to determine a pathway forward."

Councillors Doherty and O'Lone and Bailie Carroll, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"Council notes the Live Well Community Referral Programme pilot which began in June 2022 and is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional, or practical needs to engage with Glasgow Life services; and is focused on improving their wellbeing and contributing to better health equity in the city. Council further notes Live Well links people either by health or community workers or through self-referral to activities in Calton, Bridgeton, Parkhead, Shettleston, Tollcross and nearby areas towards Springboig.

Council believes those who could benefit most from Community Referral include people with low mood, anxiety and stress, people who are socially isolated and/or lonely and those with long-term conditions who frequently attend either primary or secondary health care. Council recognises the benefits for those taking part include:

- Becoming more connected with their community
- Meeting new friends
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Council commends Live Well's creative approach to green social prescribing, which links them to nature-based interventions and activities, and concurs with the positive feedback from participants on the range of wellbeing activities provided by Glasgow Life and community organisations in the pilot area which include art and creative activities, social groups, museum activities, walking groups, exercise classes and sports, family activities, computer basics, learning and skills classes

and volunteering.

Council further recognises how shaping existing services to remove barriers can result in more take up among people who would not usually have participated, ultimately improving their physical and mental wellbeing.

Council further commends Glasgow Life's co-production of tailored programmes - Singing for Fun, Healthy Body Healthy Mind and Coffee and Culture initiatives - created in response to a local need for more accessible sessions and participants ideas.

Council believes community responses to local health and wellbeing issues are a vital way of addressing needs early on and minimising the need for more intensive statutory services further down the line.

Council also values the work of our city's Community Link Workers, who are a vital non-medical, social support in GP practice. Their work in tackling isolation as well as emotional & financial hardship is a key preventative service that has been supported and expanded by the Scottish Government and HSCP due to its success.

Council acknowledges the difficult financial situation of the Scottish Government and HSCP however highlights the effectiveness of CLWs in preventative and holistic care. Council calls on the Scottish Government and HSCP to prioritise preserving the knowledge and skills that existing CLWs have built up of services and their community to support the most vulnerable in our city.

Council welcomes the Scottish Government recognising the importance of Community Link Workers, outlined in the just published 2023-24 Programme for Government "Investing in primary and community care and work" and continue to commit to work with Glasgow to "deliver targeted support to practices serving the most disadvantaged communities in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and work with local areas to ensure vital specialist services such as Community Link Workers can respond to local needs". Therefore Council calls on the Scottish Government to investigate ways to securing a short-term and long-term funding path for the Live Well and Community Links Worker programmes.

Council instructs the Chief Executive Department to work with colleagues in Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to bring an update on Live Well to the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee in winter of 2023 to inform the potential rollout of a phased citywide approach."

The motion as adjusted was approved unanimously.

Adjournment.

13 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 7(f), 7(g) and 7(h).

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 31st August 2023.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Greg Hepburn, Dan Hutchison, Eunis Jassemi (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Ruairi Kelly, Matt Kerr, Thomas Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; M McGinty, Head of Corporate Policy and Governance; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; C MacKenzie (for the, Director of Communications and Corporate Governance); S Thomson (for the Director of Regional Economic Growth); and A Olney (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Valediction.

1 The Leader of the Council intimated that Ms Elaine Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration, would shortly leave the service of the Council. On behalf of the Council, the Leader of the Council thanked Ms Galletly for her dedication and contribution over the years.

Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund Expenditure 2022/23 – Consideration continued.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 17th February 2022 (Print 7, page 472) when this Council approved an allocation of £3m to the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund from its 2022/23 budget, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding funding allocations made through that fund in 2022/23 and advising of the proposed alternative use of the identified underspend from the fund.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the matter until its next meeting.

Vacant and derelict land issues affecting Glasgow noted – 2023/24 funding programme approved – Acceptance of funding agreed - Declaration of interest.

3 Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the main findings from the analysis of the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (SVDLS) 2022 return and on proposals for the use of vacant and derelict land (VDL) funding in 2023/24, advising

(1) that the SVDLS was undertaken annually to establish the extent and state of vacant and derelict land in Scotland, and Glasgow consistently had the highest concentration of vacant and derelict land of any authority in Scotland, however, the Scottish Government had acknowledged the extent of the problems experienced by Glasgow by allocating a ring-fenced budget to bring vacant land into beneficial use in accordance with Council and Government objectives;

(2) of the main findings of the 2022 SVDLS, as detailed in the report;

(3) that Glasgow's SVDLS results for 2022 had demonstrated the successes that Glasgow had achieved over that year, whilst at the same time it highlighted the scale of the problem still to be tackled;

(4) that, in January 2023, the Scottish Government had confirmed an allocation of £1,950,000 for 2023/24 from the VDL fund for Glasgow, with the projects for the 2023/24 programme being, as detailed in the appendix to the report;

(5) that, in December 2020, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Land Commission had jointly announced a £50m VDL Investment Programme (VDLIP) over 5 years and this funding stream had been opened to local authorities to apply under a competitive bid system, as detailed in the report;

(6) that the Council, working with local organisations had submitted 12 bids in June 2022 for stage 1 submissions for funding from the 2023/24 VDLIP, with 6 of those projects being shortlisted for more detailed stage 2 submissions to the Scottish Government and grant offer letters had been received on 6th April 2023 for 5 of the projects, as detailed in the report;

(7) of the progress of the 4 successful projects that the Council had received funding for from the 1st and 2nd rounds of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 VDLIP, as detailed in the report; and

(8) that in April 2023, the Scottish Government had opened the 2024/25 VDLIP for stage 1 submissions, with a closing date of 23rd June 2023 and that the Council again working with various partners had submitted 8 bids and notification of the shortlisting for stage 2 submissions was expected to be announced shortly, with the deadline for submissions to follow in November 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the progress being made in tackling vacant and derelict land in the city;

(b) approved the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund Programme for 2023/24; and

(c) accepted the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund grant offer of £1,950,000 for 2023/24 and the 5 Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme grant offers totalling £5,570,891, as detailed in the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor Hepburn noted his interest in this matter.

Glasgow's Housing Strategy Affordable Warmth Programme – Acceptance of Energy Efficient Scotland Programme: **Area Based Schemes grant award for 2023/24 approved.**

4 Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the award of funding from the Scottish Government's Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes (EES:ABS) programme for 2023/24, advising that

(1) the Scottish Government in 2015 had designated energy efficiency as a national infrastructure priority and the EES:ABS programme aimed to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency, contributing to making Scotland's existing buildings near zero carbon by 2045 whenever feasible and the EES:ABS programme supported the key objectives of Glasgow's Local Housing Strategy 2023-28;

(2) the overarching objective of the EES:ABS programme was to provide funding to assist owner-occupiers and households living in private rented homes, who were in or were at risk of fuel poverty, to install energy efficiency measures through implementing a fabric first approach, as detailed in the report;

(3) this was the 11th year of the Area Based Schemes programme and for 2023/24, the Scottish Government had awarded the Council £6,845,492 from the Energy Efficient Scotland Programme and had indicated that going forward, it intended to introduce a 3-year EES:ABS programme funding framework for local authorities to assist in the planning and delivery of the programme;

(4) the identification of projects that could be delivered through the EES:ABS programme was data driven, with an analysis of house construction type, profiling by area and review of previous measures undertaken which enabled viable projects which met the criteria of the scheme to be developed at a size and scale; and

(5) officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability were currently progressing projects in Glasgow's EES:ABS 2023/24 programme and the Corporate Procurement Unit was currently appraising tenders by contractors to take forward projects in Balornock, Kempsthorn Road, Craigend and Barmulloch and EES:ABS funding would be used to implement measures in properties at Westercommon, in partnership with Queen's Cross Housing Association.

After consideration, the committee accepted the award of £6,845,492 of Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes grant funding for 2023/24.

South Central Local Development Plan (Wards 5-8) approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 30th May 2023 (Print 2, page 42) noting the final draft of the South Central Local Development Plan (LDP) (Wards 5-8) and the intention to seek its approval from this committee and to notify the Scottish Government prior to its adoption, Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the Glasgow City Development Plan (CDP) had been adopted in March 2017 and provided the spatial strategy for development and regeneration across the city;

(2) that the CDP was supported by 2 overarching policies, namely CDP1 – The Placemaking Principle and CDP2 – Sustainable Spatial Strategy and that 1 of the key elements of CDP2 was the identification of spatial priority areas across the city where additional guidance was required;

(3) that the draft South Central LDP had been published on the Council's consultation hub for 10 weeks between 22nd August and 31st October 2022 and approximately 1,500 comments to the draft LDP had been received from 133 respondents;

(4) that following the consultation, the comments received had been collated and had informed the production of the final draft of the South Central LPD, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the vision, key outcomes and next steps for the South Central LDP, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted that the final draft of the South Central Local Development Framework, together with details of the consultation process which would be sent to Scottish Ministers for consideration; and

(b) approved the adoption of the South Central Local Development Framework as Supplementary Guidance to the City Development Plan, unless Scottish Ministers directed otherwise.

Glasgow City Heritage Trust and Glasgow Preservation Trust – Funding approved.

6 Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding proposed funding for the Glasgow City Heritage Trust (GCHT) and the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) for the financial year 2023/24, advising that

(1) the Council in 2019 had commissioned an independent review of the funding provided to heritage organisations and the Heritage Best Value Review had determined that the GCHT and GBPT provided good value to the city for the allocated funding and had also concluded that the provision of grant funding by GCHT was the primary means by which residents and community groups could access financial assistance for investing in heritage assets in the city;

(2) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) provided direct funding to GBPT and GCHT, with these 2 heritage organisations aiming to preserve, enhance and celebrate the city's historic environment and since it began operating in 2007, GCHT had delivered a number of outcomes through this funding, as detailed in the report;

(3) NRS had provided £50,000 of core funding and £190,000 of grant funding to GCHT annually, which was in line with the Council's commitment to provide contributory funding to GCHT to augment Historic Environment Scotland's contribution of £720,400 of funding for 2023/24 for the built heritage of Glasgow, with this combined funding being used for direct grant funding to building owners in Glasgow to undertake works to their listed buildings; and

(4) Historic Environment Scotland had stated that it would provide a commitment to support for a further 3 years from 2024-26 a similar or enhanced contribution.

After consideration, the committee approved £240,000 of funding for the Glasgow City Heritage Trust and £50,000 of funding for the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust for the financial year 2023/24.

Councillor Cunningham noted his interest in this matter.

Glasgow Transport Strategy Part 2 and Strategic Environment Assessment – Next steps on public consultation approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 30th May 2023 (Print 2, page 39) noting the next steps of the public consultation of the Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), Part 2

and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the matter, advising that

(1) all local authorities in Scotland were expected to produce and regularly update a transport strategy and the GTS was the Council's overarching policy document on transport issues and aimed to guide and inform decision-making on transport in the city;

(2) the development of the GTS had followed a multi-criteria appraisal approach based on the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) and the key parts of the STAG process that had been addressed, as detailed in the report;

(3) the Spatial Delivery Framework (SDF) was the spatial response to the Policy Framework and added spatial dimensions to several policies within the Policy Framework, however notwithstanding this, the GTS sat underneath the City Development Plan, as the local development plan was the key spatial planning document for the city, with work being undertaken for the GTS informing the evidence gathering process for the next City Development Plan and the transport elements within it;

(4) the SDF provided greater transparency over the Council's aspirations for sustainable transport and aimed to guide project development, consultation and decision-making, as detailed in the report;

(5) the GTS Policy Framework already set out national and regional policy influences and synergies and there was significant synergy between the Council's GTS SDF and key national documents published over the past year, including, the National Planning Framework 4 and the Scottish Transport Projects Review 2; and

(6) it was proposed that a public and stakeholder consultation on the GTS SDF, the SEA Environmental report and the EqlA, as detailed in the report be undertaken for a period of 6-weeks from 31st August 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the next steps on the public consultation of the Glasgow Transport Strategy Part 2, the Strategic Environmental Assessment report and the EqIA.

Thriving Glasgow City Portrait definitions approved.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 8th August 2023 (Print 3, page 68) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Thriving Glasgow City Portrait definitions, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green

Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that during COP26, the Council had made a political commitment to become a Thriving City and, to progress this work, Glasgow had committed to working with C40, who were a global network of mayors from the world's leading cities that were united in action to address the climate crisis;

(2) that the Thriving Cities Initiative (TCI) was a key programme of work led by C40, to address those issues and TCI used an iterative approach to support cities in addressing unsustainable consumption to help achieve the targets of the Paris Agreement and improve equity, quality of life and economic livelihoods in cities and Glasgow, through its hosting of COP26 and its work in addressing the climate and ecological emergency, had been invited to be part of this work;

(3) of the primary aims and goals and work completed to date on the TCI which included the development of the Thriving Glasgow City Portrait (TGCP), led by the Gallant team at the University of Glasgow, together with the thriving definitions that made up the TGCP, as outlined in an appendix to the report; and

(4) of the outputs and next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the Thriving Glasgow City Portrait definitions.

A Vision and Plan for the Golden Z approved etc.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 15th August 2023 (Print 3, page 49) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the content of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented the said report, advising

(1) that the new draft Vision and Plan had been funded by the Scottish Government City Centre Recovery Funding and was part of a package of projects targeted to stimulate post pandemic recovery that had been progressed by the City Centre Task Force;

(2) that the Vision and Plan for the Golden Z was a strategic planning project that sought to explore the specific post pandemic challenges and opportunities of the city centre's key iconic streets and aimed to define a renewed development direction to re-energise the retail core and manage its transition to become more diverse, green and resilient in the future;

(3) that the Vision and Plan responded to the need for city centres to refocus in a post pandemic climate and nature emergency context and outlined a

responsive development trajectory for the Golden Z, that would provide clarity and confidence to investors, developers, residents and businesses;

(4) of the project team and stakeholder engagement undertaken, as detailed in the report, with a concluding stakeholder event being held on 14th August 2023 to allow stakeholders to reflect on the new draft Vision and Plan;

(5) of the new Vision and Plan key messages, with the main body of the report structured around 6 themes, as detailed in the report, and the final section summarising the key actions required to deliver the Vision; and

(6) of the next steps, with recommendations and actions on the new Vision and Plan informing the development of the City Centre Strategy and the review of the City Development Plan.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the content of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z; and

(b) noted that

(i) the ambitions and actions in the new Vision and Plan would be reflected in the Council's forthcoming new City Centre Strategy; and

(ii) ongoing dialogue would continue with stakeholders, to deliver the ambitions of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply programme – Allocation of underspend funding 2022/23 approved etc.

