

## **Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Property Strategy – Update noted.**

**2** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the NRS property strategy, advising

- (1) that the NRS property estate consisted of several depots and buildings that supported the delivery of core frontline services and included waste management and recycling, roads transport, parks and open spaces;
- (2) that NRS continued to prioritise investment into key areas that protected and preserved these assets however with operational use over a prolonged period this had resulted in significant repairs and upgrading works required across the Council estate;
- (3) that targeted and strategic investment was required to future-proof and provide a more sustainable property estate and work was ongoing to rationalise the estate and optimise those buildings;
- (4) of the NRS Estate Strategy Board that had been established to provide operational property governance, set strategic priorities and ensure future service requirements were achieved;
- (5) of the progress made by NRS that addressed legacy maintenance issues and of the improvement of staff working conditions throughout a reduced NRS property estate; and
- (6) of the delivery of strategic projects that included the re-development of Easter Queenslie as a Centre of Excellence for Waste Management & Recycling, for which funding of £17m for property and machinery had been received from Zero Waste Scotland (Recycling Improvement Fund) and a further £20m funded by the Council towards this property investment.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) progress made to address legacy maintenance issues and improve staff working conditions throughout the NRS property estate; and
- (b) the delivery of strategic projects, including the re-development of Easter Queenslie as a Centre of Excellence for Waste Management & Recycling.