

Single use carrier bag charging – Proposals for use of funds noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services regarding a city approach to the use of funds now applied to the use of single carrier bags, advising

- (1) that from October 2014 all Scottish retailers had been required to charge customers a minimum levy of 5 pence when using new, single use carrier bags;
- (2) of the administration of the charge;
- (3) that although some large retailers had already committed their revenues from the bag charge to named charities, there was no city-wide approach to this matter and an opportunity was offered for the Council to engage with the business sector on this; and
- (4) of the proposal that the Council should work together with local companies in order that local businesses could enhance their corporate social responsibility and engage further with Glasgow's Green Year in 2015.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the details of the new Scottish single use carrier bag charge arrangements; and
- (b) the proposals for joint work with Glasgow companies to encourage allocation of revenues to local environmental charities..