

EU Horizon 2020 Connecting Nature project - Update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee of 4th February 2020 (Print 6, page 472), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the Council's role as the front runner city in the EU Horizon 2020 Connecting Nature project, advising

- (1) that the EU Horizon 2020 Connecting Nature project was a key delivery partner for Glasgow's Open Space Strategy with on-going parallel work to provide funding and expertise to aid the Council in exploring how to design and deliver on the outcome of the Open Space Strategy, which had resulted in the Open Space Strategy Delivery Plan;
- (2) that the Connecting Nature project aimed to develop a series of tools that helped cities to deliver a place-based approach to nature-based solutions and the approach had been to work with 3 front runner cities, including Glasgow, and 8 fast-follower cities to identify the key tools needed to support delivery;
- (3) of the progress to date and the work areas that would continue to be developed and delivered during the final year of the Connecting Nature project; and
- (4) of the key deliverables at the completion of the Council's role in Connecting Nature in May 2022, including supporting the delivery of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan and Sustainable Glasgow/Climate Ready Clyde.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the work ongoing on the development of an impact assessment planning tool;
- (b) that discussions were now ongoing to further develop the Glasgow hub to support the Urban By Nature programme with the ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability network;
- (c) the ongoing work to embed a place-based approach with a nature-based focus in all policies;
- (d) that Glasgow had successfully hosted the first Connecting Nature innovation Summit virtually in March 2021; and
- (e) that further updates would be submitted to future meetings of this committee.