Glasgow Life Museums Collections Development Policy 2024-29 approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee of 18th January 2024 (page 60 hereof) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Glasgow Life Museums Collections Development Policy 2024-29, Bailie Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, presented a report regarding the policy, advising

(1) that Glasgow Life, managed services for the Council under the terms of a series of service level agreements, that included the running of the city's museums;

(2) that the museum collections were owned by the Council who were also the governing body for the management and use of the collections with the governance and management arrangements being set out in a Collections Agreement which had been entered into between the Council and Glasgow Life on 30th March 2007;

(3) of the obligations that Glasgow Life had under the Collections Agreement in order to maintain Accredited Museum status, a UK Government museums sector standard that required both the governing body and museum to meet certain standards and to provide ongoing reassurance that the required standard was being met, with applications to renew accredited status made every 5 years;

(4) that the application renewal for the Burrell Collection was due for submission in late January 2024, with the city's other museums due for renewal in 2025;

(5) that the Council as the governing body was required to review and approve the proposed Collections Development Policy 2024-29, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which included a delegated scheme for 8 core collections transactions and the reporting structures for necessary escalations between Glasgow Life and the Council;

(6) of an Accreditation Scheme that advocated the Museum Association's Code of Ethics and in approving the Collections Development Policy there was acknowledgement that Glasgow Life would continue to follow this Code of Ethics, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;

(7) of the ongoing development of the Collections Development Policy that defined the scope of collection and areas for future collecting; and

(8) that the Collections Development Policy was informed by, and in part delivered through, the Collections Documentation and Plan and the Collection Care and Conservation Policy which outlined the processes and activities in relation to collection documentation, collection care and conservation and provided detailed information and guides for museum staff.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved

(i) the Glasgow Life Museums Collections Development Policy 2024-29;

(ii) the principles and process for a review of collecting priorities; and

(iii) the means of escalation required for certain Loans-Out; and

(b) noted

(i) where decisions lay in relation to core collection transactions; and

(ii) that the Collections Documentation Policy and Plan and the Collection Care and Conservation Policy would be drafted and agreed by the Head of Museums and Collections, Glasgow Life.