

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

Hybrid meeting, 28th May 2024.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

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

Also present: Angus Miller.

Apology: Blair Anderson.

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

Forestry and Woodland Strategy – Update noted.

1 With reference to the minutes of 16th January 2024 (Print 6, page 53) noting progress with the emerging draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy (FWS), including a planned engagement process with external organisations, stakeholders and members of the public prior to its finalisation, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update of the FWS, advising

- (1) that the 2019 Planning Act required the Council to produce a FWS and Glasgow Climate Plan Action 35 also required the development of an urban woodland strategy for the city;
- (2) of the engagement process undertaken in relation to the draft strategy and of a summary of the representations received and the response to comments, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and that the finalised FWS would be considered for approval by the City Administration Committee;
- (3) of the development of a delivery plan, which set out a range of actions which would contribute to increasing the tree canopy cover in the city, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (4) that the finalised FWS, as detailed in the report, set out the approach to trees and woodlands in the city within the context of the climate change and biodiversity emergencies and would be the primary strategy and policy document relating to all woodlands and trees in the city; and
- (5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) the requirement to use the FWS as the basis for protecting trees and woodlands in the city and directing investment in new planting to appropriate locations to provide social, economic and environmental benefits; and
- (c) that the final FWS would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter submitted to Scottish Ministers as part of the Council's documentation for the City Development Plan 2 'gatecheck' process.

Councillor Docherty noted an interest in this matter.