Item 8

19th May 2022

MINUTES

OF

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL.

Hybrid meeting, Glasgow, 31st March 2022.

Glasgow City Council.

Present: The Lord Provost, Philip Braat (Chair).

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Apologies: Phillip Charles, Elaine McSporran and David Meikle.

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; A Eccles (for the 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.

Death of former Councillor Colin McNicol.

1 The Lord Provost referred to the recent death of former Councillor Colin McNicol and extended the House's condolences to his family. The House stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Suspension in part of Standing Orders agreed.

2 The Council agreed

(1) to suspend the provisions of Standing Order No 5 (12) and that the House would not adjourn until the notice of motion at item 8(e) on the agenda had been dealt with; and

(2) to suspend in part the provisions of Standing Order No 18 (2) to allow doors to remain open during voting procedures to allow for adequate ventilation.

Minutes approved.

3 The minutes of the Council meeting of 17th February 2022 (Print 7, pages 449 to 472) were submitted and approved.

Minutes of committees submitted and approved.

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

(1) Personnel Appeals Committee of 15th March 2022 (Print 7, page 473);

(2) Planning Applications Committee of 8th and 22nd February and 8th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 474 to 476);

(3) Scrutiny Committees

(a) Finance and Audit of 23rd February 2022 (Print 7, pages 477 to 479); and

(b) Operational Performance and Delivery of 9th February and 9th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 480 to 485);

(4) Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 9th and 23rd February and 2nd and 9th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 486 to 496);

(5) City Administration Committee of 10th and 24th February 2022 and 10th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 497 to 514);

(6) Planning Local Review Committee of 15th February and 15th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 515 to 516);

(7) City Policy Committees

(a) General Purposes City Policy Committee of 1st March 2022 (Print 7, pages 517 to 520);

(b) Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement of 3rd March 2022 (Print 7, pages 521 to 523);

(c) Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm of 8th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 524 to 526);

(d) Education, Skills and Early Years of 10th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 527 to 529); and

(e) Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction of 7th and 15th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 530 to 537); and

(8) Strathclyde Pension Fund of 2nd March 2022 (Print 7, pages 538 to 540); and

(9) Contracts and Property Committee of 24th February and 17th March 2022 (Print 7, pages 541 to 551).

Representation on outside bodies approved.

5 The Council approved the appointment of Roddy Maciver, Executive Legal Manager, Corporate Law, to Scotcash, in place of Elaine Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration.

Glasgow Slavery Audit noted – Instruction to Chief Executive.

6 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive presenting the findings of a report entitled “Glasgow, Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: An Audit of Historic Connections and Modern Legacies” by Dr Stephen Mullen, advising that

(1) in 2019 the Council had commissioned Dr Stephen Mullen of the University of Glasgow to undertake research into the impact of slavery on the city of Glasgow and on 10th September 2020 (Print 2, page 33) the Council had agreed to establish a cross party working group to hold a public consultation on the historic legacy of chattel slavery; and

(2) the research, delayed due to the pandemic, had been delivered in March 2022 and set out the impact slavery had on the city and included buildings, statutes, street names and institutions.

After consideration, the Council, having considered further recommendations from Councillor Aitken

(a) noted

(i) the report as the most comprehensive and in-depth study to date of Glasgow's connections to the Atlantic slave trade and the role and financial connections of prominent Glasgow citizens and institutions to the enslavement of African people, the trafficking of enslaved people, and the exploitation of their labour; and

(ii) that the findings in Dr Mullen's report provided an incontrovertible evidence base of the extent of Glasgow's complicity in chattel slavery and the actions that supported it, which were a moral outrage and a unique historical atrocity, underpinned by racism and white supremacy, the legacies of which continued to be felt today in the forms of systemic racist prejudice, discrimination and hate crime directed at people of colour and in challenges faced by countries whose populations were stolen and enslaved;

(b) thanked Dr Mullen for his work, particularly noting the restrictions placed on his research by the COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) agreed that, on behalf of the city of Glasgow and the predecessor organisations of Glasgow City Council, the Council apologised fully and unreservedly to the descendants of enslaved people and to the nations they came from for the city's significant role in Atlantic slavery; and

(d) instructed the Chief Executive

(i) to reconvene the Short Life Slavery Legacy Working Group following the 2022 Local Government Elections and ask that group to bring recommendations to Council by the end of the year on actions to be taken in response to matters including, but not restricted to street names, monuments and buildings with direct or associational connections to Atlantic slavery or individuals involved in Atlantic slavery, Lord Provosts of Glasgow who were involved in Atlantic slavery, investments made by Glasgow City Council's predecessor institutions, and bequests and legacies held or managed by Glasgow City Council today, that were connected to Atlantic slavery, how Glasgow should permanently acknowledge the city's historic role in Atlantic slavery and memorialise its victims; and

(ii) to consult and engage with the people of Glasgow and particularly with groups representing African and Caribbean and other BAME citizens before the final implementation of any recommendations.

Questions.

