

Launch of the Clyde Climate Forest in the Glasgow City Region – Position agreed etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive of East Dunbartonshire Council seeking approval to support the launch of the Clyde Climate Forest (CCF), which had been developed for the Glasgow City Region (GCR) by the Glasgow Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP) and Scottish Forestry, advising

- (1) of the background to the GCVGNP, how it had launched its 'Blueprint for the Green Network' in Spring 2019, and since that time how the GCVGNP had been working with all the GCR local authority and other partners to develop a delivery strategy for the ambitions embedded in the Blueprint, which had included exploring the potential to develop major region-wide initiatives that delivered elements of the Blueprint whilst responding to the twin challenges of climate change and ecological collapse;
- (2) that the first of those initiatives was the CCF, with the support of Scottish Forestry and preparations were underway to launch the project in June 2021, with associated inaugural tree planting events in each of the GCR local authorities in March 2021;
- (3) that the CCF would harness current enthusiasm for tree planting and associated resources and would seek to channel them into worthwhile and well-considered tree planting projects that would deliver a broad range of climate and ecological benefits to the GCR;
- (4) of the aim of the CCF, its specific objectives over the next decade and outlining that it was already working with several organisations that had a stake in increasing tree planting in the GCR, with potential to align other interest groups behind the project, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that a Programme Board and Steering Group had been established to provide oversight for the project and provide direction and co-ordination for the project's programme of work, respectively.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Max Hislop, GCVGNP, the Cabinet thanked Mr Hislop for his presentation,

- (a) noted and welcomed the development of the CCF project; and
- (b) agreed to the formal launch of the CCF project in June 2021.