10 With reference to the minutes of 20th April 2023 (Print 1, page 51) approving the programme of recommendations from the Glasgow Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply programme from 1st May 2023 to 31st March 2025, Bailie Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, presented a report on the implementation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply programme, advising

(1) that the allocation of funding included £122,202 originated from a £1,363,542 carry forward of funds from 2022/23, leaving a balance of £1,241,340 to be allocated for expenditure in 2023/24;

(2) that Glasgow Life was acting on behalf of the Council to manage, monitor and report on the Glasgow allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Multiple programme for the period up to 31st March 2025 and additional multiply programmes and services had been identified through a number of managed approaches; and

(3) of a proposed allocation of funding totalling £1,241,340 for 6 multiply project activity in Glasgow in 2023/24 from the unallocated carry forward underspend funds from 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the progress to date on the implementation of the Glasgow Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply programme; and

(b) approved the programme of recommendations from the Glasgow Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply programme from 1st October 2023 to 31st March 2024, as detailed in the report.

Introduction of neonatal care leave and pay and signing up to Charter 2.0 approved.

11 With reference to the minutes of the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee of 10th August 2023 (Print 3, page 74) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the enhancement of the Council's Employment Conditions of Service Leave to include additional paid leave for employees with babies in neonatal care, Councillor Casey, City Convener for Workforce & Homelessness and Addiction Services, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that neonatal care was the specialist medical care babies under 28 days of age received in hospital shortly after birth and that the inflexibility of current parental leave legislation made it difficult for many families when their baby would have to remain in hospital for weeks or months;

(2) that the financial impact of having a baby in neonatal care was also significant with more than half of families reporting their finances as a barrier to being involved in their baby's care;

(3) that the Smallest Things charity, who supported premature babies and their families, had reported that the average stay in neonatal care cost families in excess of £2,994 due to the costs of travel, parking etc and that many parents were forced to return to work earlier than intended with 80% of parents saying that their mental health had worsened;

(4) of the Neonatal (Leave and Pay) Act 2023, expected to be implemented in April 2025, that would support parents of babies who were admitted to hospital up to the age of 28 days and remained there for a continued period of 7 days or more;

(5) of the UK Government's consultation on the Bill and the campaign that urged the UK Government to adjust its implementation timeline to bring it in earlier and for employers to provide support above and beyond the new statutory requirements by signing up to the "Employer with Heart" Charter 2.0;

(6) of good practice in other Councils, this Council's current position and a proposal that the Council sign up to the "Employer with Heart" Charter 2.0 to

make a public commitment to best practice and set a good example that other organisations would follow; and

(7) of the implications for the Council.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed that

(i) the Council would take immediate steps to implement additional leave and pay provisions to support employees with premature or full-term sick babies in neonatal care ahead of the Neonatal (Leave and Pay) Act 2023, which was expected to come into effect in April 2025;

(ii) the Council's provisions for employees with premature babies in neonatal care would be aligned to the best practice standards and guidance set out in the "Employer with Heart" Charter 2.0 and that employees, who had premature babies would be provided with an extra weeks' leave at full pay for every week until their baby's official due date;

(iii) employees with full-term babies in neonatal care because they were sick would receive an extra week's leave at full pay for every week their baby remained in neonatal care, this provision would be available for up to 16 weeks, aligning to the maximum leave needed to support employees with premature babies from their birth date to their actual due date; and

(iv) the Council would sign up to the "Employer with Heart" Charter 2.0 to make a public commitment to best practice and to set a good example that other organisations would hopefully follow.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 14th September 2023.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Richard Bell (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Susan Aitken, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly (substitute for Thomas Kerr), Greg Hepburn, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Anne McTaggart (substitute for Ruairi Kelly), Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Kieran Turner (substitute for Jill Pidgeon) and Martha Wardrop and James Hamilton and Lorraine Legrix.

Also present: Elaine Gallagher.

Apologies: Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; I Robertson, Director of City Development; C Edgar, Director of Communications and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Governance and Corporate Policy and; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Learning Estate Investment Programme funding phase 2 – Gaelic Medium School, Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig a' Chailtainn (Ward 9) and Linburn Academy (Ward 4) – Capital funding approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of 29th September 2022 (Print 3, page 349) agreeing to transfer the current Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) funding phase 2 from the city centre school project to the replacement Linburn Academy (Ward 4) project and the minutes of 25th February 2021 (Print 5, page 271) approving a development budget of up to £1m as the Council's contribution towards an additional Gaelic medium school and a new primary school to meet the Gorbals/Tradeston/Laurieston area capacity issues, Councillor Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the proposed investment required to address the 2 LEIP funded projects at Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig a' Chailtainn (Ward 9) and Linburn Academy, advising that

(1) the new Gaelic medium school, Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig a' Chailtainn was not a new-build school, but focused on the re-use of the former St James' Primary School, a B-listed parish school building which had closed in 2009 and the current project would bring the school back into use by fully refurbishing and

extending it to become Glasgow's 4th Gaelic medium primary school, accommodating up to 416 pupils;

(2) Scottish Government funding of £2.8m had been secured for the development of the additional Gaelic medium school and together with the Council's contribution, the total available funding for the project was £3.3m;

(3) the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) had confirmed that if all the funding conditions were met, the level of funding for the Gaelic medium school would be in the order of £7.935m, which included an additional £0.57m which the SFT would provide due to the additional costs involved in developing a listed building;

(4) the estimated cost in 2019 for the additional Gaelic medium school had been around £16.5m and at that point the estimated contribution from the Council was £8.25m, however the latest cost plan for the project had indicated increased costs for a number of reasons, as detailed in the report;

(5) based on the latest forecast of the total project cost for the additional Gaelic medium school and the SFT funding available, the contribution required by the Council would increase from around £8.25m to around £12.103m, which included additional funding for roof repairs to protect the asset;

(6) LEIP funding had been switched to Linburn Academy, an additional support for learning school which was no longer fit for purpose in terms of its condition and suitability and was the only remaining school in the city which would meet the criteria of the original LEIP 2 fund;

(7) initial plans had been worked-up for an extensive refurbishment and extension of the existing Linburn Academy at an estimated cost of £9.2m which would bring the building up to a standard capable of accommodating up to 48 pupils; and

(8) the SFT funding for the Linburn Academy project was estimated at £3.282m, however this fiqure was likely to be subject to an inflationary increase and in 2021 when development funding had been sought, anticipated funding required to be provided by the Council was £13m, however given the passage of time and the external factors, as detailed in the report, the total funding now required from the Council for the project was £17.52m, an increase of £4.52m.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved

(i) an allocation of up to £11.603m to fund the required works for Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig a' Chailtainn; and

(ii) an allocation of up to £5.918m to fund the required works for Linburn Academy; and

(b) noted that officers would continue to work on a city centre solution to ensure appropriate school capacity.

Just Transition Work Group report and recommendations approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Monitoring City Policy Committee of 8th August 2023 (Print 3, page 65) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the report and recommendations of the Just Transition Working Group (JTWG), Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report on the matter, advising

(1) that the JTWG had a 6-month period to consider evidence, gather views and to come to an initial set of conclusions and had focussed on 4 areas for discussion, namely, governmental just transition and planning approaches, private sector preparation, the role of citizens, trade unions and communities and Council actions to enable transition; and

(2) of the recommendations of the JTWG together with the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration and having heard Bailie Elaine Gallagher, Chair of the Just Transition Working Group, the committee

(a) approved the report and recommendations of the Just Transition Working Group; and

(b) noted that a further report and action plan for the implementation of the recommendations would be submitted to the Net Zero and Climate Monitoring City Policy Committee.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Projects for funding approved – Declaration of interest.

3 With reference to the minutes of 18th August 2022 (Print 2, page 284) approving a range of projects to be delivered by the Council and funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the development of 2 further UKSPF programmes under the Communities and Place and Supporting Local Business themes, advising

(1) that the Glasgow City Region's (GCR) Economic Strategy aimed to have the most innovative, inclusive and resilient economy in the UK by 2030 and Innovative Districts supported place-based innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem, creating the conditions to generate positive employment, training and productivity outcomes at scale;

(2) that 2 of the GCR Innovation Districts were located within the Glasgow City Boundary, namely the Glasgow City Innovation District which was the first Innovation District in Scotland and the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District which spans the River Clyde from the Western Campus at the University of Glasgow to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital;

(3) of an Innovation Accelerator pilot which Glasgow was 1 of 3 regions across the UK which had been pre-selected for an equal share of £100m investment;

(4) of the Regional Innovation action plan;

(5) that the Council currently provided funding through core budgets to Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities to support the 2 GCRs Innovation Districts within the Glasgow City Boundary and it was proposed that there be a continuation of the existing support provided, using UKSPF, as detailed in the report;

(6) that it was proposed that £270,000 of UKSPF per University was used to carry out innovation activity that followed on from the £33m invested in the city region through the Innovation Accelerator Pilot, as detailed in the report;

(7) that established structures were in place within both Universities to ensure appropriate governance, as detailed in the report and it was proposed that subject to satisfactory delivery and compliance, that a further £1,080,000 of UKSPF funding was invested to continue this activity in the financial year 2024/25; and

(8) that the Net Zero Neighbourhoods project would see £125,000 of UKSPF monies under the Communities and Place theme and would pilot a new governance and finance model for street-by-street and place-based housing retrofit through exploring different models of finance across housing tenure types in a selected neighbourhood in the city.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the projects, as detailed in the report; and

(b) noted that progress updates would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee on an annual basis.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Siddique declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Projects for funding approved.

4 With reference to the minutes of 18th August 2022 (Print 2, page 284) approving a range of projects to be delivered by the Council and funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report

regarding proposed adjustments to 3 previously approved projects funded through the UKSPF namely Business Support, Ecosystem Growth and Multiply, advising that

(1) an analysis of the SPF Business Support programmes over the last 5 months had indicated the capacity to redirect funding to support an additional complementary programme;

(2) the EXTEND programme comprised of a proposal to grant-fund the University of Glasgow's EXTEND team to deliver 500 carbon baseline reports to businesses across the Glasgow City Region, with 308 delivered to Glasgow businesses and it was proposed that the EXTEND programme be awarded £231,786 of funding from the SPF over the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25;

(3) the Ecosystem Growth programme had identified the need to support incubation and acceleration activity and it was proposed that £257,000 of funding from the SPF be awarded to the Smart Things Accelerator Centre which was a leader in delivering cutting edge acceleration and incubation support programmes that equipped entrepreneurs with the skills and structures to compete internationally and build SMEs to scale and realise the market opportunities;

(4) this committee on 24th February 2022 (Print 7, page 501) had approved £628,676 of funding to deliver the Step Up to Net Zero programme, a circular economy demonstrator delivered by the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and the programme had now been concluded, with a comprehensive evaluation reporting that it had been extremely successful in its aim of supporting businesses to adopt circular principles and practices that would contribute to realising the city's net-zero carbon ambitions; and

(5) this committee on 31st August 2023 (page 36 hereof) had approved £544,336 of funding from the underspend from the Multiply programme to support phase 2 of the Step Up to Net Zero programme and it was proposed that the underspend of £40,000 identified from the original award of funding to the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce be utilised for Phase 2 of the programme, which would give a total budget of approximately £585,000 to support a further 30 businesses to participate in the programme, as well as extending the work placements from 4 months to 6 months.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the programmes, as detailed in the report; and

(b) noted

(i) the proposed changes, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) that progress updates on the Shared Prosperity Fund would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee on an annual basis.

Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund 2022/23 – Allocation of underspend approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of 31st August 2023 (page 29 hereof) agreeing to continue until its next meeting consideration of the proposed alternative use of the identified underspend from the Cost-of-Living Support Fund 2022/23, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the Council on 17th February 2022 (Print 7, page 472) had approved an allocation of £3m to the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund from its 2022/23 budgets and that the Fund had been administered between several Council services;

(2) of the projects that had been awarded a total of £3,001,666 from the Fund 2022/23;

(3) that £1m of funding had been allocated to the Wise Group's Glasgow Fuel Support project which had been introduced to mitigate the dramatic rise in fuel costs, as average household bills rose by up to 54%, with the project specifically targeting families based on a local data analysis;

(4) that demand for the offer which had commenced in October 2022 had initially been high, particularly in January and February 2023, however the growing range of UK and Scotland wide supports provided directly to citizens, as well as funds accessible through financial inclusion providers and a fall in average wholesale energy prices had all contributed to a significant decline in demand for this offer;

(5) that this declining demand had meant that to date only 50% of the Glasgow Fuel Support project allocated budget had been spent, leaving a balance of £500,000; and

(6) that it was proposed that the £500,000 underspend from the Glasgow Fuel Support project continued to be targeted on family support, building on partnership working that had been developed across the Child Poverty Pathfinder and the Children's Services and that £200,000 of the underspend be allocated to the Integrated Joint Board to invest further innovative Children Services initiatives and that the remaining £300,000 be allocated to the Child Poverty Pathfinder to invest in activities aligned to the outcome of the Glasgow Promise Project consultation, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the proposed use of the underspend, as detailed in the report; and

(b) noted

(i) the allocations made from the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund 2022/23;

(ii) the identified Glasgow Fuel Support project underspend;

(iii) that an update on the detailed allocation of this underspend would be brought back to the appropriate committee; and

(iv) that a further paper detailing the impact of the Cost-of-Living Support Fund 2022/23 in its entirety would be brought to this committee prior to the end of the calendar year.

Whole Family Wellbeing Fund – Allocation of funding to Healthier Wealthier Children project approved.

6 Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding proposals to fund the Healthier Wealthier Children (HWC) project from the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF), advising

(1) that a £500m Scotland wide WFWF had been established to transform the delivery of family support which formed part of the delivery of the Promise and the outcome of the Independent Care Review;

(2) that the intention of the fund was to shift the focus towards prevention and early intervention, address failure demand and reduce crisis intervention through new and transformative approaches and a first tranche of funding had been made available to local authorities with Glasgow receiving around £19m over 4 years;

(3) that the HWC pilot project had enabled midwives and health visitors to explore and respond to poverty issues with families and funding from the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership had been used to enable delivery in the first part of the year to ensure continuation of provision, however this could not be sustained beyond October 2023 when the pilot would finish; and

(4) of how the WFWF would assist in supporting families and proposing that a total of £225,286.85 of funding from the WFWF be awarded to 6 financial advice agencies, as detailed in the report to deal with referrals received, with the funding being dispersed as part of the financial mechanisms for payment to the financial advice sector applied by the Council.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the background to the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund; and

(b) approved the allocation of £225,286.85 of funding from the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund to the Healthier Wealthier Children project for 2023/24, as detailed in the report.

Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund 2023/24 – Acceptance of external funding approved.

7 Councillor Millar, Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the proposed acceptance of external funding from Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund 2023/24, advising

(1) of the key objectives of the Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund which reflected the Council's policy framework for road safety as set out in Glasgow's Road Safety Plan 2020-30; and

(2) that this was the first year that Transport Scotland had provided this specific fund and it was proposed that 13 road safety projects along with a contingency fund, as detailed in the report be awarded a total of £941,711 of external funding from the Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund 2023/24.

