

**City Centre Strategy 2024-30 – Proposed public consultation noted –
Reference to City Administration Committee.**

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 and the planned consultation activity, advising

- (1) that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 had halted many of the City Centre Strategy 2014-19 delivery plans, resulting in a different response to the immediate situation and the City Centre Recovery Plan 2022-24 was subsequently developed to focus on business recovery, given the extent and duration of restrictions placed on the city centre during the pandemic and that this had been supported by the establishment of a City Centre Task Force;
- (2) that whilst the impacts of COVID-19 had had a profound effect on the city centre, this draft strategy was effectively the 2nd 5-year phase of the City Centre Strategy, with an updated approach due to the various external events of recent years;
- (3) of a number of factors that had driven the approach to the new City Centre Strategy 2024-30;
- (4) that the vision for the next period of the City Centre Strategy had been developed around 3 guiding Pillars, namely Magnetic Experience, Front Door to Innovation and A Place to Live and within each Pillar were a series of Big Movies, which were the thematic priorities, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 outlined a number of priority actions to be progressed over the planned period and these actions would directly support the Big Movies and Pillar approach, ensuring that resources were targeted accordingly and these priority actions contained a number of sub-projects and actions;
- (6) of the proposed Governance arrangements;
- (7) that to support Phase 1 of the City Centre Strategy 2014-19, the Council had allocated £6.3m of capital funding to support direct intervention and to lever in other sources of funding to support improvements within the city centre and it was estimated that a fund of up to £5m would be required to support the updated 7-year strategy; and
- (8) of the proposed public consultation on the strategy.

After consideration and having heard Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the request for additional capital funding of up to £5m;

- (ii) the intention to commence the public consultation following approval by the City Administration Committee for 6-weeks from 20th October to 3rd December 2023; and
 - (iii) that the outcome of the public consultation would be reported back to this committee prior to seeking approval of the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 by the City Administration Committee in early 2024; and
- (b) referred the report to the City Administration Committee for approval to proceed to public consultation.

Adjournment.

3 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1420 hours until 1430 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

4 The meeting resumed at 1430 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Martha Wardrop (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Alexander Belic (substitute for Graham Campbell), Eva Bolander, Anthony Carroll, Laura Doherty, Sean Ferguson, Ann Jenkins, Robert Mooney, Kenny McLean (substitute for Allan Casey), Linda Pike, Soryia Siddique and Kieran Turner.

Also present: Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar.

Apologies: Graham Campbell and Allan Casey.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); C Connolly (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).