

## **Glasgow City Centre Strategy (Ward 10) – City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot approved.**

**5** With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 20th August 2024 (Print 3, page 99) when it was agreed to recommend the launch of a City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot, subject to consideration of the matters raised at committee, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report on the pilot, advising

- (1) that the vision for the next period of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy 2024-30 (Ward 10) had been developed around 3 guiding Pillars, namely Magnetic Experience, A Place to Live and Front Door to Innovation, 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) that 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) approved the launch a City Centre Improvement Grant Fund pilot project for a year; and
- (b) noted that a progress report would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee at the end of the pilot year on the outcomes and next steps.