7 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 Malcolm Cunning	"To ask the City Treasurer if he agrees with the analysis of the latest Audit Scotland report that ring-fenced funding helps support the delivery of key Scottish Government policy initiatives but constrains a proportion of councils' total funding and removes any local discretion over how these funds can be used, and that Local Government, including Glasgow, has experienced a real terms cut in core funding since 2013/14; and if so, what dialogue is he having with the Scottish Government and with colleagues in COSLA?"	Councillor Richard Bell, City Treasurer
Councillor Eva Murray	"To ask the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction why Glasgow lags the rest of Scotland in the uptake of free bus travel for under-22s, with just 7.67% uptake in Glasgow and 10.44% uptake nationally, and what steps the Council will take to reverse this?"	Councillor Anna Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
Councillor Jill Brown	"To ask the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction on the current progress of scheduled road maintenance and pothole repair?"	Councillor Anna Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
Councillor Aileen McKenzie	"After significant concern raised by the Teaching Sector, Unions	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City

	and our young people regarding the latest guidance from the SQA, what reassurance can the Convener for Education, Skills and Early Years give to our senior phase pupils sitting exams in May?"	Convener for Education, Skills and Early Years
Councillor Robert Connelly	"To ask the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction for an update on the future of the Baltic Street Cleansing Depot?"	Councillor Kenny McLean, City Convener for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm
Bailie Kyle Thornton	"To ask the Leader of the Council what steps the Council will take to address the significant road safety concerns at Tinto Primary School?"	Councillor Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
Councillor Martha Wardrop	"Can the relevant City Convener confirm how long works to the M8 Woodside Viaduct have been extended for?"	Councillor Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
Councillor Kim Long	"Could the City Convener provide an update on the status of Mears Groups' asylum seeker housing at 100 Pollokshaws Road?"	Councillor Jennifer Layden, City Convener for Community Empowerment, Equalities and Human Rights
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone	"In 2019 this council passed a motion that we would take action that aimed to reduce the incidence of low pay among women by lowering the gender pay gap, and increase gender equality through inclusive growth, fair work practices and a fair market value for women's skills. Does the Leader of the Council share my disappointment that there has been a complete lack of any progress of the Gender Pay Gap working group?"	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council
Councillor Jill Brown	"Can the City Convener for Education, Skills and Early Years	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City

	give a view on the importance of the link between primary school children reading aloud and literacy attainment?"	Convener for Education, Skills and Early Years
Councillor Allan Young	"To ask the Chair of City Property for an update on its match-funding contribution for a feasibility study on the future operating model of Trongate 103, which is required to unlock funding from Creative Scotland?"	Councillor Kenny McLean, City Convener for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm
Councillor Kim Long	"To ask the City Convener for Health and Social Care Integration for her initial opinion on the recently published report by Glasgow Disability Alliance on disabled women's experiences during the pandemic?"	Councillor Jennifer Layden, City Convener for Community Empowerment, Equalities and Human Rights
Bailie Soryia Siddique	"Given the level of the waste problem in Govanhill which has been known for some time, the extremity of which has been proved by the recent week of action which also brought to light the presence of "human excrement". What proposals does the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction have to address the ongoing problems which cannot possibly have been solved by a one-off exercise?"	Councillor Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction
Councillor Jill Brown	"To ask the relevant City Convener if there have been any discussions with the Scottish Government, Public Health Scotland or the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board regarding the use of schools as facilities to deliver the COVID19 vaccine to eligible pupils?"	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City Convener for Education, Skills and Early Years

Adjournment.

8 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1240 hours until 1330 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

9 The meeting resumed at 1330 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

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Ukraine – Motion as adjusted, approved.

10 Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Layden, moved that:-

"Council unreservedly condemns the unprovoked war of aggression by the Russian Federation on the nation and people of Ukraine and expresses particular horror at indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets such as hospitals, which have resulted in the deaths of hundreds of ordinary Ukrainian citizens, including children, as well as the Ukrainian and Russian soldiers killed in the fighting.

Council notes the extraordinary courage and determination of the Ukrainian people in resisting the attack on their country and expresses its solidarity with them and full support for their right to assert and defend their sovereignty, independent nationhood and right to self-determination. Council further expresses its solidarity with and deepest sympathy for Ukrainian citizens living in Glasgow and asks citizens of Glasgow to show their support the Ukrainian community-led vigils in George Square and at the Russian consulate in Edinburgh if they are able to do so. Council further notes the bravery of Russians who have spoken out against the war, at considerable cost to their own safety.

Council notes that an estimated 3 million Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes by the war and are seeking refuge across Europe; further notes the Scottish government's proposal to become a 'super-sponsor' of 3000 refugees; resolves that Glasgow will play our full part in providing sanctuary and support for Ukrainians arriving in Scotland; and instructs the Chief Executive to continue engagement with government, COSLA and third sector partners to this end.

Council urges the UK government to remove every possible barrier to Ukrainian refugees reaching Scotland and to provide adequate resources for services to ensure that the right kind of support is available to meet the particular individual and family needs of those arriving here.

Council further supports calls upon the UK Government to work with bilateral and multilateral partners to ensure the Ukrainian people and government have all their resources at their disposal for their country's self defence, including consideration of the cancellation of all of Ukraine's foreign debts.

Council notes and commends the decision of the City Administration Committee of 10th March 2022 to donate £20,000 from Glasgow City Council to the Disasters Emergency Committee to fund its member charities' UK-based activities, in

recognition of the considerable strain the crisis in Ukraine is placing on the resources of these charities.

Council further notes the unanimous decision of the City Administration Committee of 24th February 2022 to immediately suspend Glasgow City Council's twinning arrangement with the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don and for an options paper to be brought to a future CAC.

