

Sustainability and Biodiversity Guidance for Events – Update noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 11th April 2023 (Print 1, page 77) noting the Sustainable and Biodiversity Guidance for Events, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the Year One action plan to enhance sustainability and biodiversity measures in parks and open spaces, advising

- (1) that a sustainable events ecosystem would contribute to Glasgow's Net Zero Carbon ambition and sustainability and biodiversity would be a key feature in the Glasgow Events Strategy, Tourism Strategy, Cultural Strategy and the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy;
- (2) that in September 2022 a Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks Group (SBEPG) had been established and the group's remit was to review the current processes and conditions of let which would reflect enhanced environmental and biodiversity conditions and that guidance would be provided to event organisers;
- (3) of the progress of the Year 1 commitments within SBEPG's 3-year plan, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (4) that the Sustainable Glasgow Charter set out a series of commitments for organisations to help achieve the city's target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 and expanding the Charter to include reference to this process in relation to running of events could help encourage more sustainable events across the city;
- (5) of the benefit and challenges to the new approach to enhance sustainability and biodiversity measures in parks and open spaces; and
- (6) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.