

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

4 December 2018

### Item 7.7 – Local Governance Review

Committee approves the response to the Local Governance Review attached at Appendix 1 to the report subject to:

- 1) While giving appropriate emphasis to participative democracy in local decision making it cannot be a substitute for representative democracy at a strategic or City wide level and that a consulting representative model must remain paramount for major strategic and budgetary decision making.
- 2) The section on fiscal devolution should be reviewed to re-emphasise a greater focus on the devolution of control of existing taxation to provide a higher proportion of spending being locally funded and greater accountability for both taxation and spending decisions, in line with a similar principle of taxation being devolved from UK to Scottish Governments. This section should remove reference to specific new taxes.
- 3) Give greater emphasis to the necessary outputs from the “decluttering the legislative landscape” section, particularly in regard to the discussion of the large number of “legal obligations placed on councils to draw up individual service specific or policy specific council plans”.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor**