

## **Glasgow City Centre Strategy (Ward 10) – City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.**

**5** With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024 (Print 1, page 42) approving the final draft of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30 (Ward 10), there was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising

- (1) that the vision for the next period of the CCS had been developed around 3 guiding Pillars, namely Magnetic Experience, A Place to Live and Front Door to Innovation and within each Pillar were a series of Big Moves, which were the thematic priorities, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that it was proposed that an Improvement Grant Fund be trialled as a pilot for 1 year to address 2 key issues, namely improving the look and feel of the city centre and finding productive uses for vacant property and that £400,000 of funding would be split evenly between the 2 application categories of Meanwhile Use and Minor Improvements;
- (3) that information on the grant payment process and schedule would be made available to successful applicants as part of the award process, with applications being awarded on a first-come-first-served basis, while funding remained available;
- (4) an evaluation would be undertaken by the project team at the end of the pilot year, and the key findings would be reported to this committee on completion; and
- (5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
  - (i) the report and the intention to launch a City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot project for a year; and
  - (ii) that a progress report would be submitted to this committee at the end of the pilot year on the outcomes and next steps; and
- (b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of a City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot, subject to consideration of the matters raised at this committee.