

Minutes of

Glasgow City Council

2024/25 – Print 1

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MINUTES

OF

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL.

Glasgow, 28th March 2024.

Hybrid meeting, Glasgow City Council.

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
IMRAN ALAM	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
BLAIR ANDERSON	SEAN FERGUSON	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
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ALEXANDER BELIC	ZEN GHANI	ANGUS MILLAR
RICHARD BELL	ALLAN GOW	MALCOLM MITCHELL
DECLAN BLENCH	WILLIAM GRAHAM	JON MOLYNEUX
EVA BOLANDER	SHARON GREER	ROBERT MOONEY
ABDUL BOSTANI	GREG HEPBURN	MARGARET MORGAN
PHILIP BRAAT	FIONA HIGGINS	EVA MURRAY
JILL BROWN	SEONAD HOY	CECILIA O'LONE
HOLLY BRUCE	RASHID HUSSAIN	KEIRAN O'NEILL
MAUREEN BURKE	DAN HUTCHISON	JILL PIDGEON
BILL BUTLER	FYEZA IKHLAQ	LINDA PIKE
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	EUNIS JASSEMI	HANIF RAJA
CHRISTINA CANNON	ANN JENKINS	THOMAS RANNACHAN
JOHN CARSON	LILITH JOHNSTONE	GEORGE REDMOND
ANTHONY CARROLL	JIM KAVANAGH	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ALLAN CASEY	RUAIRI KELLY	ROZA SALIH
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LORD DEAN OF GUILD

Attending: D Henderson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Retirement of Annemarie O'Donnell, Chief Executive – Valediction.

1 The Lord Provost referred to the imminent retiral of Annemarie O'Donnell, Chief Executive, and on behalf of the Council paid tribute to the contribution and commitment which Ms O'Donnell had brought to her post and wished her every success for the future. Tributes were given by the Lord Provost, Councillor Aitken, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Molyneux and Councillor Daly.

Minutes approved.

2 The minutes of the Council meeting of 15th February 2024 (Print 7, pages 1 to 34) were submitted and approved.

Minutes of committees submitted and approved.

3 The minutes of the undernoted committees were submitted and approved:-

(1) City Administration Committee of 8th and 22nd February and 7th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 35 to 46);

(2) City Policy Committees

(a) Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration of 5th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 47 to 54);

(b) Education, Skills and Early Years of 7th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 55 to 58);

(c) Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods of 12th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 59 to 64);

(d) Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring of 27th February 2024 (Print 7, pages 65 to 70); and

(e) Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement of 29th February 2024 (Print 7, pages 71 to 74);

(3) Contracts and Property Committee of 22nd February and 14th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 75 to 84);

(4) Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 7th, 21st and 28th February and 6th and 13th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 85 to 104);

(5) Personnel Appeals Committee of 20th February 2024 (Print 7, pages 105 to 106);

(6) Planning Applications Committee of 6th and 20th February and 5th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 107 to 112);

(7) Planning Local Review Committee of 13th and 27th February and 12th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 113 to 120); and

(8) Scrutiny Committees

(a) Finance and Audit of 21st February 2024 (Print 7, pages 121 to 124); and

(b) Operational Performance and Delivery of 7th February and 6th March 2024 (Print 7, pages 125 to 129).

Local Government by-election - Election of Councillor for Electoral Ward 11 (Hillhead) – Results noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Returning Officer advising that the results of the Local Government by-election for Electoral Ward 11 (Hillhead) which had been held on 7th March 2024 were as detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes and that accordingly Seonad Hoy had been elected.

Changes to committees approved.

5 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to committees:-

Committee etc.	*Appointment*
Contracts and Property Committee	Remove Leòdhas Massie and appoint Seonad Hoy

Appointments and representation on outside bodies approved.

6 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to its representation on outside bodies:-

Organisation	*Appointment*
Victoria Park Area Partnership	Remove Feargal Dalton as Chair and appoint Lana Reid-McConnell

Correspondence noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a letter from the First Minister in response to the Council's delivery of a successful World Athletics Indoor Championships.

Questions.