After consideration, the committee approved the acceptance of £941,711 in external funding from Transport Scotland for projects that aligned to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 28th September 2023.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Matt Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Kieran Turner (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone) and Martha Wardrop and James Hamilton and Lorraine Legrix.

Apologies: Thomas Kerr and Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; C Edgar, Director of Communications and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; L Heggie, Head of Strategic Information, Innovation and Technology; D MacLeod (for the Executive Director of Education Services); D Booker and G Smith (for the Director of Regional Economic Growth); S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and A Crawford (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Partner Commissioning Arrangements – Proposals approved etc.

1 With reference to the minutes of the Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee of 17th August 2023 (Print 3, page 57) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of proposals for Partner Commissioning Arrangements, Councillor Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the matter, advising that

(1) as part of a robust internal planning process, the Council had been seeking to determine a sustainable commissioning rate which, whilst providing best value for the Council, also supported funded providers to deliver statutory early learning and childcare places to Glasgow families in line with the expectations of the National Standard operating guidance;

(2) the Council continued to engage with the Scottish Government and the Improvement Service to determine robust methodology to support the establishment of a commissioning rate which would work for both funded providers and deliver best value to the Council;

(3) it was proposed that the commissioning rate of £6.00 per hour for each funded eligible child aged 3-5 years and £7.11 for each funded eligible child

aged 2 years old would be payable from August 2023 for a 1-year period, and would be subject to future years' review, and that the uplift cost of the increase in the commissioning rate for 2023/24 would be met from the Early Learning and Childcare Revenue Budget;

(4) in addition to the rate per hour all funded children were also entitled to a free school meal each day as part of their statutory entitlement, which was payable daily over and above the hourly rate per child, and that the current daily rate for provision of that meal was £3 per child per day to a maximum of 5 meals per week;

(5) an amount of £0.582 was also available as part of the Scottish Government funded Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme for each funded provider per child for the number of days attended;

(6) there was no proposal to change either the meal rate of £3 or the Scottish Government funded snack rate of £0.582 for 2023/24;

(7) the Scottish Government had made a commitment from April 2024 to provide the necessary funding to increase the pay of those working in the private, voluntary and independent sector to deliver funded early learning and childcare to at least £12 per hour; and

(8) the financial impact of the cost uplift for 2023/24 was in the region of £648,000.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved

(i) an increase in the commissioning rate to £6.00 per child per hour from August 2023 for eligible 3-5 year olds; and

(ii) an increase in the commissioning rate to £7.11 per child per hour from August 2023 for eligible 2 year olds; and

(b) noted that a further review of rates in 2023/24 might be required once more clarity was available from the Scottish Government on the proposal to fund salaries at a minimum of £12 per hour from April 2024.

Glasgow Investment Strategy 2023-30 approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 15th August 2023 (Print 3, page 49) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Glasgow Investment Strategy 2023-30, Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the strategy, advising that

(1) approval was being sought by Invest Glasgow to launch a new strategy to succeed the existing strategy which had covered the period from 2019-23;

(2) the new strategy was built on the ethical investment principles mirroring the 3 grand challenges set out in the Glasgow Economic Strategy 2022-30, that it was in step with the values outlined in the Scottish Government's 2022 Inward Investment Plan "Shaping Scotland's Economy" and was also built on the investment achievements from the previous strategy while taking account of the impacts of Brexit and the pandemic;

(3) Invest Glasgow had identified a set of 15 key actions through which delivery of strategic ambitions would be made and that collaboration would take place with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure success;

(4) once approved, the strategy would be published using the Foleon digital publishing tool using images and infographics to create a more dynamic and visual document, with the finished document being accessible on the Invest Glasgow website; and

(5) Invest Glasgow would record all leads and track investments to clearly measure how Glasgow was performing using key performance indicators.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the contents of the report; and

(b) approved the Glasgow Investment Strategy 2023-30.

Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance approved etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee of 27th September 2022 (Print 3, page 370) noting the draft Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance for consultation and that following the consultation exercise, a report on the outcomes would be submitted to this committee for approval, Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the matter,

(1) advising that

(a) the Antonine Wall ran through 5 local authority areas across central Scotland, Falkirk, North Lanarkshire, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire and in July 2008, it was designated as a World Heritage Site and had become an extension of the trans-national Frontiers of the Roman Empire (FRE) World Heritage Site (WHS) which included Hadrian's Wall in England and the German Llimes;

(b) the 5 local authorities had agreed to a joint planning policy relating to the safeguarding of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site and this was duplicated in each local authority's development plan;

(c) the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 gave authorities the power to adopt statutory Supplementary Guidance (SG) as part of the Development Plan and produce non-statutory Supplementary Planning Guidance, as detailed in the report;

(d) a draft update to the existing FRE (Antonine Wall) WHS Supplementary Planning Guidance had been prepared jointly by the FRE (Antonine Wall) Protection Group which comprised of the 5 local authority areas which the Antonine Wall ran through and Historic Environment Scotland; and

(e) all 5 local authorities had consulted on the draft SG and the FRE (Antonine Wall) Steering Group had considered the responses received and had agreed the final piece of the SG which would provide SG consistency between all authorities; and

(2) proposing that the final Antonine Wall World Heritage Site SG be approved and submitted to the Scottish Government with a view to adoption.

After consideration, the committee

(i) approved the final Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance; and

(ii) noted that the final Antonine Wall World Heritage site Supplementary Guidance and statement of publicity would be sent to Scottish Ministers with a view to adoption.

Glasgow Tourism Strategy 2030 approved.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Sustainability City Policy Committee of 15th August 2023 (Print 3, page 51) when it had agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the refreshed Glasgow Tourism Strategy 2030, Bailie Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, presented a report on the strategy, advising

(1) that Glasgow Life was responsible for the review, development and implementation of the city's new Tourism Strategy 2030, in partnership with stakeholders, VisitScotland, this Council, Scottish Enterprise and industry and as the lead for tourism, events and conventions to deliver the refresh Tourism Strategy to 2030;

(2) that the strategy was intended to provide a strategic framework that would inform and shape the future of Glasgow's visitor economy through to 2030, developed through a process of extensive consultations with diverse city

stakeholders, research on the market sector and resident sentiment, it was intended as a strategy for the city, from which a wide range of stakeholders would be able to take their lead;

(3) that the review and consultation process had been thorough and wide reaching, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the project outcomes of the strategy aimed to support the national tourism strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030, Glasgow's Economic Strategy and the Glasgow City Regional Economic Strategy and in doing so, the plan would embed the aims of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to ensure Glasgow was promoting the benefits of responsible tourism;

(5) that the Tourism Strategy to 2030 would focus on 5 strategic priorities namely, increase the value of tourism to Glasgow's economy, enhance experiences offered, create value for Glasgow's people through the tourism sector, support vibrant places across the city and surrounding region and deliver tourism in a sustainable and inclusive way and each would have a 2-year action plan; and

(6) of the next steps and action planning, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the work carried out to refresh the Glasgow Tourism Strategy to 2030; and

(b) approved and adopted the refreshed Glasgow Tourism Strategy 2030.

Invitation to attend UN Climate Change Conference, COP28 – Representation etc agreed.

5 Councillor Hepburn, Council Business Manager and Convener for Open Government, presented a report regarding the proposed attendance of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Aitken at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP28 being held in the United Arab Emirates from 30th November to 12th December 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(1) agreed to be represented by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Aitken at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP28 being held in the United Arab Emirates from 30th November to 12th December 2023;

(2) intimated that it believed that the purpose of the COP meetings should be to drive international agreement towards tangible actions that were necessary to meet the requirements of the Paris agreement to stay within 1.5 degrees of warming and calls on national participants to work towards that aim;

(3) expressed its deep concerns that the recent actions of the UK Government in backtracking on its net zero commitments and approving the Rosebank oil

and gas field severely harm its ability to have influence on a global stage as well as delivery of necessary actions domestically and condemned and opposed these reckless decisions; and

(4) noted the concerns of human rights organisations regarding the hosting of COP28 in UAE in relation to restrictions on protest and on the rights of LGBTQ+ people, and in relation to its oil and gas expansion plans and requested that the Leader of the Council, Councillor Aitken meet with civil society partners regarding human rights and greenwashing concerns, prior to or whilst attending the summit, and agreed that she should raise these concerns in any engagement with relevant UAE authorities.

Review of Health and Social Care Integration Scheme – Consultation approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership regarding work ongoing to review the Integration Scheme between the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, advising

(1) that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 required Integration Schemes to be reviewed within a relevant period of 5 years from initial publication;

(2) that the Integration Schemes for the 6 Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) across the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board area had received parliamentary approval at different times and as a result were subject to different review schedules, however to ensure consistency, where possible, and to reduce duplication of effort, simultaneous reviews would be carried out which would enable the revised Integration Schemes to be agreed at the same time;

(3) that to take forward the joint review of the scheme, a pan-Partnership Working Group, Chaired by the Chief Officer of East Dunbartonshire HSCP and comprising of representatives from all 6 HSCPs and the Health Board had been established to progress the review, however the review had been delayed for a number of reasons, as detailed in the report;

(4) of proposed minor changes for the Glasgow HSCP and of a proposed substantive change in relation to local governance arrangements in that the term of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board would be extended from 1 year to 2 years, which would bring Glasgow into line with that of the other HSCPs in the Health Board area;

(5) that in accordance with section 46 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the draft revised Integration Scheme was required to be subject to consultation with the prescribed consultees, as detailed in the report, and

(6) it was proposed that the consultation would run from October 2023 to January 2024 and following the consultation exercise, the feedback received would be

used to make the necessary revisions to the draft Scheme, which would be submitted to this committee for approval in February/March 2024 and subsequently to the Cabinet Secretary for Ministerial approval.

After consideration, the committee approved the draft revised Integration Scheme, for consultation, as detailed in the report.

Exclusion of public.

7 The committee, resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the remaining item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Adjournment.

8 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1255 hours until 1310 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

9 The meeting resumed at 1310 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present:	Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique, Kieran Turner (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone) and Martha Wardrop.
Apologies:	Thomas Kerr and Cecilia O'Lone.
Attending:	M Hughes (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; C Edgar, Director of Communications and Corporate Governance; L Heggie, Head of Strategic Information, Innovation and Technology; D MacLeod (for the Executive Director of Education Services); and S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Future of digital and ICT Services – Preferred option agreed – Funding approved - Authority to Chief Executive.

10 With reference to the minutes of 1st September 2022 (Print 3, page 348) approving the development of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the future delivery of the Council's digital and ICT services and instructing officers to conclude this work and report back to the appropriate committee on the outcome by early 2024 or sooner, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the conclusions from the OBC developed for the future delivery of the digital and ICT services, advising

(1) of the background to the Future of ICT project and that the starting point for the OBC was the short-list of 5 options from the Strategic Business Case, as detailed in the report;

(2) that the OBC had been a complex undertaking involving extensive information gathering, diligence, analysis and stakeholder engagement;

(3) that the analysis and evidence had informed the identification of the preferred option, as detailed into the report, and referred to as the Road to Multi-Source Strategy;

(4) of the HR and staffing considerations and financial model of the preferred option; and

(5) of the proposed next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report and the progress made on the OBC;

(b) approved

(i) the recommended preferred option and Road to Multi-Source Strategy for the future of digital and ICT services, subject to completion of the Full Business Case (FBC), and delegated authority to the Chief Executive to conclude the FBC and necessary legal agreements on terms satisfactory to the Council; and

(ii) the funding requests, as detailed in the report, noting that officers could provide further briefings to committee members on the OBC, including the financial model, as required; and

(c) agreed in terms of Standing Order No 30(7), that this decision would not be subject to the call-in process for the reasons set out, in the report.

ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 26th September 2023.

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee.

Present:	Martha Wardrop (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Alexander Belic (substitute for Graham Campbell), Eva Bolander, Anthony Carroll, Laura Doherty, Sean Ferguson, Ann Jenkins, Robert Mooney, Kenny McLean (substitute for Allan Casey), Linda Pike, Soryia Siddique and Kieran Turner.
Also present:	Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar.
Apologies:	Graham Campbell and Allan Casey.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); C Connolly (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted etc.

1 There was submitted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 15th August 2023.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the responses; and

(2) that responses to any questions raised at this meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of this committee.

City Centre Strategy 2024-30 – Proposed public consultation noted – Reference to City Administration Committee.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 and the planned consultation activity, advising

(1) that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 had halted many of the City Centre Strategy 2014-19 delivery plans, resulting in a different response to the immediate situation and the City Centre Recovery Plan 2022-24 was subsequently developed to focus on business recovery, given the extent and duration of restrictions placed on the city centre during the pandemic and that this had been supported by the establishment of a City Centre Task Force;

(2) that whilst the impacts of COVID-19 had had a profound effect on the city centre, this draft strategy was effectively the 2nd 5-year phase of the City Centre Strategy, with an updated approach due to the various external events of recent years;

(3) of a number of factors that had driven the approach to the new City Centre Strategy 2024-30;

(4) that the vision for the next period of the City Centre Strategy had been developed around 3 guiding Pillars, namely Magnetic Experience, Front Door to Innovation and A Place to Live and within each Pillar were a series of Big Movies, which were the thematic priorities, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 outlined a number of priority actions to be progressed over the planned period and these actions would directly support the Big Movies and Pillar approach, ensuring that resources were targeted accordingly and these priority actions contained a number of sub-projects and actions;

(6) of the proposed Governance arrangements;

(7) that to support Phase 1 of the City Centre Strategy 2014-19, the Council had allocated £6.3m of capital funding to support direct intervention and to lever in other sources of funding to support improvements within the city centre and it was estimated that a fund of up to £5m would be required to support the updated 7-year strategy; and

(8) of the proposed public consultation on the strategy.

After consideration and having heard Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the request for additional capital funding of up to £5m;

(ii) the intention to commence the public consultation following approval by the City Administration Committee for 6-weeks from 20th October to 3rd December 2023; and

(iii) that the outcome of the public consultation would be reported back to this committee prior to seeking approval of the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 by the City Administration Committee in early 2024; and

(b) referred the report to the City Administration Committee for approval to proceed to public consultation.

Adjournment.

