

NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING AND PUBLIC REALM CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 1st June 2021.

Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee.

Present: Ruairi Kelly (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Elaine Ballantyne, Eva Bolander, Maureen Burke, Allan Casey, Christina Cannon (substitute for Laura Doherty), Malcolm Cunning, Thomas Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Hanzala Malik, Angus Millar and Cecilia O'Lone.

Apologies: Laura Doherty and Christy Mearns.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); I Robertson, Director of Corporate Asset Management; P Flynn, Director of City Development; and P Kane (for the Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships).

City Centre Task Force – Progress noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the current and planned activity of the City Centre Task Force, advising

- (1) that the City Centre Task Force was a short-life working group established following a recommendation from the Glasgow Economic Recovery Group, which recognised the particular issues being faced by the city centre business community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and was co-chaired by Councillor Millar and Mr Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and comprised of representatives from all key city centre business sectors;
- (2) of the overarching objectives of the City Centre Task Force;
- (3) that the City Centre Task Force plan for 2021 brought together 10 key workstreams, as detailed in the report, to be progressed by August 2021;
- (4) that the Council had successfully received £65,000 of grant funding for 2020/21 from the Scottish Government, which had allowed for the allocation of additional funding towards some of the City Centre Task Force priorities and key workstreams, including marketing, events, outdoor cafes and a property repurposing strategy, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report and the progress and planned activity by the City Centre Task Force; and

- (b) that an update report would be submitted to this committee in 6 months on the next stage of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy.