

Establishment of Built Heritage Commission approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 4th June 2024 (Print 2, page 49) when it was agreed to recommend the establishment of a Built Heritage Commission (BHC), Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that in recognition of the importance to prosperity, health, education and civic pride, the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27 identified its intention to establish a BHC for the city which would focus on finding solutions to the evolving and complex challenges facing the historic environment in Glasgow, celebrating success and examples of successful championing the heritage agenda in all its forms;
- (2) that the BHC would complement the work established by the Council's Heritage Estate Assets plan, which focused on a portfolio of historic assets within Council ownership, addressing the legacy of vacant and neglected historic assets and identifying sustainable future uses and that it would also consider ways to spend some of the recently announced £1.7m fund to bring property back in to productive use;
- (3) that it was proposed that the BHC be co-chaired by a member of the Administration alongside an independent co-chair and each of the Council's political groups would be represented and that officers from relevant departments, stakeholders and funders, local heritage charities and statutory bodies including Historic Environment Scotland and representatives from community/amenity groups would be represented to ensure that as far as possible membership would be inclusive and reflect Glasgow's demographic makeup and that it was anticipated that the Glasgow City Heritage Trust and the Glasgow Building Preservation Trust would be key partners on the BHC and would be involved in facilitating its work, including the appointment of the independent co-chair;
- (4) of the proposed remit of the BHC, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the establishment of a Built Heritage Commission, as detailed in the report.