Support for Talented Sports Performers – Outcome of consultation noted – Recommendation to City Administation Committee.

3 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2025 (Print 1, page 74) noting that a report would be brought back setting out the findings of the consultation exercise and of the proposed next steps to ensure that Glasgow's talented sports people were appropriately supported, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life (GL), advising

(1) that GL had undertaken a consultation process between April and October 2025 engaging with stakeholders across education, sport, local authorities and Scottish Government (SG) and of the key engagement activities that included the appointment of Kinharvie Institute as dependant consultants to gather the views, opinion of Glasgow School of Sport (GSOS) parents, pupils and of the findings, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(2) of the financial overview of GSOS;

(3) of the 2 transition options that had been previously considered

(a) Option 1: Conclude GSOS at the end of 2025/26 academic year; and

(b) Option 2: Continue GSOS until the end of June 2029, allowing all current pupils to complete their sporting and educational journey; and

(4) that following consultation and review, Option 1 was no longer considered achievable due to time constraints restricting viability of a fair and inclusive transition, particularly given the multi-authority pupil profile, ongoing parental engagement and the absence of a confirmed alternative pathway therefore Option 2 was the recommended course of action.

After consideration, the committee noted that

(i) Glasgow School of Sport (GSOS) would continue until June 2029, enabling all current 38 pupils to complete their education and sporting pathway in full thereby ensuring a fair and inclusive transition, this accounting for 13 Glasgow pupils and 25 pupils from 12 other Local Authorities;

(ii) Glasgow Life would continue to work with National Governing Bodies (NGB's), Sportscotland and the Scottish Institute of Sport to realign the future delivery and administration of high-performance programmes, ensuring those conversations would align with the strengths and responsibilities of the National Governing Bodies;

(iii) Talented Sports Performer Scheme (TSP) would create a working group to review the current scheme and where feasible, tailor its design to better support the evolving needs of talented sports performers in Glasgow, identified through the consultation; and

(iv) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the

recommendation Option 2, as detailed in the report.