3 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1420 hours until 1430 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

4 The meeting resumed at 1430 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present:	Martha Wardrop (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Alexander Belic (substitute for Graham Campbell), Eva Bolander, Anthony Carroll, Laura Doherty, Sean Ferguson, Ann Jenkins, Robert Mooney, Kenny McLean (substitute for Allan Casey), Linda Pike, Soryia Siddique and Kieran Turner.
Also present:	Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar.
Apologies:	Graham Campbell and Allan Casey.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); C Connolly (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an overview of how the Council had responded to reports of dampness, condensation and mould within housing, advising

(1) that there had been a number of high profile cases of dampness and condensation in housing over recent times and dampness and condensation was known to adversely affect the health of vulnerable people, such as babies and immunocompromised individuals;

(2) of the effects of dampness, condensation and mould in properties;

(3) of the reporting of dampness complaints and the recording of these complaints;

(4) of the responsibilities and enforcement powers that the Council had to deal with complaints of dampness, condensation and mould within a property;

(5) that complaints of condensation dampness accounted for approximately 3% of all reactive service requests received by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Environmental Health on an annual basis and a new referral process had been drawn up and distributed to relevant groups, organisations and other Council services to signpost complaints/enquiries

directly to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Environmental Health to enable more accurate recording of the extent of the issues and enable appropriate responses and support to be provided to residents;

(6) that an approach to retrofitting homes was currently being developed for housing in the city which would inform the long-term strategy for the insulation and heating of existing homes, as detailed in the report;

(7) of a range of initiatives being undertaken by Registered Social Landlords in the city to prevent and better respond to house condition issues; and

(8) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.

Private Sector Housing Grant programme 2022/23 and priorities for 2023/24 noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the allocation of the Private Sector Housing Grant programme (PSHG) funding for 2022/23 and priorities for 2023/24, advising

(1) that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, enacted in 2009, had introduced a new policy framework for private sector housing, with a greater focus being placed on owners to take responsibility for the maintenance and repair of their properties and the results of a property condition survey of around 500 pre-1919 tenement properties carried out across the city between late 2018 and early 2020 had highlighted that around 5% of these buildings were in a state of serious disrepair;

(2) that 2 of the strategic priorities identified within the Glasgow Housing Strategy 2023-28 was to improve the condition of existing housing stock and to preserve Glasgow's tenements and built heritage and to improve the energy efficiency of Glasgow's homes, as the fabric condition of existing properties must be in a good state of repair in order to improve the energy efficiency of the building;

(3) that based on the 2019 Scottish Government statistics, 66% of the city's housing stock was in private ownership and a particular area of concern was the condition of the 9,950 pre-1919 tenement properties in the city and that disrepair could now be found in many areas of the city, with repair and maintenance problems becoming more prevalent in more modern tenement developments in private ownership; and

(4) of the budget and expenditure for the PSHG programme for 2022/23.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the PSHG programme budget for 2022/23 totalling £7.688m; and

(b) the programme proposals for 2023/24, which included tackling a range of private housing repair and property management issues across the city, through a new area-based initiative while re-stating the Council's commitment to the provision of PSHG funding for programme priorities.

Council's aspirations to reduce impact of M8 on Glasgow City Centre – Update noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the Council's aspirations to reduce the impact of the M8 corridor on Glasgow City Centre, advising

(1) that the M8 which was owned, operated and maintained by Transport Scotland was the busiest motorway in Scotland, connecting Glasgow to the west and north-west of Scotland and to Edinburgh and the east of Scotland with part of it running through the centre of Glasgow, separating the City Centre from the north and west of the city and this barrier had created a negative impact on the city centre as a place in terms of community severance, pollution, noise and blight of adjacent land;

(2) that the issues around the M8 had been well documented and captured in core policy documents, as detailed in the report;

(3) that in March 2023, a formal request had been made in writing on behalf of the Council by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre to the Transport Minister, to begin engagement with the Scottish Government at both political and officer level on the scoping of actions to rethink the role of the M8 motorway, including its relationship with Glasgow city centre;

(4) of the short, medium and long term future of the city centre stretch of the M8 that the Council was seeking to explore, as detailed in the report;

(5) that in May 2023, the Council had received a formal response to its request and the Minister for Transport had expressed support for Scottish Government officials to have initial discussions with the Council on the potential shared benefits and impacts of the specific points raised;

(6) that a meeting between officers from the Council and Transport Scotland to discuss aspirations for the M8 motorway had been held on 23rd August 2023 and this was a positive discussion, with alignment of aspirations to reduce car vehicle kilometres with recognition of the desire to re-mode, reduce, re-route or re-time traffic that used the M8 motorway over the long-term and it was also agreed that research and evidence gathering was required to fully understand the problem and the nature of journeys being made currently on the M8 motorway, including by businesses;

(7) that Transport Scotland had indicated that some of the issues raised by the Council could be explored via the Business Case work for the Strategic

Transport Strategic Review project recommendation 14 on managed motorways, as detailed in the report;

(8) that it had been agreed that an annual progress meeting would be held between officers from the Council and Transport Scotland to discuss updates around the M8 motorway over and above any interim discussions on the actions, as detailed in the report; and

(9) that officers had proposed that an action plan for short, medium and long term aspirations be prepared to cover all of the Council's projects that interact with the M8 motorway between junctions 15 and 22, clearly identifying the role of Transport Scotland in these interventions to help facilitate collaboration and progress.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that further update reports would be submitted to this committee on the matter.

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 28th September 2023.

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present: Graham Campbell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Imran Alam, Richard Bell, Philip Braat (substitute for Fiona Higgins), Patricia Ferguson, Sean Ferguson (substitute for Fyeza Ikhlaq), Elaine Gallagher, Zen Ghani, Lilith Johnstone, Ruairi Kelly, Malcolm Mitchell and Catherine Vallis.

Apologies: Fiona Higgins and Fyeza Ikhlaq.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); J Miller (for the Executive Director of Education Services); and F Ross (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance).

Education Services' development activities related to equality – Update noted etc.

1 With reference to the minutes of 1st June 2023 (Print 2, page 48) when the committee noted an update regarding the developments and activities planned in relation to the equality agenda across Education Services, there was submitted a report providing a further update of the activities in relation to supporting the development of the equalities agenda across Education Services,

(1) advising

(a) of the work that had been undertaken between Education Services and anti-racism stakeholders to develop the Anti-Racism Charter which would be launched at the upcoming PARTIE23 event in October 2023;

(b) of the next steps that would be undertaken to roll out the aims of the Charter following its launch, which would involve all headteachers and other members of school staff;

(c) that an anti-racist and development group pilot would be created by key groups within Education Services to assist key members of staff in schools to consider how they might address racism and bias in their school and work towards becoming more anti-racist and race/culturally aware;

(d) of the school activities that would be undertaken to promote anti-racism across primary and secondary schools, as detailed in the report;

(e) of the work undertaken in both primary and secondary schools to deliver deaf education in order to provide a high quality inclusive learning environment with positive experiences for deaf learners;

(f) of the work undertaken by the Sensory Support Service whose aim was to support Glasgow learners who were deaf to access learning in mainstream establishments, which included the provision and maintenance of equipment that was appropriate for their needs;

(g) that Education Services contributed to British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 and the British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan 2017– 23 with an agreed joint BSL Action Plan which was shared by St Roch's Primary and Deaf School and St Roch's Secondary Department of Deaf Education to promote the use of BSL in both establishments and in the wider community; and

(h) that Education Services' Equalities team would continue to focus in the coming session on working to support collaboration and empowerment across the city, taking forward its aspirations linked to equalities; and

(2) detailing in the appendices to the report, Education Services' Anti-Racism Charter and roles and responsibilities of candidates on the BAME programme 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the developments planned and the activities in relation to the development of the equality agenda across Education Services; and

(ii) requested an annual report to be brought to this committee providing an update on the work ongoing in deaf education in Glasgow.

Collaboratively supporting improvement in Education – Update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the range of activities colleagues engaged in collaboratively to support improvement across schools in Glasgow, advising

(1) that Education Services' Supporting Improvement policy was presently under review to ensure that new policy articulated the links between current national and local frameworks, policies and initiatives, and focused on continuous improvement within education and continued to have self-evaluation as the first step in the process of achieving self-improvement in its establishments;

(2) that as part of the new 'All Learners All Achieving' document, one of the grand challenges was to develop a Networked Learning Organisation, of which these activities were fundamental to achieving, and feedback from colleagues was very positive about the impact of engagement and how it could improve outcomes for children and young people;

(3) that a Framework for Collaborative Improvement had been developed and was built on 7 action orientated dimensions, and that the framework embedded these dimensions to ensure every establishment was supported to become a learning powered establishment;

(4) the collaboration was between the school, central officers and peers across the city, and promoted partnership working to ensure that it achieved identified, sustainable improvements for children and young people while supporting leaders to shape their context with dynamic learning leadership;

(5) that the development of leadership across schools was fundamental to supporting improvement and that a clear leadership framework had been developed which started with empowering practitioners in their classes, through to encouraging colleagues to engage in a range of leadership development programmes; and

(6) of the collaborative activities that had taken place across Education Services to support improvement, as detailed in the report.

National Improvement Framework and Scottish Government Stretch Aims 2022/23 – Progress noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the outcomes related to the National Improvement Framework related to 2022/23 data from schools across Glasgow Education Service and the Stretch Aims for Glasgow Schools,

(1) advising that

(a) each year Education Services was required by the Scottish Government (SG) to present a report on its progress in each of the areas of the National Improvement Framework, and that the data required was determined by the SG;

(b) last year all local authority Education Services had been asked to work with their schools to determine Stretch Aims which involved schools looking at their Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels data for the previous years and using this to determine what schools felt were realistic targets for groups of children and young people in primary 1, 4 and 7 and secondary 3, and that secondary schools had also been asked to provide Stretch Aims for National 5 and 6 (Higher) SQA qualifications;

(c) attendance and exclusions data had been used as an indicator for the health and wellbeing Stretch Aim, and that the SG had accepted that these should be part of a longer process of 3-5 years and that reporting would take place later this year; and

(d) whilst Glasgow had not achieved its Stretch Aims goals, it had made good progress and in relation to literacy, would increase this Stretch Aim due to almost overtaking it in its first year; and

(2) detailing in an appendix to the report, Education Services' Annual National Improvement Framework 2023/24.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the progress of schools in many areas.

School meal debt principles – Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the application of good practice principles for school meal debt management and how these principles had been applied within Glasgow schools, advising

(1) that the good practice principles for school meal debt management had been developed by COSLA, with partners from across Local Government, and the purpose of the principles was to promote good practice in the management of school meal debt, whilst retaining a level of flexibility to enable local authorities to design and implement approaches which aligned with the unique needs and circumstances of their communities, and that decisions around school meal debt management, including all aspects of policy and practice, remained at the discretion of each local authority;

(2) of research that had been conducted into the prevalence of school meal debt in Scotland and the key findings from the results of this research, as detailed in the report;

(3) of Glasgow's own principles in the management of debt for school meals, as detailed in the report;

(4) that at no point would a child be refused a meal if they had no credit on their parent pay account; and

(5) that there had been a renewed focus on ensuring that schools had in place a process for debt management following a decision by the Council on 30th March 2023 (Print 3, page 8) to write off levels of debt held centrally.

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 3rd October 2023.

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee.

Present:	Elaine McSporran (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Anthony Carroll (substitute for Holly Bruce), John Carson, Stephen Curran, Stephen Docherty, Allan Gow, Alex Kerr, Kevin Lalley, Paul McCabe, Jon Molyneux and Franny Scally.
Also Present:	Ruairi Kelly.
Apologies:	Holly Bruce and Paul Carey.
Attending:	D Brand (Clerk); A Waddell, Director of City Operations, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a Winter Maintenance Plan for the period from November 2023 to April 2024, advising of

(1) the policy and management procedures for the winter maintenance service;

(2) the legislative position and that the Council aimed to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service within the resources available to allow for the safe passage of pedestrians, wheelers, cyclists and vehicles and to minimise delays due to winter weather and ensure operations were undertaken safely;

(3) the arrangements and resources in place for the winter period, including available vehicles and plant, treatment priorities, the decision-making process, arrangements for de-icing and grit bins and the communication strategy developed to provide severe weather information;

(4) the Council's Fleet Strategy 2020-30, including a replacement programme for small size mechanised plant and mounted gritters/brine tanks that would be delivered over the next 2 years to support footway and cycle way de-icing and the deployment of 20 hydrogen dual fuel gritters that had significant improvement in exhaust emissions compared to diesel gritters;

(5) the winter maintenance business continuity, including the potential impact of another wave of COVID-19; and

(6) matters considered when reviewing the Winter Maintenance Plan, with the Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 being attached as appendix 1 to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the

(a) contents of the report; and

(b) updated Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24.

Street Play 2024 – Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 1st December 2022 (Print 5, page 543) approving the City Centre Transport Plan, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a proposal for the Street Play initiative in 2024, advising

(1) of the initiative, which supported the City Centre Transport Plan and had been introduced to encourage regular removal of cars from local areas/roads and free them up for community/resident play;

(2) that the initiative was very much focussed on play rather than events and had varying success since its inception, which more recently had been likely due to a combination of the impact of COVID-19 and the reduction in publicity and promotion;

(3) of the current application process and of the proposal to increase the number of Street Play weekends from 2 to 4 across the year, with Glasgow Life continuing to support the initiative and the process of reimbursing the insurance costs;

(4) that a communication plan that supported the awareness and promoted the uptake of the initiative would be devised and implemented and a short survey would be issued to previous participants in October 2023 to try to identify what improvements could be made to increase uptake; and

(5) of the challenges in relation to the initiative and of the next steps, and that confirmation of the Street Play weekends would be shared via a launch of the initiative in January 2024.

Legal Wall Pilot Project - Approach to graffiti and street art and arrangements – Position noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 8th September 2022 (Print 3, page 323) regarding street art culture and instructing the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to report on proposed engagement with the street art community regarding the matter, the development of a business case for a pilot programme and on further actions that the Council could

take to support a vibrant street art culture, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a proposal for a Legal Wall Pilot Project, advising

(1) of the distinction between street art and graffiti and highlighting that both were considered forms of visual expression;

(2) of the objectives of the initiative and of the arrangements for a 6-month Legal Wall Pilot Project which would be undertaken at 2 sites in the city centre owned by the Council, at the north side of the Concert Hall Car Park and at Custom House Quay;

(3) that on completion of the project, an online toolkit would be developed that would support and guide applicants through a process for creating a legal graffiti wall;

(4) of the arrangements for site maintenance and of a proposal to establish a working group to support the project, including the development of a communication plan; and

(5) of the arrangements for the evaluation of the project and that a report on the outcome would be submitted to a future meeting of this committee.

Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan 2023/24 - Food Standard Scotland's audit report findings of implementation of Interventions Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) Food Law Enforcement Services noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan 2023/24 and the findings of Food Standard Scotland's (FSSs) audit of this Council's implementation of the Interventions Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) Food Law Enforcement Services, advising

(1) of the FSSs audit and its aims, which had taken place on 1st and 2nd November 2022 and was part of its arrangements to maintain and improve consumer protection and confidence in relation to food by ensuring that local authorities were providing an effective food law enforcement service;

(2) that the overall outcome of the audit had determined that there was insufficient assurance in that controls were not acceptable and had notable weaknesses and that the findings showed that there were significant weaknesses in the current risk, governance and control procedures to the extent that the delivery of objectives was at risk;

(3) of an action plan and progress in relation to the 9 recommended action points, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;

(4) of the impact of COVID-19 on the service and of current staffing resources and difficulties that had been experienced in recruiting appropriate staff, with

work ongoing both at a local and national level to address the root causes of the current recruitment crisis;

(5) that the FSS had recognised that the national deficit of Environmental Health staff had impacted on the delivery of the national food enforcement delivery programme and had initiated the Scottish Authority Food Enforcement Re-Build (SAFER) Project, which aimed to implement a new approach to food law implementation in Scotland; and

(6) of the Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan 2023/34, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, which all local authorities were required to prepare for food enforcement and to review performance against it on an annual basis.