Council reaffirms its support for and belief in the power of international city-to-city friendships; believes that a twinning relationship with a Ukrainian city could provide a route for Glasgow to provide support and assistance as Ukraine seeks to rebuild places and lives following the destruction and trauma of war; and instructs the Chief Executive to include options for a future twinning arrangement with a Ukrainian city to be included in the paper to come to CAC."

Councillor Jane Morgan, seconded by Councillor Matt Kerr, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) the following be inserted in the first line after “war of aggression by the…” :

“current leadership of the”;

(2) the following be inserted at end of the third paragraph after “and third sector partners to this end”:

“Council recognises, in particular, the challenges faced by families and young children fleeing the conflict, and resolves to ensure that our Schools are prepared to support Ukrainian children and families to continue their education and overcome any language barriers.”;

(3) the following new fourth paragraph be added after “and third sector partners to this end”:

“Council further notes its long-standing support for refugees, including its role in supporting medical evacuees during the Kosovo conflict in the late 1990’s; and being the first Scottish Local Authority to accept Syrian refugees through the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme; and believes that our humanitarian response to these crises and our support for those who seek refuge is irrespective of where in the world they are.”;

(4) the following be inserted at the end of the sixth paragraph after “is placing on the resources of these charities”:

“Council resolves to further publicise the DEC appeal through Council communication channels as one of the best ways that Glaswegians can help.” and

(5) the following new seventh paragraph be added:

"Council additionally notes the work of Glasgow charities to deliver aid and supplies to those fleeing the conflict in other parts of Europe; notes the decision of City of Edinburgh Council to commit up to £100,000 to support this work within its own boundaries; and instructs Officers to consider the best ways that this Council can provide support to co-ordinate donations and the transportation of supplies to distribution centres in Poland and elsewhere."

Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved as a further amendment that the following additional paragraph be inserted between "...needs of those arriving here." and "Council further supports calls…":-

"Council notes the Nationality and Borders Bill, expected to pass into law next month, proposes significant changes to the treatment of people seeking refugee protection. Council reaffirms its belief that safe, legal routes should exist for all people fleeing war, persecution and violence and calls on all UK governments and institutions to continue to honour their moral and legal obligations under the UN Refugee Convention."

Councillor Aitken, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Jane Morgan and Councillor Long resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion, as adjusted, was thereafter approved unanimously.

Glasgow's public services – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

11 Councillor Cunning, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved that:-

"Council notes the findings of the 2021 Glasgow Household Survey, conducted by Ipsos Mori, including that satisfaction with bin collections and street cleaning have fallen to their lowest levels in over a decade; and the findings of the 2020 Household Survey that highlighted 40% of respondents wanted to see cleaner neighbourhoods.

Council further notes that in the 2021 Household Survey, nearly 40% disagreed with the statement "I trust Glasgow City Council", which is a 12-point deterioration from 2017; and that, for the first time, more than 50% agree with the statement "The Council is too remote and impersonal".

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Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved as an amendment that:-

"Council notes that there are many opportunities and challenges facing the city as we recover from the pandemic. Council takes this opportunity to once again thank our staff who stepped up during this time and provided unprecedented services to households and businesses across the city, and particularly to our most vulnerable citizens.

Council recognises the importance of listening to the people of Glasgow and understands that it is our job, collectively, as councillors to respond to the issues that matter to citizens, business and local organisations; believes that the needs of our citizens and our city should always be put first; further recognises that those who use the services provided by the Council wish to continue to see open and

transparent governance, such as the community participation and budgeting approach that has benefited communities across Glasgow, as well as improvements to the quality of vital public services to Glaswegians; celebrates Glasgow's successes so far, and looks forward to continuing to build on these successes to the benefit of all Glaswegians.

Council notes the need for ongoing recovery from the impact of the pandemic on our public services, communities and the city economy but also the many achievements the Council has delivered, including during one of the most difficult periods that has ever confronted our city, and resolves to continue this work following the council elections on the 5th of May."

Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved as a further amendment to delete all after the second paragraph and replace with the following:-

"Council recognises this is symptomatic of a top-down "Council knows best" culture generally, and specifically in the delivery of waste and recycling services, which has existed through successive administrations. Council notes this has been evident in the current council term through the implementation of major service changes without prior consultation or consideration by policy committees, which has required some of those decisions to be retrospectively mitigated.

Council instead believes that a street-by-street, close-by-close approach is needed, working with communities and frontline workers to co-design improved services which make it easier for people to do the right thing and which embed a zero waste approach, as well as more action to tackle throwaway culture and help businesses embrace the benefits of a circular economy.

Council, therefore, resolves to make a zero waste Glasgow a key priority now and following the 2022 Local Government Elections on the 5th of May."

Bailie Dr Bartos, seconded by Bailie Elder, moved as a further amendment that the motion by Councillor Cunning and the amendment by Councillor Molyneux be combined as follows:-

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Councillor Cunning, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Bailie Dr Bartos resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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On a vote being taken by calling the roll 33 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Bell, 6 for the amendment by Councillor Molyneux and 34 for the motion as adjusted. As there was no overall majority the amendment by Councillor Molyneux, as having the fewest votes, was dropped.

On a further vote being taken by calling the roll 34 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Bell and 37 for the motion as adjusted with 6 abstentions.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Roads and footways – Motion dealt with, after division.

