

Visitor Levy – Motion as adjusted approved.

13 Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that:-

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Following the passage of the Bill, Council formally agrees - subject to the relevant guidance, process, consultation, revision, approval, timescales and related matters - to begin the process set out in s12(1)(a) of the Bill, with the speedy preparation and publication of:

- (i) an outline of the proposed scheme (“the proposal”)
- (ia) a statement about the cases and circumstances under the proposal in which the levy (or a sum equivalent to the levy) is not payable or may be reimbursed
- (ii) a statement about the objectives of the proposal, including how the authority intends to measure and report on the achievement of those objectives, and •
- (iii) an assessment of the impacts of the proposal in the authority’s area.

Recalling the decision taken on February 15th on the formation of a Service Redesign & Future Income Generation Political Oversight Group and related officer groups, in developing a proposed scheme to be taken forward to committee for approval to go out to consultation, consideration should be given by the political oversight group to the list of matters detailed in s13 of the Bill and other relevant provisions.”

Councillor Bell, seconded by Bailie Christie, moved as an amendment, to add the following after the final paragraph:-

“Council believes that early and ongoing engagement with Glasgow’s tourism and visitor industry throughout the process of developing a Visitor Levy Scheme will be vital and agrees that the Glasgow Tourism Advisory Forum should be invited to contribute to the creation of any final scheme.”

During the debate Councillor Anderson and Councillor Bell, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

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The motion, as adjusted was approved unanimously.