After consideration, the committee noted the

(a) update on current progress of the FSSs audit report findings; and

(b) Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan 2023/24.

Waste and recycling collections – Options appraisal for flatted properties – Update noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee of 5th February 2019 (Print 6, page 473) supporting the signing of the Charter for Household Recycling (CHR), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the options appraisal undertaken in conjunction with Zero Waste Scotland to assess future waste and recycling collections from flatted properties, advising

(1) that the resource and recycling sector was within a period of significant policy change and that these changes would influence the design of future waste and recycling service provision to domestic premises;

(2) that the Council's Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 supported the implementation of changes to waste and recycling services to align with national policies and that aligning with the CHR required a twin stream recycling service, with recycling to be collected in various bins, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the purpose and aims of the options appraisal, which had assessed alternative ways of delivering communal collection services and provided the Council with cost, operational and performance information for each of the proposed options;

(4) of the outcome of the options overview and of the current communal waste collection initiatives, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the next steps, with it being unlikely that the changes would be universally implemented and that any changes were likely to be a combination of the 3 options reviewed.

After consideration, the committee noted the

(a) contents of the report; and

(b) further work to be undertaken to determine the different service provision provided to flatted properties to enable alignment with the CHR and supporting code of practice.

NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 19th September 2023.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present: Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Christina Cannon, Stephen Docherty, Rashid Hussain, Paul Leinster (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Malcolm Mitchell, Robert Mooney, Eva Murray and Jill Pidgeon (substitute for Keiran O'Neill).

Also present: Angus Millar.

Apologies: Chris Cunningham and Keiran O'Neill.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); C Connolly and G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); J Scoular (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and L Richardson (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Circular Economy Action Plan - Review noted.

1 With reference to the minutes of 8th November 2022 (Print 4, page 453) noting the progress made with the delivery of the action plan on the Glasgow Circular Economy Routemap, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability presenting the findings of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF) review of the progress made within the action plan, advising

(1) that the Circular Economy Action Plan contained a specific action to work with the EMF to make further progress to continue to build on partnerships and alliances across the globe to strengthen progress towards a circular economy;

(2) that the city had an agreement with the EMF to provide resources and support on the themes of construction, textiles and education;

(3) that the EMF was a non-profit organisation that created evidence-based research on the benefits of a circular economy and how it could contribute to solving global challenges like climate change and biodiversity loss;

(4) that during the first quarter of 2023/24 the EMF had conducted an evaluation on Glasgow's Circular Economy Routemap;

(5) of the EMF review findings, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and

(6) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the findings of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation review; and

(c) the next steps outlined to embed actions within Glasgow's Circular Economy Routemap.

Green Connectors and Wildflower Action Plan noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the Green Connectors and Wildflower Action Plan and the planned next steps, advising

(1) that a Green Connectors pilot project had commenced in September 2021 in Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Cardonald (Ward 4) with £115,000 funding from NatureScot which saw the enhancement of urban grasslands to be more species rich through planting and management;

(2) that this had been a collaborative project with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to oversee education and community outreach and the lessons learned became the template for the Green Connectors city-wide; and

(3) of the Green Connectors and Wildflower Action Plan update and planting works together with the next steps, as detailed in the report.

Air quality – 2023 annual progress report noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the city's 2023 annual progress report (APR) on air quality, advising

(1) that the Environment Act 1995 required local authorities to regularly review and assess the air quality within their area of responsibility and this review and assessment process had been the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) and compared current and future concentrations of key air pollutants against the objectives detailed in the regulations as part of the national strategy for air quality;

(2) that in accordance with LAQM requirements the APR considered monitoring data available since the last round of review and assessment, as well as assessing the impact from various potential sources of pollution;

(3) that previous rounds of the LAQM review and assessment process had seen Glasgow declare Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) due to elevated

levels of the air pollutants nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) and particulate matter (PM_{10});

(4) of the 4 AQMAs declared in the city to date together with the actions to improve air quality and the progress of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) measures that had been progressed along with a summary of the current AQAP, as detailed in the report;

(5) that as a result of these combined measures, the citywide AQMA for PM_{10} had been revoked in 2016, the Parkhead Cross AQMA for NO_2 revoked in 2020 and the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA amended in 2020 to remove the PM_{10} component and revocation of the NO_2 aspect of this was pending; and

(6) of the main pollutants of concern and the APR conclusions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the new data available on pollution levels;

(c) the impact of fewer pandemic restrictions on pollution levels; and

(d) the trends in concentration of nitrogen dioxide, particularly within the city centre.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, providing an update of activities within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) that contributed to Glasgow's climate plan and the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's sustainability policy, advising

(1) that the HSCP contributed to Glasgow's climate plan and the ambition to be net-zero carbon by 2030 and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's sustainability policy aimed to be a net-zero health service by 2040 at the latest;

(2) that the accountability and responsibility for climate change governance, management and strategy in relation to the delivery of Council and Health Board services lay with Glasgow City Integration Joint Board's partner statutory bodies, the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;

(3) of proposals for the development of the Parkhead Health and Social Care Hub, which had been designed as Scotland's first net zero carbon health and social care facility that reduced 9 sites to one offering residents a one-stop-shop within the local community reducing the need for travel; and

(4) that the HSCP had a number of fleet vehicles that were subject to Glasgow City Council's Fleet Strategy and work was ongoing with partners to achieve the ambitions of the fleet strategy, as detailed in the report.

Hybrid meeting, 21st September 2023.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Laura Doherty (Chair), Holly Bruce, Graham Campbell (substitute for Annette Christie), Anthony Carroll, Audrey Dempsey, Angus Millar, Robert Mooney (substitute for Fiona Higgins), Margaret Morgan, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, Thomas Rannachan, Roza Salih, Ms Martina Johnston-Gray and Ms Irene Loudon.

Also present: Anne McTaggart.

Apologies: Annette Christie and Fiona Higgins.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; C Brown, Head of Human Resources; S Anderson, K Strachan and C Quinn (for the Chief Executive); A Ward (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life); and F Moss (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Youth Employment Strategy 2023-27 noted etc, after division.

1 There was submitted a report by the Head of Human Resources regarding a proposed Glasgow City Council Youth Employment Strategy 2023-27, advising

(1) that following the creation of a Youth Employment Strategy to support the development of a sustainable workplace plan that helped to protect future service delivery, an area identified as requiring a specific focus and intervention was better understanding and meeting the needs of the younger workforce, described in the strategy as those under 30 years old, for the purposes of attraction and retention;

(2) of the current workforce planning and organisational career pathway;

(3) that to ensure the strategy met the needs of young people, wide research, benchmarking and consultation with young people and other interested employees had been undertaken, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the aims of the strategy;

(5) of the youth employment initiatives required in order to deliver the strategy;

(6) of the finance and delivery requirements; and

(7) in further detail of the Glasgow City Council Youth Employment Strategy, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

Councillor Doherty, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that the committee

(a) note the report; and

(b) support the proposed Youth Employment Strategy 2023-27 and the request to seek funding.

Councillor O'Lone, seconded by Councillor Pidgeon, moved as an amendment that the Youth Employment Strategy be continued to a future meeting for further information and further detail of proposed funding.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 5 members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Open Government Partnership – Action plan noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the progress and outcomes achieved under Glasgow's first Open Government Action Plan 2021-23 and the proposed workplan to deliver the next Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2023-27, advising

(1) that Glasgow had been announced as a member of the Open Government Partnership's Local Programme in October 2020 and was the only UK city member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP);

(2) that an Open Government Action Plan was a core requirement for Glasgow's participation in the OGP;

(3) that the Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2021-23 focused on improvement to ongoing reforms and demonstrated clear improvement from the current practice, with 4 Open Government Commitments developed across key themes;

(4) of the progress and milestones achieved for each commitment; and

(5) on the workplan and timescales and that a draft Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2023-27 would be submitted to committee in January 2024 with a second Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2023-27 delivered by February 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress achieved on the 4 Open Government Commitments within the Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2021-23;

(b) that a draft Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2023-27 would be submitted to committee in January 2024; and

(c) the proposed workplan and timescales to deliver a second Open Government Action Plan for Glasgow 2023-27 by February 2024.

Glasgow's Local Child Poverty Action Report 2022/23 noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

3 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding an overview of work undertaken during 2022/23 to reduce child poverty in Glasgow and outlining the proposed approach for the coming year, advising

(1) that under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, local authorities and NHS Boards had a statutory duty to jointly develop and publish annual Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPAR) and that this was Glasgow's 5th LCPAR;

(2) that the Scottish Government had identified the 3 main drivers to address child poverty namely income from employment, cost of living and income from social security and benefits in kind;

(3) of the Scottish Government guidance to local authorities and health boards on the completion of the LCPAR and that Glasgow's 5th LCPAR focussed specifically on the significant work undertaken to date to ensure the appropriate strategic alignment of the child poverty agenda in the city and actions undertaken to develop this as well as the next steps to strengthen this further;

(4) that the report also provided a snapshot of the work undertaken and an overview of the progress made towards child poverty targets and a short overview of actions taken in 2022/23; and

(5) that the LCPAR 2022/23 recognised that much remained to be done to meet the challenging child poverty targets set for 2030 and set out the key priorities for 2023/24, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the draft Local Child Poverty Action Report for 2022/23; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the Local Child Poverty Action Report.

Welcome Places Initiative noted.

4 There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life, providing an overview of the Welcome Places initiative in operation in the city, advising

(1) that Welcome Places was a partnership project hosted by the Council, Glasgow Life, Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector and Third Sector organisations that had been launched on 17th October 2022 and that the Welcome Places Initiative established free “warm hubs” throughout the city which could be accessed by citizens that struggled with fuel costs or faced with a choice between fuel or food, for respite and support during the colder winter months;

(2) that Welcome Places in Glasgow were free, established community spaces accessible to any member of the public without any conditions of entry and a total of 23 Welcome Places venues had been confirmed across the city, 18 of which were libraries or community centres managed by Glasgow Life and the remaining 5 venues were managed by Third and Voluntary Sector partners;

(3) of the Welcome Places funding arrangements until the end of March 2023;

(4) of an independent evaluation undertaken by the University of Glasgow on the Welcome Places model to understand the impact achieved for citizens and to articulate lessons for the future and the associated findings;

(5) that due to the value of the Welcome Places initiative, Glasgow Life had committed to expand the involvement of its libraries in the programme, in recognition of their role as key community spaces, and that from 1st October 2023 all 32 community libraries along with the Mitchell Library would operate as a Welcome Place; and

(6) in further detail on the Welcome Places 2023/24 initiative, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the detail of the Welcome Places initiative along with the impact secured to date;

(ii) the proposals for libraries to act as Welcome Places going forward; and

(b) encouraged further discussion with Third Sector organisations regarding potential input to Welcome Places.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 14th September 2023.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present: Franny Scally (Chair), Christina Cannon (substitute for Ken Andrew); Stephen Curran, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Kevin Lalley, Kenny McLean, Elaine McSporran, Malcolm Mitchell (substitute for Ruairi Kelly); Jon Molyneux, Thomas Rannachan and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Ken Andrew, Philip Braat and Ruairi Kelly.

Attending: T O'Neill (Clerk); M Fitzpatrick (for the Director of Legal and Administration); G Fisher, D McEwan and D Thompson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); P Kane (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance); and G Hennan and D Monroe (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Response to question noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a response to a question raised at a meeting of this committee on 3rd August 2023.

Flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2 , 25 Harley Street (Ward 5) – Compulsory purchase orders approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals to promote compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) of 3 properties at flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street (Ward 5), advising

(1) that the 3 properties were in the ownership of a former private landlord who had been removed from the Register of Private Landlords by this authority following the owner's repeated failure to provide the requested documentation to support their standing as a fit and proper person to be registered as a private landlord and to demonstrate that the properties met the required standards;

(2) that following the owner's removal from the Register of Private Landlords, rent penalty notices had been served on all 3 properties with the landlord failing to take action and it was understood that the landlord had now abandoned the properties;

(3) that Elderpark Housing Association had offered to purchase all 3 properties on a voluntary basis as it already owned flats within both buildings and provided factoring services but that the landlord had refused to engage;

(4) that Elderpark Housing Association had given a commitment to rehouse any occupants residing in the flats in suitable alternative accommodation once their needs had been assessed; and

(5) of the proposals by the Council for the compulsory purchase of all 3 properties, with ownership to be transferred to Elderpark Housing Association following confirmation of the CPOs by Scottish Ministers through a 'back-to-back' agreement, which would be legally agreed by both parties in advance of the CPOs being promoted.

After consideration, the committee approved the

(a) promotion of CPOs over the properties at flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street; and

(b) 'back-to-back' agreement with Elderpark Housing Association for flats 1/3 and 3/2, 27 Harley Street and flat 1/2, 25 Harley Street.

Property at 26-34 Bridge Street (Ward 5) - Off-market nominated disposal approved – Declaration of interest.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority for an off-market nominated disposal of property at 26-34 Bridge Street (Ward 5) to New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) at nil value for development as a site for social housing, advising

(1) that the property was formerly owned by a company that had been dissolved in 2008 and that the Council had taken the title to the property following court action for unpaid debt, with the date of entry being 17th January 2017;

(2) that NGHA had already acquired the former public house premises immediately adjoining the property to the north and that the Council had approached NGHA seeking its interest in acquiring the subjects "as existing" for demolition and redevelopment for social housing, with NGHA currently engaged in running options appraisals for the development of the site;

(3) of background information in relation to the proposals and of the subject site, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(4) that any future housing proposals for the site by NGHA would require to be approved and funded by the Council with conditions attached to any grant award and that when the Council transferred the site to NGHA it would impose conditions as part of the disposal in terms of timescales for development etc.; and

(5) that it was the view of Council officers that the proposed disposal of the subject premises to NGHA, a Registered Social Landlord, for nil value represented the best solution for the site, considering the difficulties imposed on demolition and development of the site, with the outcomes, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the off-market nominated disposal of the property at 26-34 Bridge Street at nil value to NGHA, subject to the terms detailed in the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Bailie Scanlon declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Kings Theatre, 297 Bath Street (Ward 10) - Proposed inclusion of exclusivity agreement over a long lease approved – Authority to Director of City Development.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking approval for an exclusivity agreement clause to be included in a lease extension between the Council and Glasgow Theatres Limited (GTL) for the King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street (Ward 10), advising

(1) that the proposal would allow a period for both parties to develop an ambitious refurbishment plan for the venue and to negotiate a long-term lease over the subjects;

(2) that GTL had been in occupation of the King's Theatre since 26th September 2002, having signed both a lease and management agreement for the venue;

(3) that although GTL had been operating the venue successfully since taking operational control, advances in theatre design, the trend for shows to require larger and heavier sets and the requirement to significantly upgrade the accessibility and internal condition of the theatre had prompted GTL to commence discussions with the Council over the significant redevelopment of the venue; and

(4) that as part of the lease exension, GTL was seeking to include an exclusivity agreement as part of the terms and conditions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the inclusion of provision for an exclusivity agreement with Glasgow Theatres Limited for a period from now until approximately January 2028 (or earlier if agreement on the refurbishment and a long-term lease could be reached) within a lease extension for the King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street; and

(b) authorised the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration, to conclude all necessary legal agreements in relation to the lease extension and period of exclusivity.