12 Councillor Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Blockley, moved that:-

"This Council expresses its deep dissatisfaction with the current condition of the city's roads and footways and its concern over the current plans for their repair which are unlikely to deliver the improvement that the city's infrastructure needs and deserves.

In the Council's most recent Roads Infrastructure Status and Options Report (RISO), it was noted that carriageway condition deteriorated for the first time since 2013 to 70.5% of carriageways in acceptable condition. In addition, this report highlighted that customer satisfaction, as measured by the household survey, is at its lowest level for carriageways since 2011 at 18% with footway condition falling to 39%. While the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact in slowing down the rate of repairs at certain points, it has been clear for some years that the city's roads and pavements are in a poor condition.

The Council's RISO report noted that to bring carriageways up to "Best Condition in Over a Decade" would cost £15.5 million annually over 5 years with a 20-year investment of £250 million. To bring footways up to the Gold/Silver Standard would cost £3.97 million with a 20-year investment of £50.48 million.

Further to this, a recent Freedom of Information request confirmed that Glasgow currently has an outstanding bill to repair its known road and footway repairs of £96 million.

In the Budget Report tabled at the Council meeting of 17/02/22, it was noted that the Council plans the following capital investment in carriageways and footways:

- Carriageways: £4.5 million (2022/23), £5.2 million (2023/24) and £6.5 million (2024/25).
- Footways: NIL (2022/23), £300,000 (2023/24) and £300,000 (2024/25)

The Council recognises its financial challenges in funding such works.

However, it is clear that the current investment proposals are extremely unlikely to allow the city to bring its roads and footways to a "Best in a Decade"/Gold standard or to seek to bring all roads and footways up to a good standard with only new maintenance required. Even if all of the capital that the 2022/23 budget seeks to make available for potential use on roads and footways by Area Partnerships was directed to this task alone, over a three-year period the Council would still be significantly adrift of the resource required to bring roads and footways up to good condition.

This Council expresses its view that the city's residents deserve to have good quality infrastructure to allow them to move about the city in an efficient manner. It is self-evident that if we are to encourage more of our citizens to take up active travel options that we require to provide the infrastructure to allow this to be done safely and that at its most basic level this will require having roads and footways in good condition.

For example, the personal injury that a cyclist or pedestrian could suffer from a pothole or road/pavement defect is much more significant than that of a vehicle driver. Further, this Council recognises the significant cost to road users - cyclists, car drivers, bus operators, LGV/HGV operators and others - for the repair of damage to cycles and vehicles caused by potholes and road defects.

To allow for Councillors to consider the best way to put in place a serious and costed plan to tackle the significant damage to our city's roads and pavements, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare the following:

- An up-to-date assessment of the cost of repairing ALL of the city's identified road and pavement defects to allow the Council to come to a point where it only requires to undertake repairs to new defects - noting that much of this detail should already be available to the Council as it is utilised within its RISO report.
- An assessment of the impact of third party works on the city's infrastructure e.g. utility works and how the Council can best ensure that these parties rectify any damage caused by these works.
- An assessment of the potential to link up a programme of significant road and footway repairs with carrying out other works such as drainage repair/upgrades or traffic changes.
- An assessment of the capacity of both the Council and its contractors to undertake such a scale of work and on what timeframe this could take place.
- To write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy providing her with an up-to-date estimate of the cost to repair Glasgow's roads and footways and the required capital/revenue to allow this to be carried out and to further request that the Scottish Government take this into consideration as part of Glasgow's funding settlement in future financial years.
- An assessment of the potential ways in which to fund this that are available to the Council in the short, medium and long-term.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive that this work should be presented to the Council no later than 6 months following the 2022 Local Government Elections."

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

(1) the first paragraph be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Council considers the maintenance and repair of roads and footways to be an essential priority for the smooth running of the city.";

(2) the following be inserted after the second paragraph at the first sentence ending "…70.5% of carriageways in acceptable condition":

"and that this report confirmed this is above the Scottish average of 64.2% and places Glasgow in the upper quartile for road condition in Scotland".;

(3) that the second paragraph at the third sentence beginning "While the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact…" be deleted and replaced with the following:

"The COVID-19 restrictions resulted in four months of no roads maintenance, which coincides with this fall in customer satisfaction.";

(4) that the following be inserted at paragraph 5, second bullet, three new bullets:

- "Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund: £23 million
- Road maintenance revenue funding: £2.3 million
- Footway maintenance revenue funding: £862,000"

(5) that the seventh paragraph be deleted beginning "However, it is clear that the current investment proposals..";

(6) that the following be inserted after paragraph nine beginning "Council also noted …" and before the tenth paragraph beginning "To allow for …":

"Council also notes that road surface damage is caused by a combination of weather conditions and wear and tear from vehicle use. The RISO states, "the impact of extreme winter and summer weather has on the condition of our carriageways is clear." Council is concerned that the climate emergency is expected to increase the frequency and severity of these extreme weather events. Council notes that between 1994 and 2019 there was a 32% increase in vehicle miles in Glasgow, and that this increased level of use will contribute to the maintenance burden of our infrastructure. Council therefore welcomes the recently approved target of 30% reduction in vehicle kilometres by 2030, as set out in the Glasgow Transport Strategy."; and

(7) that the following be inserted after the eleventh paragraph sixth bullet, one new bullet:

- "An assessment of the potential impact of achieving the 30% vehicle kilometre reduction target on future levels of routine maintenance that will be required."

Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved as a further amendment that:

(a) the following new eighth paragraph be inserted after "footways up to good condition"':

"Council notes the statement within the Annual Status and Options Report (ASOR) that "Extreme winter weather and more frequent summer rain events has had a detrimental impact on the number of public pothole reports received"; believes that climate change will continue to bring extreme weather; and expresses concern that Glasgow's roads are not currently climate resilient due to a lack of sufficient and multi-year funding for Local Government."

(b) the following new tenth paragraph be inserted after "caused by potholes and road defects.":

"Further, Council notes its support for the principles of Transform Scotland's 'Fix It First' campaign, first launched in 2013, that investment should address current deficiencies in our roadways and footways."

(c) the following new bullet point be added after "as it is utilised within its RISO report.":

- An assessment of the climate resilience of the current road and footway assets, whether current materials and techniques deliver greatest value for money over the long-term and whether improving the resilience of the asset would reduce the need for reactive patching repairs.

(d) the following be inserted at the end of the final bullet point:

"including an assessment of how the commitments to reduce private car kilometres and increase active travel for everyday journeys is likely to reduce the costs of maintenance due to less deterioration."

Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved as a further amendment that:

"Council expresses its dissatisfaction with the current condition of the city's roads, cycleways and footways. Council recognises the climate change impact of increasingly extreme weather events such as very severe rainfall, freezing or heightened temperatures, on our road infrastructure. Council notes both the volume of road traffic and the physical weight of vehicles in our city have grown significantly in recent years, increasing the strain on road surfaces. Council supports the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy and recognises the need to prioritise road developments which enhance active travel and access to public transport.

Council notes its Roads Infrastructure Status and Options Report 2021 which reports 70.5% of carriageways are currently in "acceptable" condition, that the ability to maintain and repair carriageways was severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, and that levels of investment remain steady. Council notes that, while currently 94% of the primary cycle network is in good or fair condition, this reflects the relatively young age of the asset. Council welcomes the recent Active Travel Strategy embedding cycle provision for all as standard rather than as an optional extra.

Council notes with some concern that, while the majority of its footways are in good or fair condition, 2.9% of footways, equating to 92km, "exhibit major or structural deterioration". Council notes that approximately half of all Glasgow households do not have access to a private car and thus are more likely to travel using pavements. Households without a car are more likely to include disabled people, older people, people living in poverty, and families. Many of these groups require accessible smooth pavements for walking and wheeling, and the provision of dropped kerbs, safe crossing points and minimised pavement clutter.

Council recalls its recent Budget decision to introduce an additional surcharge for residential parking permits for the most polluting vehicles in recognition of their increased public health impacts. Council notes that the same vehicles are also likely to be heavier and therefore cause greater damage to roads. Information from the International Council on Clean Transportation suggests the average weight of a new car bought in the UK has since the millennium increased by 208kg - equivalent to the weight of an additional man, woman and teenage passenger. UK Government data shows that 75% of so-called sports utility vehicles are registered

to urban addresses, predominantly in wealthier areas. Council agrees that just as the emissions impact of these vehicles is not felt evenly, the deterioration of our city's roads is not caused equally by all road users. Similarly, increased HGV weights, and inappropriate use of residential streets by HGVs, adds stress to road surfaces.

Council recognises that cycling, wheeling and walking has the least impact on road surfaces, yet notes that these groups often suffer the most from potholes and poor road quality. Council expresses its view that the city's residents deserve to have good quality infrastructure to allow them to move about the city in an efficient manner. It is self-evident that if we are to encourage more of our citizens to take up active travel options that we require to provide the infrastructure to allow this to be done safely and that at its most basic level this will require having roads and footways in good condition.

For example, the personal injury that a cyclist or pedestrian could suffer from a pothole or road/pavement defect is much more significant than that of a vehicle driver. Further, Council recognises the significant cost to road users – cyclists, car drivers, bus operators, LGV/HGV operators and others – for the repair of damage to cycles and vehicles caused by potholes and road defects.

Council resolves to use measures already within its power both to address the condition of our carriageways, and to reduce vehicular impact and subsequent damage to roads. Council recalls its decision through the recently approved Transport Strategy to substantially reduce vehicle kilometres over the next decade, and believes that proactively engaging residents, businesses and visitors is the best way of ensuring this happens.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare the following:

- An up-to-date assessment of the cost and timescale of repairing ALL of the city's identified road and pavement defects to allow the Council to come to a point where it only requires to undertake repairs to new defects – noting that much of this detail should already be available to the Council as it is utilised within its RISO report.
- An assessment of the impact of third party works on the city's infrastructure e.g. utility works and how the Council can best ensure that these parties rectify any damage caused by these works.
- An assessment of the potential to link up a programme of significant road and footway repairs with carrying out other works such as drainage repair/upgrades or traffic changes.
- An assessment of the capacity of both the Council and its contractors to undertake such a scale of work and on what timeframe this could take place.
- An assessment of the impact of extreme weather events on roads, active travel routes and footpaths and what innovations are emerging in surface treatment approaches to improve climate resilience.
- Information on where the 2.9% of worst footways are, and plans to immediately bring these footways up to expected minimum standard and maintain them as such.

