

Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail – Progress noted.

6 With reference to the minutes of 19th January 2023 (Print 5, page 564) noting the progress of the Black Lives Matter/Slavery Legacy Cross Party Working Group, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of a proposed Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail in Glasgow and the consultation work, including the Slavery and Colonial Legacy Cross-Party Working Group, advising

- (1) of the community engagement undertaken between January and March 2023, the key themes that had emerged from the engagement and that the findings had suggested that education and continued dialogue about this complex history were essential areas for the Council and partners to prioritise;
- (2) of a series of meetings held by the Slavery and Colonial Legacy Cross-Party Working Group around Glasgow's historical links to slavery and colonialism and how these had shaped Glasgow and that there appeared to be clear support for providing a fuller context around this chapter of Glasgow's history which would be progressed in a new Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail;
- (3) that as part of the 2025/25 budget, funding was allocated to the City Stories programme to support wider storytelling initiatives during Glasgow's 850th anniversary year and included the development of the Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail to enhance and provide additional detail to the existing offer; and
- (4) of the work undertaken to develop a Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail and that the content would draw on the findings of "Glasgow, Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: An Audit of Historic Connections and Modern Legacies" by Dr Stephen Mullen, scheduled to launch in Spring 2026, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the Cities Stories Fund within the 205/26 budget and that some would be used to create a Slavery and Colonial Legacy Trail; and
- (b) agreed that education in this area was important.