

## **British Sign Language Local Action Plan 2024-29 noted.**

**4** There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the British Sign Language (BSL) Local Action Plan 2024-29, advising

- (1) that the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 and the British Sign Language National Plan 2017-23 required public bodies in Scotland to publish local action plans by October 2018 on a 6-yearly basis thereafter;
- (2) that the first BSL Local Action Plan had been published in 2018-23 and highlighted areas of focus across all services of the Council;
- (3) that the Council family had developed a plan for 2024-29 around key themes identified by the Scottish Government, service users and partners and outlined key areas for actions over the next 6 years, as detailed in an Appendix to the report;
- (4) of the engagement with local deaf organisations and a commitment to establish a BSL User Reference Group to ensure the BSL community remained fully involved in the implementation of the Local Action Plan; and
- (5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the BSL Local Action Plan 2024-29; and
- (b) that the Plan would be an iterative one based on continued engagement with the deaf community.