- An assessment of the potential for both the Council and businesses to make greater use of smaller electric vehicles and cargo bikes for 'last mile' journeys, including making cargo bikes available for hire, in order to reduce the impact of heavy goods vehicles travelling through our streets.
- An assessment of potential measures to divert heavy goods vehicles away from inappropriate residential streets, including common 'rat runs' or known motorway connector routes.
- An assessment of the role of heavy private non-commercial vehicles in road deterioration, and an outline of measures to address and prevent future deterioration, looking to other cities worldwide for possible models.

Council instructs the Chief Executive that this work should be presented to the relevant Council Committee no later than six months following the 2022 Local Government Elections."

Councillor Thomas Kerr, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Burke.

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

"Council considers the maintenance and repair of roads and footways to be an essential priority for the smooth running of the city.

In the Council's most recent Roads Infrastructure Status and Options Report (RISO), it was noted that carriageway condition deteriorated for the first time since 2013 to 70.5% of carriageways in acceptable condition, and that this report confirmed this is above the Scottish average of 64.2% and places Glasgow in the upper quartile for road condition in Scotland. In addition, this report highlighted that customer satisfaction, as measured by the household survey, is at its lowest level for carriageways since 2011 at 18% with footway condition falling to 39%. The COVID-19 restrictions resulted in four months of no roads maintenance, which coincides with this fall in customer satisfaction.

The Council's RISO report noted that to bring carriageways up to "Best Condition in Over a Decade" would cost £15.5 million annually over 5 years with a 20-year investment of £250 million. To bring footways up to the Gold/Silver Standard would cost £3.97 million with a 20-year investment of £50.48 million.

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The Council recognises its financial challenges in funding such works.

This Council expresses its view that the city's residents deserve to have good quality infrastructure to allow them to move about the city in an efficient manner. It is self-evident that if we are to encourage more of our citizens to take up active travel options that we require to provide the infrastructure to allow this to be done safely and that at its most basic level this will require having roads and footways in good condition.

For example, the personal injury that a cyclist or pedestrian could suffer from a pothole or road/pavement defect is much more significant than that of a vehicle driver. Further, this Council recognises the significant cost to road users – cyclists, car drivers, bus operators, LGV/HGV operators and others – for the repair of damage to cycles and vehicles caused by potholes and road defects.

Council also notes that road surface damage is caused by a combination of weather conditions and wear and tear from vehicle use. The RISO states, "the impact of extreme winter and summer weather has on the condition of our carriageways is clear." Council is concerned that the climate emergency is expected to increase the frequency and severity of these extreme weather events. Council notes that between 1994 and 2019 there was a 32% increase in vehicle miles in Glasgow, and that this increased level of use will contribute to the maintenance burden of our infrastructure. Council therefore welcomes the recently approved target of 30% reduction in vehicle kilometres by 2030, as set out in the Glasgow Transport Strategy.

To allow for Councillors to consider the best way to put in place a serious and costed plan to tackle the significant damage to our city's roads and pavements, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare the following:

- An up-to-date assessment of the cost of repairing ALL of the city's identified road and pavement defects to allow the Council to come to a point where it only requires to undertake repairs to new defects – noting that much of this detail should already be available to the Council as it is utilised within its RISO report.
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- An assessment of the capacity of both the Council and its contractors to undertake such a scale of work and on what timeframe this could take place.
- To write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy providing her with an up-to-date estimate of the cost to repair Glasgow's roads and footways and the required capital/revenue to allow this to be carried out and to

further request that the Scottish Government take this into consideration as part of Glasgow's funding settlement in future financial years.

- An assessment of the potential ways in which to fund this that are available to the Council in the short, medium and long-term.
- An assessment of the potential impact of achieving the 30% vehicle kilometre reduction target on future levels of routine maintenance that will be required.
- An assessment of the impact of extreme weather events on roads, active travel routes and footpaths and what innovations are emerging in surface treatment approaches to improve climate resilience.
- Information on where the 2.9% of worst footways are, and plans to immediately bring these footways up to expected minimum standard and maintain them as such.
- An assessment of the potential for both the Council and businesses to make greater use of smaller electric vehicles and cargo bikes for 'last mile' journeys, including making cargo bikes available for hire, in order to reduce the impact of heavy goods vehicles travelling through our streets.
- An assessment of potential measures to divert heavy goods vehicles away from inappropriate residential streets, including common 'rat runs' or known motorway connector routes.
- An assessment of the role of heavy private non-commercial vehicles in road deterioration, and an outline of measures to address and prevent future deterioration, looking to other cities worldwide for possible models.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive that this work should be presented to the Council no later than 6 months following the 2022 Local Government Elections."

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 40 members voted for the amendment as adjusted by Councillor Richardson and 33 for the motion. The amendment as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Public libraries – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

13 Councillor Wardrop, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved that:-

"Council extends its thanks to local library campaigners for their long-running campaigns which culminated in the recent reopening of all Glasgow's libraries. Council believes these campaigns, and others in the media, have helped to shine a light on the vital importance of library services to communities.

Council believes that while our city's libraries will always have literacy at the heart, over recent years they have expanded their offering and become about so much more than books. Council notes the successful support work offered by Macmillan through our libraries, the importance of libraries as a place for people who are digitally excluded to get online, and the wealth of information available in our archives. Council commends the many groups that make our libraries the vibrant places they are, from Bookbug for our youngest children, to homework clubs, reading groups, local historians, and support groups for people from all walks of life.

Council notes the progress made in this Council term towards a more sustainable future for our city, including the approval of a Circular Economy Route Map in December 2020. Council notes research from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation that 80% of household items such as drills, sound systems and sewing machines are used less than once per month.