Provision of translation services – Award of contract approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of translation services, with an annual budget of £1.3m, advising that

(1) following the transfer of Cordia (Services) LLP to the Council on 30th September 2018, with all care services, including translation services, transferring to Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), it had been agreed that a review of translation services be undertaken by a project group;

(2) the review had been led by GCHSCP with contributions from key stakeholders and it had been agreed that the provision of translation services should be changed to an outsourced model;

(3) the contract was to ensure that any barriers to accessing Council services, due to English not being the primary language, were removed and of the services that would be provided by the supplier, as detailed in the report;

(4) the duration of the contract was from 15th September 2023 to 14th September 2025 with an option to extend for a further 3 periods of 12 months; and

(5) 9 suppliers appointed to Lot 5k of the Crown Commercial Service Framework for Language Services had been invited to submit a bid with 2 suppliers submitting a compliant bid, and following evaluation, D A Languages Ltd had been recommended for the award.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a contract for the provision of translation services to D A Languages Limited, at an estimated value of £1,061,429 per annum.

Provision of Active Travel Strategy (Inner North and South City Network) – Award of contract approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of an Active Travel Strategy (Inner North and South City Network), with a budget of £1.48m, advising that

(1) the Council's Active Travel Strategy set out the concept of a City Network which would provide on street, connected and protected cycle lanes that would be within 400 metres of all residencies and schools in Glasgow whilst accessible all year round by 2031;

(2) work had been undertaken on the routing of the network within the interim and final City Network Delivery Plan and that the scope of this contract sought to expand on the work undertaken in relation to the final plan and to develop preliminary design packages for several areas throughout Glasgow in a phased approach;

(3) 2 areas of the Inner North and South were being progressed to concept and preliminary design alongside the plan, including the appraisal and preliminary design of 40 kilometres of road, 40 junctions and survey work that would allow progress to technical design;

(4) the duration of the contract was for 16 months from the contract start date; and

(5) 12 contractors appointed to Lot 2 (Transportation and Traffic) of Scotland Excel's Engineering and Consultancy Framework had been invited to participate in a mini-competition and submit a bid, with 6 contractors submitting a bid and, following evaluation, Aecom Limited had been recommended for the award.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a contract for the provision of an Active Travel Strategy (Inner North and South Network) to Aecom Limited, at a value of £994,733.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 5th October 2023.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present: Franny Scally (Chair), Ken Andrew, Philip Braat, Stephen Curran, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Ruairi Kelly, Leòdhas Massie, Kenny McLean, Elaine McSporran, Jon Molyneux, Thomas Rannachan and James Scanlon.

Apology: Kevin Lalley.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); M Fitzpatrick (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); P Kane (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance); and G McCormick (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Waterloo Care Home Service Tender – Award of contract approved.

1 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership regarding tenders received to identify a sole service provider to deliver residential services to adults with complex learning disabilities in a new service called Waterloo Care Home, advising

(1) that the service would be delivered from 2 bungalows within Kirkintilloch, which formerly operated as an NHS community hospital unit;

(2) that Commissioning, Finance and Care Group teams in Adult Services would manage the contract and provider performance in compliance with the requirements of the Social Work Services Contract Management Framework;

(3) that the initial contact term was for 6 years, with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 3 years each, which would be implemented subject to satisfactory reviews being concluded; and

(4) of the expressions of interest noted from 15 provider organisations, 5 had submitted a bid, and following an evaluation it was recommended that the contract be awarded to The Richmond Fellowship Scotland.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the award of contract to deliver residential care at Waterloo Care Home to The Richmond Fellowship Scotland; and

(b) noted that continuance of contractual arrangements into each of the extension periods would be subject to satisfactory review and evaluation of the service.

Site at Bedford Street/Eglinton Street (Ward 8) – Variation of agreement and off-market disposal, in principle approved – Instruction to Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP - Authority to Director of City Development etc – Declarations of interest.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority for a variation of the Laurieston Transformational Regeneration Area (TRA) development agreement between the Council and Urban Union Limited to remove a site at Bedford Street/Eglinton Street (Ward 8) which was within the scope of the development agreement and to negotiate an off-market disposal of the site and an adjacent site owned by the Council to New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA), advising that

(1) the site was presently subject to a development agreement and comprised of a former derelict depot and surrounding land which was overgrown and unkempt;

(2) it was proposed that the site be removed from the scope of the development agreement and together with the adjacent site shown, both as detailed in the report, sold to NGHA for the development of social housing; and

(3) Transforming Communities Glasgow had approved the removal of the site from the scope of the development agreement and the onward disposal of the site to NGHA on 13th June 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the

(i) variation of the Laurieston TRA development agreement to remove the site at Beford Street/Eglinton Street which was within the scope of the development; and

(ii) principle of an off-market disposal of the site and adjacent site owned by the Council to NGHA;

(b) noted that the agreed terms and conditions of the off-market disposal would be reported back to this committee for approval or approved using delegated powers as appropriate depending on value;

(c) instructed the Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP to negotiate the terms and conditions of the off-market disposal of the site and the said adjacent site to NGHA; and

(d) authorised the Director of City Development in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to conclude all other matters pertaining to the variation of the Laurieston TRA development agreement including all necessary legal agreements and side letters.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor McLean and Bailie Scanlon declared an interest in this item of business, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Flats G/02 and 1/02, 102 Lochdochart Road and Flat 1/01, 3 Dunphail Drive (Ward 21) - Compulsory purchase orders approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals to promote compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) of 3 properties at flats G/02 and 1/02, 102 Lochdochart Road and flat 1/01, 3 Dunphail Drive (Ward 21), advising

(1) that flat G/02, 102 Lochdochart Road had been empty since August 2002, and that attempts by Lochfield Park Housing Association (LPHA) to voluntarily acquire the flat had failed as the person claiming ownership of the property could not prove that he had title to the property;

(2) that several attempts had been made to encourage the owner of flat 1/02, 102 Lochdochart Road to bring the property back into use or alternatively sell the flat to LPHA or on the open market, but that no response had been received from the owner and the property continued to lay empty;

(3) that flat 1/01, 3 Dunphail Drive had been empty since July 2009, and that several attempts had been made to encourage the owner to bring the property back into use or alternatively sell the flat to LPHA or on the open market, and that following notification that a CPO was being proposed, had since advised that they would consider selling the property to LPHA, and should this be achieved then the Council would not require to promote a CPO over this flat; and

(4) of the proposals by the Council for the compulsory purchase of all 3 properties, following confirmation of the CPOs by Scottish Ministers through a 'back-to-back' agreement, which would be legally agreed by both parties in advance of the CPOs being promoted.

After consideration, the committee approved the

(a) promotion of CPOs over flat G/02, 102 Lochdochart Road, flat 1/02, 102 Lochdochart Road and flat 1/01, 3 Dunphail Drive; and

(b) 'back-to-back' agreements with Lochfield Park Housing Association for flat G/02, 102 Lochdochart Road, flat 1/02, 102 Lochdochart Road and 1/01, 3 Dunphail Drive.

Annual procurement report 2022/23 noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the annual procurement report 2022/23.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the annual procurement report 2022/23; and

(2) that the report would be submitted to the Scottish Government, where it would form part of a report to be produced by Scottish Ministers on the annual procurement activity in Scotland.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 30th August 2023.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi, Thomas Kerr, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Leòdhas Massie.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D Anderson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Requests to consider suspension or revocation of various taxi drivers' licences - Licences suspended.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various taxi drivers' licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the requests as follows:-

Licence holder and reference number	*Decision*
Colin McIntosh (TD16230)	Licence suspended for unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect
Robert McLean (TD16400)	Licence suspended for unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 14 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (EXISTING)			
Jaspal Singh Khaira (HMO00365)	0/2, 17 Lawrence Street (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Darin Karimi (PD29980)	n/a	3 years	Granted
Aqale Mohammed (PD30025)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and severe warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct
Charley Crawford (PD30052)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
Mohammad Ahmed (PD30176)	n/a	3 years	Granted and warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct
Martin Boyle (PD30233)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and severe warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct
Bernard Driver (PD30124)	n/a	3 years	Noted that application had been withdrawn
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)			
Mahamudul Hassan (PD30202)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE (NEW)

Holmeblue Ltd (SEV004)	95 Hope Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Valerie Johnston (GL00057)	1000 Great Western Road (Ward 23)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
David Gallagher (GL00071)	1/1, 126 Woodlands Road (Ward 11)	3 years	Noted that item had been withdrawn from agenda
Greg Gibson (GL00097P)	3/2, 36 Minerva Way (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE (HOME LETTING) (NEW)

Calum Whytock (GL00061P)	6 Belmont Street (Ward 11)	3 years	Noted that item had been withdrawn from agenda

TAXI LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Vermont Taxis (TV08951)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle safety inspection and production of required documentation

Application by Muhammad Naseem for private hire car driver's licence (PD30281) granted, after division.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Muhammad Naseem (PD30281) for a private hire car driver's licence (Renewal) for 3 years.

Bailie Raja, seconded by Councillor Sean Ferguson, moved that the application be granted for a restricted period of 1 year and a warning issued regarding the applicant's future conduct.

Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment that the application be refused.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 2 members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried and the application was granted for a restricted period of 1 year and a warning issued regarding the applicant's future conduct.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 13th September 2023.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi, Thomas Kerr and Hanif Raja.

Apologies: Leòdhas Massie and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D Anderson and C Hughes (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Constable D Elliot, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of various licences with immediate effect agreed.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the undernoted licences for the unexpired portion of their duration with immediate effect:-

Licence holder and reference number

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

Brian McNeil (TD15286)

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE

Kunathilingam Mohanathas (PV20942)

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Kunathilingam Mohanathas (PD26805)

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of John Scambler (PD28852) with immediate effect agreed.

3 With reference to the minutes of 23rd August 2023 (Print 3, page 107) continuing consideration of a request to consider the suspension or revocation of the private hire car driver's licence of John Scambler (PD28852) to allow the licence holder to be in attendance, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a complaint by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, the private hire car driver's licence of John Scambler had been suspended on 24th July 2023 with immediate effect for a period of 6 weeks, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of John Scambler, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching correspondence from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, detailing the terms of the complaint.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of John Scambler for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

Applications for various types of licences dealt with - Dissent.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 20 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (NEW)			
Amarjit Singh Dhillon (HMO06683)	2/2, 4 Derby Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Refused
Harry Bruce (HMO06705)	3/2, 169 Craighall Road (Ward 16)	3 years	Continued at request of applicant
Lauren Mackin (HMO06706)	0/2, 65 St Mungo Avenue (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (EXISTING)			
McMillan & Company Residential Ltd (HMO06136)	Main door, 40 Bentinck Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued at request of applicant
Balvinder Kaur Bhogal (HMO00503)	0/1, 7 Lymburn Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (VARIATION)			
McMillan & Company Residential Ltd (VHMO06136)	Main door, 40 Bentinck Street (Ward 10)	n/a	Continued at request of applicant
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Ashfaq Ahmed (PD29872)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Mohammed Junayd Asif (PD30068)	n/a	3 years	Refused

Barkat Ahmad Shafi (PD30244)	n/a	3 years	Refused, Bailie Raja dissenting
Rizwan Naseer (PD30434)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Tanveer Nabi (PD30642)	n/a	Temporary for 6 weeks	Granted

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Sukhwinder Singh (PD30018)	n/a	3 years	Refused

SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Lorraine Gibson (GL00089P)	15 Woodside Place (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Emma McCarthy (GL00107N)	5/3, 15 Victoria Road (Ward 8)	3 years	Granted
David Lewin (GL00114P)	0/1, 8 Athole Gardens (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE (HOME LETTING) (NEW)

Abdalqadeer Muhammad (GL00118N)	5 Kilmaurs Street (Ward 5)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE (HOME LETTING AND HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Ian Morrison (GL00121N)	55 Titwood Road (Ward 6)	3 years	Granted

TAXI LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Vermont Taxis (TV08951)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Michael McSorley (TD16643)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Gurmail Singh (TD16821)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

Complaints against various holders of private hire car licence dealt with.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 34 complaints against various holders of a private hire car licence.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the complaints as follows:-

Licence holder and reference number	*Decision*
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV21039)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22588)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV21008)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22590)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV21021)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22586)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV20751)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV21019)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22140)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22583)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22584)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

Network Private Hire Ltd (PV21040)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV22401)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Network Private Hire Ltd (PV20737)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Joshua Cassidy (PV20501)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Robert Dalziel (PV20663)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Parshotam Lal (PV20670)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Anwar Saulat (PV20689)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
JC Cars (PV21055)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
City Cars (PV22108)	Noted that licence had ceased to have effect
SSRG Ltd 116 (PV20460)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
SSRG Ltd 118 (PV20458)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
SSRG Ltd 161 (PV22636)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
786 Private Hire Ltd (PV20029)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Samir Mamakhan (PV21314)	Licence revoked
Liaqat Ali (PV21319)	No action
Zanib Mughal (PV22641)	No action
Jacqueline Cassidy (PV21606)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Joshua Cassidy (PV20980)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Joshua Cassidy (PV20872)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Jacqueline Cassidy (PV21904)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Joshua Cassidy (PV20871)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

Joshua Cassidy (PV20870)	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
KC Hire (PV22706)	Licence revoked

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of Mohammed Raza (PD26780) with immediate effect agreed.

6 In terms of Standing Order No 4, there was heard, as a matter of urgency, a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammed Raza (PD26780), in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising that

(1) following receipt of a report from People Asset Management, the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammed Raza had been suspended on 11th August 2023 with immediate effect for a period of 6 weeks; and

(2) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammed Raza, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammed Raza for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 20th September 2022.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi, Thomas Kerr, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Leòdhas Massie.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); and G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Review of policy regarding age of vehicles for private hire cars – Action agreed.

