

Food Growing Strategy – Progress noted etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of 14th March 2023 (Print 6, page 622) noting an update on the Food Growing Strategy (FGS) and Action Plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a further update on the matter,

(1) advising

- (a) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 had set out requirements for Local Authorities to review their FGS every 5 years and in order to support the provision of more growing spaces and more food growers, the Food Growers' Forum had been re- established;
- (b) of growing spaces that had already been delivered and those which had still to be delivered over the duration of the strategy;
- (c) of current waiting list data for each Ward as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, the current provision of land proposed for development to allow food growing, and the land that was required to meet statutory obligations on provision;
- (d) of support available for potential growers to remove barriers to ensure sites were ready for growing; and
- (e) of the work being undertaken to manage waiting lists; and

(2) detailing

- (a) in Appendix 2 to the report, the annual allotments report to be submitted to the Scottish Government;
- (b) in Appendix 3 to the report, statistical information on the number of plots that had been proposed as part of the strategy, the number of plots that had already been delivered and a timetable for completion of works;
- (c) in Appendix 4 to the report, information on the Let's Grow Together Fund which was designed to help support the set up of community spaces and encourage citizens to grow their own food; and
- (d) in Appendix 5 to the report, information on additional land to be made available for growing over the life span of the current strategy.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the progress in relation to the Glasgow Food Growing Strategy.