Council supports a real sharing economy, including the development of Tool Libraries, which allow people to join flexible membership schemes to access hundreds of tools for the price of one tool, saving space and money, and reducing unnecessary consumption. Council notes that other local authorities, including Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire, operate children's toy libraries, ensuring toys have a regular new lease of life.

Council believes as we move away from pandemic lockdowns, this provides an opportunity to engage people to get their views on the future of public libraries, and the range of services which could be delivered from public libraries so they maximise their potential as a community resource.

Council asks the incoming Chief Executive of Glasgow Life to begin work on a new Libraries Strategy, which should include a large-scale public engagement exercise and encompass the potential to host tool and toy libraries, repair and skills workshops, as well as acting as a focal point for community climate action. Council requests a report to the relevant Committee outlining the scope of the engagement exercise within six months."

Councillor McDonald, seconded by Bailie Christie, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) the following be inserted at the end of the fourth paragraph:

"additionally we recognise the developing social enterprise models operating in many communities across the city who run sharing libraries for tools, toys, skills and more. Council commits to enabling and supporting more communities, social enterprises and other stakeholders to building a strong refuse/repair/sharing economy in Glasgow."; and

(2) the sixth paragraph be deleted and replaced with:

"Council recalls the success of the Vision for Glasgow Libraries published in 2015, that set out the vision for the city's libraries to be "amazing places to read, learn and discover – the trusted guide at the heart of our communities". This vision has seen Glasgow Libraries receive national awards demonstrating the delivery of innovative, high quality services. Council notes that a draft update of the Vision to be available for wider ranging public engagement and consultation across the city in the early Autumn of 2022.

Council believes that Vision must ensure that the services provided by our libraries remain relevant and meet the needs of our citizens and communities. The building of strong collaborative partnerships with communities, the third and public sectors will remain central to our approach.

Council recognises the potential contribution libraries can play, both now and in the coming years, within the city including improving health and wellbeing, developing reading and literacy, accessing new skills and knowledge, alleviating poverty, supporting employment and inclusive economic development."

Councillor Graham, seconded by Bailie Garrity, moved as a further amendment that the following be inserted in the first paragraph after "of all Glasgow's libraries":

"; and notes this Council's decision of 20th December 2020 "to ensure that all 171 sports, arts and cultural venues are fully reopened…as soon as it is safe to reopen them" which provided vital political leadership on this issue."

Bailie Dr Bartos, seconded by Councillor Elspeth Kerr, moved as a further amendment that:

(a) the following be added at the end of the fourth paragraph:

"Council notes its commitment to novel community based circular economy models with the decision it made in February 2018 (and later budgets) to support a Schools Bike Library pilot as circular approach to towards a 'bike for every child' city, where no school aged child is excluded from access to a bike."; and

(b) the following be added at the end of the sixth paragraph:

"Council further notes that the aforementioned Schools Bike Library pilot has not yet commenced but reiterates its support for this scheme, instructs a paper to come forward to the relevant Committee, before the summer recess, outlining progress to date and further instructs officers to develop options to engage with parent councils and external stakeholders including Scottish Government to identify resources which would permit future extension of a Schools Bike Library scheme to cover all primary schools in the city."

Councillor Wardrop, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor McDonald and Councillor Graham, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"Council extends its thanks to local library campaigners for their long-running campaigns which culminated in the recent reopening of all Glasgow's libraries and notes this Council's decision of 20th December 2020 "to ensure that all 171 sports, arts and cultural venues are fully reopened…as soon as it is safe to reopen them" which provided vital political leadership on this issue. Council believes these campaigns, and others in the media, have helped to shine a light on the vital importance of library services to communities.

Council believes that while our city's libraries will always have literacy at the heart, over recent years they have expanded their offering and become about so much more than books. Council notes the successful support work offered by Macmillan through our libraries, the importance of libraries as a place for people who are

digitally excluded to get online, and the wealth of information available in our archives. Council commends the many groups that make our libraries the vibrant places they are, from Bookbug for our youngest children, to homework clubs, reading groups, local historians, and support groups for people from all walks of life.

Council notes the progress made in this Council term towards a more sustainable future for our city, including the approval of a Circular Economy Route Map in December 2020. Council notes research from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation that 80% of household items such as drills, sound systems and sewing machines are used less than once per month.

Council supports a real sharing economy, including the development of Tool Libraries, which allow people to join flexible membership schemes to access hundreds of tools for the price of one tool, saving space and money, and reducing unnecessary consumption. Council notes that other local authorities, including Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire, operate children's toy libraries, ensuring toys have a regular new lease of life. Additionally we recognise the developing social enterprise models operating in many communities across the city who run sharing libraries for tools, toys, skills and more. Council commits to enabling and supporting more communities, social enterprises and other stakeholders to building a strong refuse/repair/sharing economy in Glasgow. Council notes its commitment to novel community based circular economy models with the decision it made in February 2018 (and later budgets) to support a Schools Bike Library pilot as a circular approach towards a 'bike for every child' city, where no school aged child is excluded from access to a bike.

Council believes as we move away from pandemic lockdowns, this provides an opportunity to engage people to get their views on the future of public libraries, and the range of services which could be delivered from public libraries so they maximise their potential as a community resource.

