

## **ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CARBON REDUCTION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.**

By video conference, 24th November 2020.

### **Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee.**

Present: Angus Millar (Chair), Paul Carey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Allan Gow, John Kane, Jim Kavanagh, Elaine McSporrán, Eva Murray, Franny Scally and Martha Wardrop.

Also present: Anna Richardson.

Apologies: James Coleman, Glenn Elder and Kyle Thornton.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A Waddell, Director of Operations, Neighbourhoods and Sustainability; and I Campsie (for the Chief Executive).

### **Ecological Working Group – Recommendations noted.**

1 With reference to the minutes of 8th October 2019 (Print 4, page 307) approving the establishment and Terms of Reference of an Ecological Working Group, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability on the research, public consultation feedback and recommendations of the working group, advising

- (1) that the working group had met on a regular basis to review key ecological strategies and had commissioned a survey of public views on ecological issues to inform its thinking and foster a public debate;
- (2) the survey was published on the Council's website and ran from February to March 2020 and although it had coincided with the COVID-19 lockdown, 917 responses were received, as detailed in Appendix C to the report;
- (3) of the recommendations of the working group, as detailed in the report, which sought to address the decline in habitat, highlighted the need for the Council and partners to work together to enhance biodiversity across the city and to provide further opportunity to promote ecological issues to Glasgow's citizens; and
- (4) of the next steps that would include the Council engaging with Community Planning and key partners to consider how the city could meet the challenges and respond to the recommendations of the working group.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the content and recommendations of the Ecological Working Group; and

(b) the feedback from the public consultation exercise.