

**Busking and street performing in Glasgow city centre (Ward 10) – Public consultation etc noted.**

**8** There was submitted a report regarding a response to a public consultation on busking and street performing in Glasgow city centre (Ward 10), advising

- (1) that busking and street performers could help to create a good on-street atmosphere and bring pleasure to people, both local and visitors, sometimes drawing significant crowds who enjoyed the entertainment, however, for those living or working in the city centre, busking could sometimes become intrusive or a nuisance;
- (2) that street performing was not a licensable activity, instead, the Council had a voluntary Code of Conduct for buskers and street performers and where there were instances of street performers breaching it, the Council was limited in how it could respond because the law did not easily allow local authorities to take punitive action against such activity taking place in public places;
- (3) that a public consultation exercise had been undertaken from 23rd July to 1st September 2023 to seek feedback on matters related to busking and street performing and the consultation hub had received over 2,700 responses to the consultation, as detailed in Appendices A and B to the report;
- (4) that to address the key findings from the public consultation exercise, a range of actions, as detailed in the report had been developed and in addition, officers had explored the potential enforcement powers available to local authorities under existing legislation; and
- (5) of the next steps which included the installation of on-street signage in Glasgow city centre from mid-June 2024 to help raise awareness of the Busking Code of Conduct, change behaviours, and mitigate against some of the worst transgressions and the new signage would be complemented with proactive uniformed resources, as part of a pilot initiative from June to August 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the findings of the public consultation exercise;
- (b) the proposed actions intended to raise awareness of the Code of Conduct during 2024; and
- (c) that a review would be undertaken in late 2024 to establish the impact of the proposed actions.

Councillor Graham Campbell noted his interest in this matter.