Europe Day – Motion approved, after division.

8 Bailie Christie, seconded by Councillor Bolander, moved that:-

"Council notes that 9th May was Europe Day, an annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe. Council recognises that since it committed to do so in a motion of May 2018, Glasgow has continued to actively engage with European partners, consolidating relationships, garnering accolades and positioning itself as a lead European city. Council believes that this work remains an essential tool in mitigating the impact on Glasgow and Scotland of the immense social, economic, cultural and reputational damage inflicted by Brexit.

Council recalls that in 2019, the European Commission Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor ranked Glasgow as the UK's top cultural and creative city for cultural vibrancy, creative economy and ability to attract creative talent and stimulate cultural engagement, and also ranked Glasgow as Europe's leader for 'openness, tolerance and trust'. Council further notes that the city is celebrating its second European Capital of Sport in 2023 and using this status to increase sporting opportunities and improve lives, and agrees that this should also be a vehicle for further strengthening European connections between our peoples.

Council notes that, despite Brexit, Glasgow has continued to participate in European projects - recently concluding RUGGEDISED smart city project funded under the European Union's Horizon 2020, URBACT ROOF and Global Cities for Global Goals projects amongst others - and secured membership of the European Commission's Commission Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities. Council recognises that much of this success has been due to our participation in the Eurocities network which brought together the pan European Mayors Alliance for the European Green Deal to raise the collective voice of local governments with EU institutions and has positively influenced pan European efforts on the Climate Emergency. Council notes the launch of Glasgow's Just Transition Skills Plan and that this coincides with the launch of the European Year of Skills and believes that this synergy provides an opportunity to continue sharing Learning for Sustainability and the shift to a green and digital economy.

Council notes our recent hosting of the Eurocities network Working Group on Children & Young People and encourages the city to use this as a means of ensuring Glasgow's children benefit from European learning and connections hampered by the UK's withdrawal from the ERASMUS+ opportunities.

Council believes that Brexit has directly contributed to the cost-of-living crisis and decline in living standards across the UK and to daily hardship for thousands of Glaswegian households and recalls that almost 67% of Glaswegians who voted in the 2016 referendum voted to remain in the EU and have had their European citizenship removed against their will. Council agrees that until such time as Scots' democratic choice of EU membership is restored to them, Scotland should at least have access to the EU single market in the same way that Northern Ireland does, and that this would help to grow the economy, ease trading facilities with the EU and go some way to address the democratic deficit in Scotland caused by the Brexit referendum and events since.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and European Commission President highlighting: Glasgow's continuing commitment as a European city and to our European citizens; our position at the heart of European networks; Glasgow's unrivalled reputation as a leading UK research and innovation centre; the alignment of our Just Transition Skills Plan with the aims of the European Year of Skills; and underlining that Glasgow is a proud European city, open to our European and global neighbours for business, for study, for visitors, for collaboration, and for people from around the world continuing to make our city their home."

Bailie Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Pidgeon, moved as an amendment that at the fifth paragraph from "Council agrees that until…and events since" be deleted and the following inserted:-

"Council further believes that the cross-party campaign for a 'People's Vote', supported by this Council, was ultimately unsuccessful; that the disastrous Brexit deal which has been inflicted on the UK is the result of the chaotic Conservative UK Government's nationalist ideology; and that the best solution to this botched Brexit and the cost-of-living crisis is the election of a UK Labour Government."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 32 members voted for the amendment and 47 for the motion with 2 abstentions.

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

9 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1300 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

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

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

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
IMRAM ALAM	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
BLAIR ANDERSON	SEAN FERGUSON	HANZALA MALIK
KEN ANDREW	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
ALEXANDER BELIC	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNS
RICHARD BELL	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
DECLAN BLENCH	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
EVA BOLANDER	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX
ABDUL BOSTANI	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY

PHILIP BRAAT
JILL BROWN
HOLLY BRUCE
MAUREEN BURKE
BILL BUTLER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL
CHRISTINA CANNON
PAUL CAREY
JOHN CARSON
ANTHONY CARROLL
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
JOHN DALY
AUDREY DEMPSEY
STEPHEN DOCHERTY
FIONA HIGGINS
RASHID HUSSAIN
DAN HUTCHISON
FYEZA IKHLAQ
EUNIS JASSEMI
ANN JENKINS
LILITH JOHNSTONE
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
MATT KERR
THOMAS KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
FRANK McAVEETY
PAUL MCCABE
ELAINE McDOUGALL
KENNY McLEAN
MARGARET MORGAN
EVA MURRAY
CECILIA O'LONE
KEIRAN O'NEILL
JILL PIDGEON
LINDA PIKE
THOMAS RANNACHAN
GEORGE REDMOND
LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
JAMES SCANLON
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

DEACON CONVENER

VICE DEAN OF GUILD

Apologies: Jim Kavanagh and Hanif Raja.

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