Adjournment.

14 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1527 hours until 1545 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

15 The meeting resumed at 1545 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Depute Lord Provost, Christy Mearns (Chair).

JAMES ADAMS	LAURA DOHERTY	PAUL LEINSTER
SAQIB AHMED	PAUL MCCABE	ELAINE MCDOUGALL
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	DONNA MCGILL
BLAIR ANDERSON	SEAN FERGUSON	NORMAN MACLEOD
KEN ANDREW	MARIE GARRITY	ELAINE MCSPORRAN
ALEXANDER BELIC	ALLAN GOW	ANNE MCTAGGART
RICHARD BELL	WILLIAM GRAHAM	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
DECLAN BLENCH	SHARON GREER	ANGUS MILLAR
EVA BOLANDER	GREG HEPBURN	MALCOLM MITCHELL
ABDUL BOSTANI	FIONA HIGGINS	JON MOLYNEUX
JILL BROWN	SEONAD HOY	MARGARET MORGAN
BILL BUTLER	MHAIRI HUNTER	EVA MURRAY
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	RASHID HUSSAIN	CECILIA O'LONE
CHRISTINA CANNON	DAN HUTCHISON	LINDA PIKE
PAUL CAREY	FYEZA IKHLAQ	HANIF RAJA
ANTHONY CARROLL	EUNIS JASSEMI	DAVENA RANKIN
JOHN CARSON	ANN JENKINS	GEORGE REDMOND
ALLAN CASEY	LILITH JOHNSTONE	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	JIM KAVANAGH	FRANNY SCALLY
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	RUAIRI KELLY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
STEPHEN CURRAN	ALEX KERR	CATHERINE VALLIS
JOHN DALY	MATT KERR	MARTHA WARDROP
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	KEVIN LALLEY	ALEX WILSON

Apologies: Imran Alam, Philip Braat, Audrey Dempsey, Elaine Gallagher, Thomas Kerr, Jacqueline McLaren, Jill Pidgeon and Thomas Rannachan.

Present: E Rodger (Clerk), M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; S Millar, Chief Executive; J McGhee, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Suspension of Standing Order No 13 (3) agreed.

16 The Council agreed to suspend the provisions of Standing Order No 13 (3) to allow the following motion to be taken as a cross party motion with the mover and both seconders allowed 5 minutes each to speak.

Child protection scrutiny, transparency and accountability - Motion approved.

17 Councillor Anderson, jointly seconded by Councillor Cunningham and Councillor Higgins, moved that:-

"Council notes the recent publication by the Glasgow Joint Public Protection Committees of the Learning Review Report into the handling of the case of Family C.

Council accepts, as one party to a multi-agency system, that "a range of professional agencies missed opportunities to intervene and protect the children" of Family C, in the words of the chair of the Child Protection Committee, Colin Anderson.

Council apologises to the children of Family C for this failure and commends them for their resilience and courage in bringing the perpetrators of this abuse to justice.

Council recognises that Learning Reviews are an integral part of the wider process of understanding and learning from child protection processes that do not result in the best outcomes for children. They are part of the landscape of child protection and are vital for social workers and all other agencies to reflect on where they could have made better or quicker decisions.

Council acknowledges that while the case of Family C has been both high profile and particularly harrowing, it is not the only case in recent years where serious reflection, coming from a Learning Review, has been required.

Council recognises the Family C Learning Review as a matter of grave public concern requiring full democratic scrutiny, transparent reporting and robust and ongoing quality assurance.

Council agrees that all ongoing work must remain trauma-informed, child-centred and survivor-sensitive, and should not require any child or survivor to participate in further processes unless they freely choose to do so and are properly supported. Council believes that the children in Family C were entitled to protection. Council believes that all agencies involved in this matter including the Council and Integrated Joint Board (IJB) must accept the seriousness of the Learning Review and seeks robust and ongoing quality assurance to ensure that every part of Glasgow's safeguarding system is capable of protecting children from serious harm.

Council notes calls for a review of the handling of other cases of children at risk of harm in Glasgow, and understands that, since the events of the Family C case, a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People at Risk of Harm in Glasgow City has been carried out by the Care Inspectorate and others. Council also

notes what Colin Anderson has referred to as ‘a rigorous and ongoing audit of child protection cases using the Care Inspectorate framework’.

Council understands that an Improvement Plan is to be developed and implemented following publication of the Learning Review Report, and recognises the desire of many elected members for transparency around this development and implementation process.

Council recognises the primary role of the IJB in relation to children’s services and children’s social work but believes that scrutiny, transparency and accountability should be maximised for matters related to child protection and child welfare, particularly in relation to corporate parenting, children’s rights, looked after children, and children at risk of becoming looked after.

Council believes that this process would be assisted by arrangements for the timely publication of Improvement Plans, thereby reinforcing public support for the action being taken to ensure that lessons are properly learnt.

Council notes that the ‘National Guidance for Child Protection Committees Undertaking Learning Reviews’ requires that, following a Learning Review, a succinct action plan should be created to implement the Learning Review’s findings, including who will do what and within what timescale, and there should also be periodic review and evaluation of the impact of these changes.

Council instructs the Chief Executive, working with colleagues in the IJB, to bring forward a paper which includes proposals for improving ongoing scrutiny, transparency and accountability for matters related to child protection and child welfare; this paper should be presented to relevant committees within the Council and the IJB as soon as practicable and no later than the end of this Council term.”

The cross party motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

18 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1640 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 8 (e), 8(f), 8(g), 8(h), 8(i), 8(j) and 8 (k).