Council recalls the success of the Vision for Glasgow Libraries published in 2015, that set out a vision for the city's libraries to be "amazing places to read, learn and discover – the trusted guide at the heart of our communities". This vision has seen Glasgow Libraries receive national awards demonstrating the delivery of innovative, high quality services. Council notes that a draft update of the Vision is due to be available for wider ranging public engagement and consultation across the city in the early Autumn of 2022.

Council believes that Vision must ensure that the services provided by our libraries remain relevant and meet the needs of our citizens and communities. The building of strong collaborative partnerships with communities, the third and public sectors will remain central to our approach.

Council recognises the potential contribution libraries can play, both now and in the coming years, within the city including improving health and wellbeing, developing reading and literacy, accessing new skills and knowledge, alleviating poverty, supporting employment and inclusive economic development."

On a vote being taken by calling the roll 3 members voted for the amendment and 68 for the motion as adjusted which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Women in politics – Motion as adjusted, approved.

14 Councillor McTernan, seconded by Councillor McKenzie, moved that:-

"Council notes, with concern that at the last election, just 29% of Scotland's Councillors were women; and that this inequality extends to other elected office more broadly; and that it is even more pronounced for young, disabled, BAME, and LGBT+ women.

Council further notes a considerable number of news reports that a number of female Councillors intend not to seek re-election at the upcoming election, including many who were first elected five years ago; that this is a worrying trend across Local Government; and that this trend is further evidence of the findings in the recent CoSLA Councillors Survey.

Council believes that this is evidence of a structural problem across Local Government in Scotland, and the rest of the UK; and that all parties and all politicians have a huge role to play in supporting more women of all backgrounds into politics and to stay in elected office.

However, Council recognises that there are steps that can, and should, be taken locally to help address these problems, and to provide greater support and encouragement to those who are elected.

Therefore, Council resolves to instruct Officers to engage with COSLA, COSLA's Challenging Barriers to Elected Office Group, and others, to prepare a report to the appropriate Council committee to carry forward any relevant and necessary changes to policy."

Councillor Layden, seconded by Councillor Richardson, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) the following be inserted at the third paragraph after “Council believes that this is evidence of a structural..”:

“…and cultural”;

(2) the following be inserted at the end of the third paragraph:

“..and to tackle the misogynistic behaviours that exist in our council chambers.”;

(3) the following be inserted as the fourth paragraph:

"Council welcomes the recent Scottish Government commitment to an independent review of councillors' terms and conditions including pay to support greater diversity in council chambers."; and

(4) the following be inserted as a new fifth paragraph after "be taken locally to help address these problems….." :

"including hybrid options for council meetings"

Councillor Long, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved as a further amendment that the following additional paragraphs be inserted between "...to stay in elected office." and "However, Council recognises…":-

"Council notes the findings of the CoSLA Councillors Survey that on average, Scottish Councillors work full-time equivalent hours on their councillor duties (38.6 hours/week). Council notes that the allowance for Councillors is £18,604, resulting in an equivalent hourly rate lower than the Real Living Wage of £9.90.

Council believes that there will not be significant change to the number of women, or other under-represented groups, running for local election or re-election until the workload and level of responsibility of the role of Councillor is fairly remunerated. Council welcomes the forthcoming independent review of Councillor pay by the Scottish Government and CoSLA and calls for urgent action to address remuneration and make the role accessible to all."

Councillor McTernan, with the approval her seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Layden and Councillor Long, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"Council notes, with concern that at the last election, just 29% of Scotland's Councillors were women; and that this inequality extends to other elected office more broadly; and that it is even more pronounced for young, disabled, BAME, and LGBT+ women.

Council further notes a considerable number of news reports that a number of female Councillors intend not to seek re-election at the upcoming election, including many who were first elected five years ago; that this is a worrying trend across Local Government; and that this trend is further evidence of the findings in the recent CoSLA Councillors Survey.

Council believes that this is evidence of a structural and cultural problem across Local Government in Scotland, and the rest of the UK; and that all parties and all politicians have a huge role to play in supporting more women of all backgrounds into politics and to stay in elected office and to tackle the misogynistic behaviours that exist in our Council chambers.

Council notes the findings of the CoSLA Councillors Survey that on average, Scottish Councillors work full-time equivalent hours on their councillor duties (38.6 hours/week). Council notes that the allowance for Councillors is £18,604, resulting in an equivalent hourly rate lower than the Real Living Wage of £9.90.

Council believes that there will not be significant change to the number of women, or other under-represented groups, running for local election or re-election until the workload and level of responsibility of the role of Councillor is fairly remunerated. Council welcomes the forthcoming independent review of Councillor pay by the Scottish Government and CoSLA and calls for urgent action to address remuneration and make the role accessible to all.

Council welcomes the recent Scottish Government commitment to an independent review of councillors' terms and conditions including pay to support greater diversity in Council chambers.

However, Council recognises that there are steps that can, and should, be taken locally to help address these problems, and to provide greater support and encouragement to those who are elected including hybrid options for council meetings.

Therefore, Council resolves to instruct Officers to engage with COSLA, COSLA's Challenging Barriers to Elected Office Group, and others, to prepare a report to the appropriate Council committee to carry forward any relevant and necessary changes to policy."

The motion, as adjusted, was thereafter approved unanimously.

Adjournment.

18 With reference to paragraph 2(1) above and in terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1745 hours, the remaining item of business being 8(f).