

NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 24th September 2024.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present: Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Jill Brown (substitute for Eva Murray), Christina Cannon, Chris Cunningham, Stephen Docherty, Rashid Hussain, Malcolm Mitchell and Robert Mooney.

Also present: Angus Millar.

Apology: Eva Murray.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Cities with Nature, UrbanByNature and Berlin Urban Nature pact – Update noted etc.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Council's engagement with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Cities with Nature platform, advising

- (1) that recent international research had suggested that to move towards net zero, cities and regions required to increase their nature-based solutions and also understand the levels of carbon sequestered by each intervention or natural environment that was sought to be retained, restored and improved;
- (2) that to support collaboration, sharing of knowledge and understanding, ICLEI Local Government for Sustainability, The Nature Conservancy and International Union of Conservation of Nature had created the Cities with Nature and Regions with Nature platforms;
- (3) that Cities with Nature was a shared platform for cities and their partners to engage and connect, working with shared commitment towards a more sustainable urban world with the following 3 themes:-
 - (a) Biodiversity, ecosystems and built environment;
 - (b) Climate change and disaster risk reduction; and
 - (c) Health and social well-being;

- (4) that Cities with Nature provided a number of tools to support cities, as detailed in the report, and outlined further information on engagements in relation to the following tools:-
 - (a) nature-based solutions;
 - (b) Cities with Nature Action Platform;
 - (c) UrbanByNature; and
 - (d) Berlin Urban Nature Pact; and
- (5) of the next steps, which would include:-
 - (a) continuing to engage with the Cities with Nature platform and to utilise its tools to support the Council's delivery of nature-based solutions and highlight their vital role in bridging the gap on the journey towards net zero;
 - (b) working with the ICLEI and nature networks to develop an interactive web presence for the Scottish Hub of UrbanByNature and to work with the ICLEI, key agencies and the Scottish Government to expand its reach to encompass and engage with activity in Ireland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England as well as retaining a focus on Scottish activity at its core; and
 - (c) the Council awaiting a formal invite to sign up to the Berlin Urban Nature Pact, which was expected in early autumn.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Gillian Dick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee

- (i) noted
 - (A) the report;
 - (B) Glasgow's profile on the Cities with Nature platform and the 32 actions that had been committed to, as detailed in the report; and
 - (C) that the invitation to sign up to the Berlin Urban Nature Pact was expected in early autumn and an update would be brought to a future meeting of this committee; and
- (ii) agreed to support the continued collaboration with ICLEI Europe to develop the Scottish Hub of UrbanByNature.