

Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan – Progress noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 19th September 2023 (Print 4, page 71) noting the findings of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF) review and the next steps outlined to embed actions within the Circular Economy Route Map, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan, advising

- (1) that the Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan aimed to guide a change in city-wide economic practices from the current extractive system towards a regenerative system and addressed the need to move away from the take-make-dispose model to a circular system of quality, reuse and durability;
- (2) that of the 31 actions contained in the action plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, 8 had been completed, 11 were at green (on track) and the remaining 12 were at amber (minor issues);
- (3) of the key highlights of the action plan;
- (4) that the EMF had conducted an evaluation of the action plan in the first quarter of 2023/24;
- (5) that the evaluation had provided recommendations in 4 areas namely governance and commitment, stakeholders, baseline information and solutions and the EMF had proposed that in order to ensure that the Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan were deliverable, there was a need to update its focus on fewer, more tangible actions and that a Circular Economy Working Group had been established in January 2024 to drive its delivery; and
- (6) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) the update on the Circular Economy Action plan; and
- (c) the Circular Economy Route Map and Action plan review and timeline for finalisation.