

Towards a Green Deal for Glasgow – Development of economic plan noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 10th September 2020 (Print 2, page 38) instructing the Chief Executive to bring a report to the appropriate committee on the range of work currently being carried out which focused on a green recovery, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability regarding the proposed approach towards a Green Deal in Glasgow, advising

- (1) that in response to the climate emergency and/or post pandemic recovery, a growing number of cities had developed a Green Deal approach and this Council had been looking at best practices in Scotland, London and across Europe to inform its approach;
- (2) that the focus for a green deal/green recovery had been to build a portfolio of investable projects that could stimulate economic growth and job creation whilst maintaining the reversal of emissions trajectories witnessed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (3) that the Climate Emergency Plan contained 52 actions that would, with the support of the Council family and stakeholders, move the city towards a green recovery and in the process would become a truly sustainable and climate smart city;
- (4) of the Council's sustainable food system and the work of the Spaces for People project, which had instantly changed people's behaviour in the city and supported more environmentally friendly and healthier travel choices;
- (5) that since 2010, the Council had been working in partnership with other organisations in the city to deliver reductions in carbon emissions, with a target of net-zero emissions by 2045 and this partnership was currently establishing thematic hubs, which would be used to achieve carbon neutrality and net-zero, delivering options to the Sustainable Glasgow Board for consideration and progression;
- (6) of the work of the Glasgow Recovery Group, which had been established to develop the city's response to the economic impact of COVID-19 and had produced an action plan for the city, with several areas linked to a Green Deal; and
- (7) of the next steps to support a green economic recovery.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the development of a detailed economic plan for a Green Deal to support a green economic recovery.