8 Answers to the following questions, of which notice had been given under Standing Order No 11, were given as undernoted:-

Question by	*Question*	*Answered by*
Councillor Jill Pidgeon	"To ask the relevant City Convener how many teaching jobs will be lost as a result of the recent budget?"	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years
Councillor George Redmond	"To ask the relevant City Convener what considerations were given to those budget items hidden under review in the budget option 24CE40, especially MCR Pathways, Glasgow MELA and Merchant City Festival?"	Councillor Richard Bell, City Convener for Financial Inclusion, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer
Councillor Audrey Dempsey	"To ask the relevant City Convener about their plan to address homelessness and provide support for those affected?"	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services
Bailie Anthony Carroll	"To ask the relevant City Convener what timescale the Council are working towards in enacting enforcement against illegal pavement parking in terms of CGI's back-office work for enforcement timeline for this month and for exemptions by May, as per the response of the City Convener's response to December's Full Council?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Councillor Blair Anderson	"To ask the relevant City Convener for an update on a governance group to consider school transport?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Councillor Dan Hutchison	"To ask the relevant City Convener for an update on the agreed actions following the agreement at the December council meeting on the motion on John MacLean. Specifically how is work to rename	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

	the square in front of Langside Halls in John MacLean's honour and the invitation to the Secretary of State for Scotland to present a public apology progressing?"	
Councillor Laura Doherty	"To ask the relevant City Convener if the Council is on track to meet its 2030 emissions target, given the Climate Change Committee's scepticism about the credibility of the Scottish Government's 2030 target?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Councillor Martha Wardrop	"To ask the relevant City Convener for details of action being taken to ensure that women who are homeless, including asylum seekers, are safely accommodated in temporary accommodation, and are not having long stays in hotels which is harmful to their life chances?"	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services
Councillor John Daly	"To ask the relevant City Convener for specific details on when the stakeholder application process will open for Firework Control Zone (FCZ) community requests to ensure there will be FCZs in place by bonfire night 2024, and, if relevant colleagues will accept the invite from Dogs Trust and accompany me to visit their premises to engage with Dogs Trust regarding the FCZ process?"	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Bailie Patricia Ferguson	"To ask the relevant City Convener what assessment has been undertaken on the accessibility of Glasgow's schools for students, parents, and visitors?"	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years
Councillor Eunis Jassemi	"To ask the relevant City Convener what steps the City Administration is taking to support families with childcare costs?"	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years
Bailie Linda Pike	"To ask the Leader of the Council her thoughts on the recent ranking	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and

	of Glasgow as Europe's leading large city for strategy in attracting overseas investment?"	City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Councillor Holly Bruce	"To ask the relevant City Convener what actions will the Council take, in conjunction with Police Scotland, to prevent any repeat of the incident in which cyclist Emma Burke Newman was killed, including enforcement of HGV vehicle checks, enforcement of drivers entering cycle safe zones at junctions, and limiting access by HGVs in areas where they are more likely to encounter vulnerable road users?"	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Transport
Councillor Kieran O'Neill	"To ask the City Convener for Workforce what the Council's position is on the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023?"	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services

WASPI – Motion approved, after division.

9 Councillor McTaggart, seconded by Bailie Salih, moved that:-

"Council notes the UK Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has confirmed in a recent report that WASPI women are due compensation in relation to the injustice they have suffered, and this marks a critical juncture in this long-standing campaign.

Council further notes that the report stated there had been maladministration by the DWP as they did not take action to ensure there was clear communications about the state pension age change to the women affected.

Council recognises that an estimated 355,910 Scottish women have been impacted by the Waspi pensions scandal; and have been betrayed and badly let down by Westminster. Council further recognises that an estimated 240,000 women have already passed away without ever receiving any apology, any justice, or any compensation, and a further 40,000 women impacted sadly pass away each year.

Council believes that the sheer scale of this scandal demands a clear and compassionate response from all those tasked with political leadership.

Council acknowledges that this was not solely an injustice inflicted upon them in the past, it is an enduring injustice impacting upon their daily lives. Council further believes that the report and its conclusions – compiled over five years – couldn't be

clearer, and there is a responsibility to act swiftly is paramount if justice is to be delivered.

Council is appalled that since the PHSO report was published, both the UK government and the Labour Party have deliberately failed to answer and fully guarantee that full justice and fair compensation will be delivered to the Waspi women.

Council believes that it is the responsibility of Westminster to provide these 3.6m women with the justice, apology, and compensation they deserve, and that the women deserve to know that current and future UK governments will finally deliver justice for all the Waspi women.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt MP and Labour shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves MP to demand a cast-iron guarantee that Waspi women will receive full compensation and that immediate action is taken in Westminster to right this wrong."