1 With reference to the minutes of 23rd November 2022 (Print 4, page 433) agreeing not to reintroduce the 7 year age limitation policy for private hire cars at that time and instructing the Director of Legal and Administration to undertake a review of the said policy with a view to the upper age limit being increased, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the outcome of a public consultation undertaken in relation to the review of the policy, advising

(1) of various background information in relation to the policy, which had come into effect on 1st September 2006, the terms of the policy being attached as appendix 1 to the report;

(2) of the process for the public consultation, which had been available on the Council's online consultation hub from 15th June to 11th August 2023 with an online link emailed to the Taxi and Private Hire Trade Group on 16th June and 9th August 2023;

(3) of the matters which the public consultation had sought views on and of a summary of the 392 responses received to the consultation questions, as detailed in the report;

(4) of all responses received to the public consultation, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report; and

(5) that the majority of respondents to the consultation were of the view that the 7 year age limitation policy should be amended to 10 years and of a proposed amended inspection regime for private hire cars if this change was agreed.

After consideration, the committee agreed

(a) to reintroduce an amended policy regarding the age of vehicles for private hire cars with immediate effect, as detailed in the appendix to these minutes;

(b) that standard condition 30 of a private hire car licence be amended to read as follows for the grant or renewal of such a licence:-

"*The holder of a private hire car licence shall use as a private hire car any vehicle approved by the Licensing Authority and that vehicle shall not be more than 5 years old from the date of first registration when first licensed by the Licensing Authority and shall be taken out of service and replaced when it becomes 10 years old from the date of first registration*."; and

(c) the following amended inspection regime for private hire cars to be introduced from 1st January 2025:-

Age	*No of inspections annually*
Vehicles 3 years and under	1
Vehicles 4 years to 6 years	2
Vehicles 7 years or over	3

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Amendments to Short Term Lets Policy approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of 8th March 2023 (Print 6, page 635) approving various amendments to the Short Term Lets (STL) Policy, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration, advising

(1) of various background information in relation to changes made to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to reflect the introduction of the new STL licensing scheme;

(2) of a decision issued in relation to a judicial review against the City of Edinburgh Council's STL Policy (Averbuch v City of Edinburgh Council), which had been published in June 2023;

(3) that correspondence had been received from a trade organisation seeking a review of this authority's policy in view of this decision;

(4) that in light of the said correspondence and the decision referred to, officers had undertaken a review of this authority's STL policy, which involved seeking Counsel's opinion; and

(5) of proposed amendments to the STL Policy following the said review, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee amended the STL Policy with immediate effect, as detailed in the appendix to the report, subject to paragraph 12.3 (a) being deleted.

APPENDIX

POLICY REGARDING AGE OF VEHICLES FOR PRIVATE HIRE CARS

- From 20 September 2023 a vehicle must not be more than five years old from the date of first registration when first licensed by the Licensing Authority with the further restriction that when the vehicle is ten years old from the date of first registration it must be taken out of service and replaced.

- Licensed vehicles that are currently more than 10 years old (at 20 September 2023) may continue to be operated until 20 September 2024 or the date of the renewal of licence, whichever is the later, and then must be taken out of service and replaced.

- Any vehicle which is currently licensed (at 20 September 2023) and which is the subject of a finance agreement acceptable to the Licensing Authority entered into before 20 September 2023, may continue to be operated beyond the next renewal date falling after 20 September 2024, notwithstanding the fact that at the renewal date the vehicle will be more than 10 years old, until the conclusion of the agreement.

- In order to claim this additional exemption from the policy requirements such an agreement must be exhibited to the Licensing Authority at the time of lodging the renewal application form.

- At the end of the period covered by the agreement the vehicle shall be taken out of service and replaced and the renewed licence should contain a condition to that effect identifying the date by which the vehicle must be replaced.

- A finance agreement, to be acceptable to the Licensing Authority, must be with a recognised financial institution such as a bank, building society or HP company and must cover a period of no more than four years.

- If the finance agreement covers a period of more than four years, the exemption will only be given for a four year period from the date the agreement was entered into and at the end of that period the vehicle must be replaced.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 27th September 2023.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi, Leòdhas Massie, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Thomas Kerr.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D Anderson and I Gorol (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Sergeant L Campbell, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of various licences with immediate effect agreed.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the undernoted licences for the unexpired portion of their duration with immediate effect:-

Licence holder and reference number

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Ousmane Kone (PD27362)

Kenneth McKinnell (PD27525)

Joseph McGeary (PD28077)

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

Joseph Burke (TD16222)

James Ridley (TD16323)

Applications for various types of licences dealt with - Dissent.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 9 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (NEW)			
Wild Orchid 2 Ltd (HMO06719)	2/2, 3 Dowanside Road (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
Simone Green (HMO03097)	Main door, 36 Marywood Square (Ward 6)	3 years	(1) Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) Warning issued regarding applicant's future management of premises
Alexander Barnett (HMO06720)	3/1, 119 Wilton Street (Ward 11)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (EXISTING)			
McMillan & Company Residential Ltd (HMO06136)	Main door, 40 Bentinck Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,

			Regeneration and Sustainability
Sabhab Holdings Ltd (HMO05271)	1/2, 4 Derby Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (VARIATION)

McMillan & Company Residential Ltd (VHMO06136)	Main door, 40 Bentinck Street (Ward 10)	n/a	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Serbast Hassan (PD30000)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Maqsood Mazhar (PD30577)	n/a	3 years	Refused, Bailie Raja dissenting

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Asif Mohammed (PD30424)	n/a	3 years	Continued at request of applicant

Application by Muhammad Rasool for private hire car driver's licence (PD30620) refused, after division.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Muhammad Rasool (PD30620) for a private hire car driver's licence (Renewal) for 3 years.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Pidgeon, moved that the application be refused.

Bailie Raja, seconded by Councillor Sean Ferguson, moved as an amendment that the application be granted for a restricted period of 1 year and a warning issued regarding the applicant's future conduct and failure to comply with the conditions of licence.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 2 members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried and the application was refused.

Complaints against various holders of private hire car licence dealt with.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 13 complaints against various holders of a private hire car licence.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the complaints as follows:-

Licence holder and reference number	*Decision*
Glasgow Private Hire Ltd (PV21420)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Glasgow Private Hire Ltd (PV21419)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Glasgow Private Hire Ltd (PV21375)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Glasgow Private Hire Ltd (PV20635)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Glasgow Private Hire Ltd (PV21416)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Muhammad Javed (PV20657)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
HPN Leasing (PV21070)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
EMC (GBR) Ltd (PV21383)	Licence suspended for unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect
R & J Cars (PV22405)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Cars 4 U 1 Ltd (PV22414)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Cars 4 U 1 Ltd (PV22509)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance
Philip Osborne (PV22415)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance

Mohamad Shooshtarian (PV21189)	Continued to allow licence holder to be in attendance

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 4th October 2023.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi and Hanif Raja.

Apologies: Thomas Kerr, Leòdhas Massie and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and F Brady (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Botanic Gardens, Great Western Road (Wards 11, 15 and 23) - Application by Itison Ltd for temporary public entertainment licence (PEL01144) for GlasGLOW event granted, subject to conditions.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Itison Ltd for a temporary public entertainment licence (New) (PEL01144) for the GlasGLOW event to be held at the Botanic Gardens, Great Western Road (Wards 11, 15 and 23) from 26th October to 12th November 2023.

After consideration, the committee granted the application, subject to the

(1) licence being retained by the Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to the satisfaction of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(2) conditions detailed in the reports by the Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Complaints against various holders of private hire car licence – Licences revoked.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 2 complaints against various holders of a private hire car licence.

After consideration, the committee agreed to revoke the undernoted licences:-

Licence holder and reference number

Parshotam Lal (PV20670)

J C Cars (PV21055)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 29th August 2023.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Hanzala Malik, Hanif Raja and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Eva Bolander, Kenny McLean and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Robertson and A Dale (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance).

Site bounded by Shawlands Arcade/Eastwood Avenue/Kilmarnock Road (Ward 6) - 22/02278/FUL - Erection of mixed use development etc. – Consideration continued.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Clydebuilt LP for planning permission for the erection of a mixed use development, comprising shops and financial, professional and other services (Class 1A), restaurant (Class 3) and residential (Sui Generis) uses together with associated car parking, access, landscaping/public realm, engineering/infrastructure works (Phase 1) at a site bounded by Shawlands Arcade/Eastwood Avenue/Kilmarnock Road (Ward 6) – 22/02278/FUL.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the application for a site visit and hearing.

Adjournment.

2 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1100 hours until 1105 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

3 The meeting resumed at 1105 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Hanzala Malik, Hanif Raja and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Eva Bolander, Kenny McLean and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Robertson and A Dale (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Site formerly known as Howford School, 531 Crookston Road (Ward 3) - 22/01772/FUL - Erection of residential development and associated works – Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Robertson Living for planning permission for the erection of a residential development and associated works at a site formerly known as Howford School, 531 Crookston Road (Ward 3) – 22/01772/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to

(1) the completion of an agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; and

(2) an amended condition No 7 to read:-

"The detailed drainage design proposals for SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems) features and outfall structures shall be submitted and approved in writing by the planning authority before works commence on site. For the avoidance of doubt (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority) no fencing shall be erected around the SUDS pond.

Reason – To enable the Planning Authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail."

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 12th September 2023.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanzala Malik, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Eva Bolander and Hanif Raja.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Robertson, Director of City Development; S Connolly, A Dale, R Esposito, N Marr and M Thomson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

19 Cambridge Street (Ward 10) – 23/00849/FUL and 23/00851/CON – Demolition of exisiting building and erection of hotel (Class 7), Apart-hotel (Sui Generis) and associated ancillary development and complete demolition in conservation area – Planning permission and conservation area consent minded to conditionally grant.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding applications by PMI Developments Ltd & Peveril Securities Ltd for planning permission for the demoliton of an exisiting building and the erection of a hotel (Class 7), Apart-hotel (Sui Generis) and associated ancillary development and the complete demolition in a conservation area (Ward 10) 23/00849/FUL and 23/00851/CON.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission and conservation area consent subject to conditions and to the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Site to south of Crawford Street/Rosevale Street/Beith Street (Ward 12) - 22/03041/MSC – Erection of flatted residential development (48 units) and associated works – Application for matters specified in conditions of planning consent 19/00080/LOCAL, conditionally granted, after division.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Mr Richard McFadzean for matters specified in conditions of planning consent 19/00080/LOCAL, approved in principle, for the erection of a flatted residential development (48 units) and associated works at a site to the south of Crawford Street/Rosevale Street/Beith Street (Ward 12) - 22/03041/MSC.

Councillor Wardrop, seconded by Bailie Gallagher, moved that the application be continued for further information.

Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Alam moved as an amendment that the application be determined at this meeting.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 10 members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried.

Thereafter, following consideration, Councillor Andrew, seconded by Bailie Thomas Kerr, moved that committee was minded to conditionally grant the matters specified in conditions of the planning consent previously approved in principle, subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Councillor Wardrop, seconded by Bailie Gallagher moved as an amendment that the matters specified in conditions of the planning consent previously approved in principle be refused.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 3 members voted for the amendment and 9 for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 26th September 2023.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present:	Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Maureen Burke, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster and Hanzala Malik.
Also present:	Elaine Gallagher, Norman MacLeod and Jon Molyneux.
Apologies:	Declan Blench, Eva Bolander, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.
Attending:	D Brand (Clerk); I Briggs, A Dale and N Moran (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Site bounded by Shawlands Arcade/Eastwood Avenue/Kilmarnock Road (Ward 6) - 22/02278/FUL - Erection of mixed use development etc - Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission, after division.

1 With reference to the minutes of 29th August 2023 (page 113 hereof) the committee resumed consideration of an application by Clydebuilt LP for planning permission for the erection of a mixed use development, comprising shops and financial, professional and other services (Class 1A), restaurant (Class 3) and residential (Sui Generis) uses together with associated car parking, access, landscaping/public realm, engineering/infrastructure works (Phase 1) at a site bounded by Shawlands Arcade/Eastwood Avenue/Kilmarnock Road (Ward 6) – 22/02278/FUL.

The committee, having heard representations from Bailie MacLeod and Councillor Molyneux, local Ward Members, the applicant's representatives, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council and 3 objectors, Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor Malik, moved that committee was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to

(a) the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

(b) an additional condition No 41 to read:-

"An external platform lift shall be installed in the external landscaping to the north of Building Three, to provide DDA access adjacent to the stepped access between the eastern and western parts of the site. Before development commences on site full details of the detailed design, management, maintenance and operation of the external platform lift, and a

timescale for its installation within the construction programme, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall be implemented in accordance with these approved details.

Reason - In the interests of delivering inclusive, well-connected, accessible development in compliance with NPF 4 policy 21, and to enable the planning authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail."

Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Ikhlaq, moved as an amendment that planning permission be refused.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 3 members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 5th September 2023.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present:	Kenny McLean (Chair), Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Paul Leinster, Hanzala Malik, Hanif Raja, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.
Apologies:	Imran Alam, Ken Andrew, Eva Bolander and Thomas Kerr.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); F Milne and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Kenny McLean to chair the meeting.

Site at Barrland Street/Albert Drive (Ward 6) - 23/00014/LOCAL – Use of vacant site as car park (Sui Generis) and storage containers (Class 6) - Planning permission refused.

2 There was submitted a request by Mr Sukdev Mall for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a vacant site as as a car park (Sui Generis) and storage containers (Class 6) at a site at Barrland Street/Albert Drive (Ward 6) – 23/00014/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission.

Site to the west of 539 Mosspark Boulevard (Ward 4) - 23/00030/LOCAL – Installation of 20 metre telecommunications monople, associated cabinets and ancillary works - Planning permission conditionally granted, after division.

3 There was submitted a request by Cornerstone for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the installation of a 20 metre telecommunications monople, associated cabinets and ancillary works at a site to the west of 539 Mosspark Boulevard (Ward 4) – 23/00030/LOCAL.

Councillor McLean, seconded by Bailie Raja, moved that planning permission be conditionally granted.

Councillor Wardrop, seconded by Bailie Scanlon, moved as an amendment that planning permission be refused.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 2 members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 19th September 2023.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanzala Malik, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Thomas Kerr and James Scanlon.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); C Hunt, F Milne and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew to chair the meeting.

47 Oykel Crescent (Ward 17) – 23/00033/LOCAL – Use of granny flat as short stay accommodation – Planning permission refused, after division.

2 There was submitted a request by Mr Ravikumar Singh for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a granny flat as short stay accommodation at 47 Oykel Crescent (Ward 17) – 23/00033/LOCAL.

Councillor Blench, seconded by Bailie Raja, moved that planning permission be granted.

