

Glasgow Avenues, George Square and Block C Avenues (Phase 1) (Ward 10) – Progress noted.

7 With reference to the minutes of 14th November 2023 (Print 5, page 47) noting the outcome of a recent stakeholder consultation and resulting design amendments statements for the RIBA stage 3 for Glasgow Avenues, George Square and Block C Avenues (Phase 1) (Ward 10), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the design for George Square and to outline the planned procurement and construction methodology, advising

- (1) that Glasgow City Region City Deal had invested approximately £115m within Glasgow city centre to deliver the Enabling Infrastructure - Integrated Public Realm (EIIPR) programme which was a quality place-making scheme that would transform 17 key streets in Glasgow's city centre and which was commonly known as the Avenues and that this had been supplemented by an additional £23m of funding from Sustrans;
- (2) that John McAslan and Partners had been awarded the Block C design commission, which included producing RIBA Stages 0-4 designs for George Square, John Street, St Vincent Street and Place, West George Street and George Street, Hanover Street and Miller Street, North Hanover Street, Dundas Street and Dundas Lane and Cochrane Street;
- (3) of the Phase 1 design proposals and design stage overview, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the procurement strategy and timetable for George Square which had been split into 6 contracts with contract 1 commencing in January 2025 and the final contract being a renewed festive lighting design which would be completed in April 2027; and
- (5) of the risk and issues in relation to the contracts, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the completion of RIBA Stage 4 technical design and that the next main activity would be the preparation of tender documents for the various contracts required to deliver the refurbishment;
- (b) that all the activity outlined in the report would be subject to ongoing cost, budget and wider Avenues programme monitoring and analysis; and
- (c) that future updates on the progress of George Square's redevelopment would be included in the annual report on the Avenues programme to this committee.