

Play sufficiency assessment noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the ongoing work to produce the Council's 1st play sufficiency assessment, advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government's play strategy for Scotland set out the vision "We want Scotland to be the best place to grow up. A nation which values play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all our children and young people, in their homes, nurseries, schools and communities";
- (2) that play was an essential part of a happy, healthy childhood and Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child stated that every child had the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts;
- (3) that the National Planning Framework (NPF4) adopted in 2023, stated in Policy 21: play, recreation and sport that local development plans should identify sites for sports, play and outdoor recreation for all ages and support development proposals that protected, enhanced and improved children's access to play;
- (4) that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 had inserted a new section 16D play sufficiency assessment into the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with regard to local development plans and it set out that planning authorities must assess the sufficiency of play opportunities for children in its area in preparing an evidence report;
- (5) that the preparation of a play sufficiency assessment formed part of the stage 1 processes as part of early engagement and data collection for the development plan and the regulations specifically asked planning authorities, as detailed in the report, what was required of them for the play sufficiency assessment;
- (6) of engagement with young people for the preparation of the play sufficiency assessment; and
- (7) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ms E Currie and Ms G Dick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee noted

- (a) the report and the presentation;
- (b) that the play sufficiency assessment process had been co-produced with young people and children; and
- (c) that the 1st Glasgow play sufficiency assessment would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and following approval, submitted

to Scottish Ministers as part of the Council's documentation for the City Development Plan 2 Gatecheck process.