Councilor Leinster, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved as an amendment that planning permission be refused.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 7 members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried.

1692 Gartloch Road (Ward 21) – 23/00036/LOCAL – Formation of dormer window to rear of dwellinghouse – Planning permission conditionally granted.

3 There was submitted a request by Mrs Laura Willey for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the formation of a dormer window to the rear of a dwellinghouse at 1692 Gartloch Road (Ward 21) – 23/00036/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 3rd October 2023.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Eva Bolander, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanzala Malik, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Declan Blench, Maureen Burke and Thomas Kerr.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); C Hunt, F Milne and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Ken Andrew to chair the meeting.

170 Ashcroft Drive (Ward 1) – 23/00025/LOCAL – Use of flatted dwelling as short term let – Planning permission refused.

2 There was submitted a request by Ms Fiona and Mr John R Lean for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a flatted dwelling at 170 Ashcroft Drive (Ward 1) as a short term let – 23/00025/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission, subject to:-

(1) the deletion of reasons for refusal 01 and 02; with the subsequent reason for refusal being renumbered;

(2) an amendment and renumbering of refusal 03 to read:-

"01 The proposal is contrary to CDP1, CDP10 and the associated supplementary guidance of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal would result in an unacceptable introduction of commercial use and intensification of the activity in a well established residential area to the detriment of the amenity of local residents."; and

(3) an additional reason for refusal to read:-

"02 The proposal is contrary to CDP3, CDP11 and the associated supplementary guidance of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal does not include any provision for cycle parking."

17 Tullis Gardens (Ward 9) – 23/00039/LOCAL – Use of main door flatted dwelling (Sui Generis) as short term let (Sui Generis) - Planning permission refused.

3 There was submitted a request by Mr Brian Martin for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a main door flatted dwelling (Sui Generis) at 17 Tullis Gardens (Ward 9) as a short term let (Sui Generis) – 23/00039/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission, subject to

(1) the deletion of reasons for refusal 01 and 03, with the subsequent reason for refusal being renumbered;

(2) an amendment and renumbering of reason for refusal 02 to read:-

"07 The proposal is contrary to NPF4 Policy 30 Tourism, Policy CDP1 and SG1 The Placemaking Principle and CDP10 and SG10 Meeting Housing Needs of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal would result in a change of use from a residential flat to short-stay accommodation, resulting in a mix of mainstream residential flats and short-stay accommodation within a residential neighbourhood to the detriment of local amenity and the residential character of the area."; and

(3) 6 additional reasons for refusal to read:-

(1) "The proposal is contrary to NPF4 Policy 30 Tourism insofar as the change of use from a residential flat to short-stay accommodation will result in the loss of residential accommodation which is not outweighed by demonstrable local economic benefits.";

(2) "The proposal is contrary to Policy CDP1 and SG1 The Placemaking Principle of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal relies on the use of residential waste uplift for commercial waste.";

(3) "The proposal is contrary to Policy CDP10 and SG10 Meeting Housing Needs of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal does not include a management plan.";

(4) "The proposal is contrary to CDP11 and SG11 Sustainable Transport of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal does not include any provision for cycle parking.";

(5) "The proposal is contrary to Policy CDP3 and IPG3 Economic Development and Policy CDP10 and SG10 Meeting Housing Needs of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as

the proposed vehicle parking arrangements will have an adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding residential area."; and

(6) "The proposal is contrary to NPF4 Policy 30 Tourism and Policy CDP10 and SG10 Meeting Housing Needs of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) insofar as the proposal will lead to an increase in traffic in the local area."

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 30th August 2023.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Frank McAveety (Chair), Elaine Gallagher, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Jim Kavanagh, Anne McTaggart, Hanzala Malik, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux and Margaret Morgan.

Apologies: Jill Brown and Thomas Kerr.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; T Hughes (for the Head of Human Resources); C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); and R Watson (for the Managing Director, City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP).

Responses to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 2nd August 2023.

Financial monitoring reports 2023/24 noted.

2 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of Revenues, the General Fund, Services, Social Work Services, Related Companies and Joint Boards and the Common Good Fund from 1st April to 30th June 2023 including a breakdown of Civic Hospitality commitments for 2023/24 and beyond, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

Investment Programme 2023/24 - Monitoring reports noted.

3 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of the Capital Programme, Transformation Programme and receipts from Asset Sales for the period from 1st April to 30th June 2023.

Arm's Length External Organisations - Quarterly performance report 2023/24 noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Finance providing financial information on the Council's Arm's Length External Organisations for the period from 1st April to 30th June 2023.

Flexible retirement and redundancy/early retirement – Position noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Head of Human Resources regarding the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 - Flexible Retirement and the Local Government (Compensation for Early Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations - Redundancy/Early Retirement, advising of the number of employees who had been granted permission, under delegated authority, to retire under the Council's Flexible Retirement, Redundancy and Early Retirement provisions in the period from 1st January to 30th June 2023, together with the associated costs and savings, as detailed in the report.

Common Good Fund property portfolio – Current position noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Financial and Business Services providing an update on the management of the Common Good Fund property portfolio by City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP,

(1) advising that

(a) the annual rent for the occupied premises was currently £279,640 (net of VAT) and the total non-recoverable costs, primarily rates costs for the 6 month period from January to June 2023 amounted to £6,793; and

(b) the total arrears across the portfolio as at 30th June 2023 were £82,162, which was an increase of £9,079 since the last report in January 2023; and

(2) concluding that over the next 6 months City Property Glasgow (Investments) LLP would

(a) complete the assignation of a lease at 6 Downahill Street;

(b) progress the marketing of 33 Riverford Road, once the boiler works were complete;

(c) comply with the outcome of the Council's assessment of the operational and strategic requirements for the site at Woodville Street;

(d) endeavour to complete all outstanding transactions/negotiations and secure lettings following marketing of those subjects which remained vacant; and

(e) continue

(i) to monitor repair and maintenance expenditure to protect asset value;

(ii) to maximise income through increased rental by undertaking rent reviews and lease renewals where appropriate;

(iii) to pursue debt and implement payment plans and legal action as appropriate; and

(iv) with a programme of regular inspection to ensure tenant compliance with leasehold obligations.

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 27th September 2023.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present:	Frank McAveety (Chair), Alexander Belic, Jill Brown, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn, Jim Kavanagh, Paul Leinster, Anne McTaggart, Hanzala Malik, Angus Millar and Margaret Morgan.
Apologies:	Elaine Gallagher, Thomas Kerr and Jon Molyneux.
Attending:	C Birrell (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; S Scott and S Shaw (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted etc.

1 There was submitted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 30th August 2023.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the responses; and

(2) that responses to any questions raised at this meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of this committee.

Internal audits noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

2 There were submitted reports by the Head of Audit and Inspection advising of the findings of the following audits carried out:-

(1) Chief Executive's Department - Business Ventilation Fund;

(2) Corporate Reviews:-

(a) Corporate Procurement Review;

(b) Establishment Visits;

(c) IT Change Management;

(d) Payroll (Non-Core Payments); and

(e) Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry Response Arrangements;

(3) Financial Services:-

(a) Academy Data Assurance;

(b) Customer and Business Services Home Working Controls;

(c) COVID-19 Grant Income; and

(d) Non-Domestic Rates Legislation Changes;

(4) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability:–

(a) Planning Process (Phase 1); and

(b) Strategic Asset Management;

(5) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Chief Executive's Department - Venue Hire for Events; and

(6) Social Work Services – Tenant Grant Fund.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the contents of the reports; and

(ii) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit follow up reports showing progress towards achievement of the action plans arising from the audits undertaken.

Audit recommendations - Progress noted etc.

3 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection providing an update on the status of audit recommendations agreed previously with services,

(1) advising that since the last report had been presented to this committee on 14th June 2023 (Print 3, page 125), services had been responsible for following up recommendations that were due to have been implemented, with 80 remaining outstanding as at 1st September 2023 split across each service area, as detailed in the report;

(2) intimating that during the period from 19th May to 1st September 2023, services had satisfactorily implemented 32 recommendations, as detailed in the report; and

(3) detailing a summary of outstanding recommendations by service area and priority, together with the register of all recommendations that had still to be implemented, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress made in terms of the recommendations implemented; and

(b) that further reports advising of the implementation of outstanding recommendations would be submitted in due course.

Internal Audit – ALEO update – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the findings of the internal audit work undertaken at the Arm's Length External Organisations within the Council during the period from April to August 2023.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the contents of the report; and

(2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit a further report on the internal audit work undertaken at the Arm's Length External Organisations within the Council to this committee, including an update on the implementation of actions arising from the audits undertaken.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 13th September 2023.

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Maureen Burke (Chair), Imran Alam, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Feargal Dalton, Stephen Dornan, Patricia Ferguson, Elaine Gallagher, William Graham, Jim Kavanagh (substitute for Ann Jenkins), Roza Salih and Catherine Vallis.

Apologies: John Daly, Ann Jenkins and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; Michelle McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governence; E Marshall and E Parkes (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); A Eccles and C Cowan (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governence); and Ciaran Mulholland, Ipsos.

Glasgow Household Survey 2023 - Summary of findings and presentation noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the findings from the Glasgow Household Survey 2023,

(1) advising that

(a) this Council had conducted a household survey every year and had used the survey to measure and track residents' usage and satisfaction with a number of key services provided directly by the Council and its arms length organisations; and

(b) the survey had also been used to inform service reform, strategy and development; and

(2) detailing a summary of the findings from the 2023 household survey.

Following a presentation by Mr Mullholland, Ipsos who had conducted the survey, the committee

(i) thanked Mr Mulholland for his presentation; and

(ii) noted that the findings

(A) would be used to inform Council policy and practice; and

(B) for the next household survey would be reported to this committee in September 2024.

Strategic Plan - Grand Challenge 1 - Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities - Missions 1 and 3 - Service commitments noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 16th November 2022 (Print 4, page 414) approving a performance toolkit that would capture the actions and underpin the Grand Challenges and Missions contained within the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive reflecting the wider commitments of the plan, whilst keeping track of those key commitments that had emerged through a cost of living lens,

(1) advising of the work underway across a number of key areas to support the plan's commitments; and

(2) detailing, in an appendix to the report, examples of work underway by the Chief Executive's Department, Education Services and Glasgow's Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and their commitments across key areas that had a particular focus on Grand Challenge 1: Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities, focussing in particular on Mission 1: End child poverty in our city using early intervention to support families and Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the Grand Challenges, Missions and Commitments within the Strategic Plan; and

(b) those emerging commitments that highlighted the Cost of Living lens and the inclusion of broader commitments outwith that lens.

Revised committee workplan - September 2023 - March 2024 approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 31st May 2023 (Print 2, page 114) approving this Committee's workplan from August 2023 to March 2024, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding an updated workplan from September 2023 to March 2024,

(1) advising that as the annual review of the Council's Strategic Plan was currently underway, this committees' workplan had been updated to reflect this; and

(2) detailing an updated workplan from September 2023 to March 2024.

After consideration, the committee approved the workplan from September 2023 to March 2024.

STRATHCLYDE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 13th September 2023.

Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee.

Present:	Richard Bell (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Allan Gow, Jim Kavanagh, Ruairi Kelly, Lana Reid-McConnell and Martha Wardrop.
Apologies:	Jill Brown; Thomas Glavin, UNITE; and Councillor Sandy Watson, North Lanarkshire Council.
Also present:	Councillor Ian Davis, South Ayrshire Council; Scott Donohoe and Stephen Kelly, UNISON; Darren Paterson, Scottish Police Authority; Councillor Martin Rooney, West Dunbartonshire Council; and Andy Thompson, GMB.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); R McIndoe, Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance); I Beattie and G Wood, Investment Advisory Panel; C Alexander and D Walker, Hymans Robertson; and O Potapova and H Rohimun, EY.

Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners – Presentation noted.

1 The committee noted a presentation by Messrs Mark Burrows and Keith Gains and Ms Rosalind Smith, Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners on Powering the Net Zero Transition.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Draft annual audit report 2022/23 noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing EY's draft annual audit report for 2022/23 for Strathclyde Pension Fund.

After consideration and having heard Ms Olga Potapova and Mr Hassan Rohimun, EY, the committee noted the report.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Audited Annual Accounts 2022/23 approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 21st June 2023 (Print 3, page 132) accepting the unaudited Annual Accounts for 2022/23 and noting that the unaudited accounts would be submitted to EY, who upon completion of the audit would report its findings to this committee by the end of September 2023, there was submitted a report by EY regarding the Annual Audit for 2022/23.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the report in conjunction with the draft EY annual audit report in relation to the audit of the accounts and the full copy of Strathclyde Pension Fund's Audited Annual Accounts for 2022/23; and

(2) approved the Audited Annual Accounts for 2022/23 for signature, subject to the conclusion of the audit by EY.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Actuarial valuation report noted – Revised draft funding strategy statement approved – Declaration of interest.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the preliminary results of an actuarial valuation for Strathclyde Pension Fund as at 31st March 2023, which had been carried out by the Fund's consulting actuaries, Hymans Robertson, together with a draft Funding Strategy statement.

After consideration and having heard Mr Craig Alexander, Hymans Robertson, the committee

(1) noted the preliminary results of the actuarial valuation of the Fund as at 31st March 2023; and

(2) approved

(a) the Funding Strategy; and

(b) the draft Funding Strategy Statement for consultation with interested parties.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Kelly declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration.

Committee Sounding Board – Membership approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the membership of this committee's Sounding Board, advising that

(1) since 2012, this committee had maintained a working group or Sounding Board drawn from its membership and the main function of the Sounding Board was to review proposals before being considered by the committee, particularly in relation to investment proposals for the Direct Investment Portfolio and proposals relating to the development of the investment strategy; and

(2) due to changes in the membership of this committee, it was proposed that the membership of the Sounding Board comprised of Councillor Richard Bell (Convener), Councillor Martha Wardrop (Vice Convener) and Councillor Jill Brown.

After consideration, the committee approved the membership of Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee Sounding Board, as detailed in the report.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Administration Performance – Position noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund advising of pensions administration activity and a summary of the performance of Strathclyde Pension Fund Office as at 30th June 2023.

Financial statements – Current position noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding financial statements for the administration of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing the administration cost and cash flow monitoring statements for period 5 from 1st April to 28th July 2023.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Investment performance noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding

(1) the investment performance to 30th June 2023;

(2) a summary of the distribution of portfolios and Direct Impact Portfolio investments as at 30th June 2023;

(3) the outcome of the Investment Advisory Panel meetings of 11th May and 10th August 2023; and

(4) stewardship activity during Quarter 2.

Risk Register – Position noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing the risk register for Strathclyde Pension Fund Office as at 31st July 2023

Business Plan 2023/24 – Progress noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding a review of progress in respect of the business and development priorities listed in the Fund’s 2023/24 Business Plan.