Councillor McAveety, seconded by Councillor McDougall, moved as an amendment to delete all and insert the following:-

"Council recognises that this a serious report, that requires serious consideration.
Council recognises that this situation can never arise again, and that the Government must take action to ensure that decisions are properly communicated in future.
Council is disappointed that the UK Government has not set out its approach on how this matter should be dealt with.

Council calls for the UK and Scottish Governments to engage on this matter, to ensure that the WASPI women can express their views, and to enable both governments to address the issues affecting these women.

Council will continue to listen to those women who have been affected as we have done from the start."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 33 members voted for the amendment and 46 for the motion with one abstention.

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

10 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1310 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

11 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

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Fair Funding for Local Authorities – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

12 Councillor Alex Kerr, seconded by Bailie MacLeod, moved that:-

"Council deplores the systemic economic mismanagement of the Scottish economy by successive UK Governments which has resulted in a falling standard of living; a decade of cuts to public services; and the loss of access to the European single market and all the benefits that come with that to both Scottish citizens and Scottish businesses.

Council notes with deep concern the increasing number of Councils in England, of all political persuasions, which have filed for effective bankruptcy due to over a decade of austerity caused by adhering to the "fiscal rules" imposed by the UK Government and backed by both major UK parties.

Council notes with particular concern the financial situation of Labour-run Birmingham Council which has been forced into effective bankruptcy due to underfunding from the UK Government and by failing timeously to settle an Equal Pay dispute. Council recognises a similar situation narrowly was avoided here in Glasgow through the early settlement of a similar Equal Pay dispute by the SNP Administration when it took office in 2017. It must be of the utmost concern that Birmingham, the biggest local authority in Europe, has ended up in effective insolvency, recently resulting to approving plans to increase council tax by 21% over the next two years and £300m of cuts to services including dimming the city's lights.

Council further recognises that since 2018, eight English Councils have declared themselves in effect bankrupt , including three others in the past 15 months, those being Nottingham, Thurrock and Woking.

Council considers these English Councils to be the "canary in the coal mine" warning of disaster, given that continued UK Government reduction in funding for English Councils' will lead to a consequential reduction in Treasury funding to the Scottish Government and therefore in money available to fund Scotland's local authorities.

Council supports the representations made by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Local Government Association, Welsh Local Government Association, Local Government Association (England), to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as part of its Spring Budget lobbying campaign, to emphasise the extreme pressures being placed on Local Government across these islands.

Council resolves to join COSLA's calls for fair local government funding at a UK level to maximise the funding available for our communities.

Council firmly believes that the UK political system has proven itself incapable of delivering economic prosperity, increased living standards for its Scottish Citizens and protecting the public services upon which all rely.

Council further believes that Scottish Independence presents an exciting opportunity for a new model of Government for our country far better placed to deliver for those living and working in Scotland.

Council notes the considerable number of mandates already given for a further referendum on Scotland's constitutional arrangements and deplores the continuing undemocratic denial by successive UK Governments and political parties of the clearly expressed desire of the people of Scotland to be able to decide their own future.

Council requests that the Chief Executive writes on behalf of the Council to the Prime Minister, Chancellor, Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Chancellor to make clear our support for COSLA and the other Local Government Associations across these islands in their calls for a fair funding settlement for Local Authorities at a UK level. These letters also should make clear this Council's continued opposition to the undemocratic refusals by successive UK Prime Ministers to recognise the mandates in favour of a new referendum on Independence for Scotland and request a commitment now to respect the democratic wishes of the Scottish electorate.

Council further requests that the Chief Executive writes also to the President of COSLA to advise her of these communications and of our support of COSLA's joint campaign with the other Local Government Associations across these islands."

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Brown, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the first paragraph:

(a) delete "Scottish", "successive" and "UK"' to read as follows:

"Council deplores the systemic economic mismanagement of the economy by the current UK and Scottish Governments which has resulted in a falling standard of living";

(b) after "standard of living" insert the following:

"and more than";

(c) after "cuts" insert the following:

"Vital public services while Scottish taxpayers are expected time and time again to pay more to get less"; and

(d) thereafter delete to the end of the paragraph.;

(2) at the second paragraph:

(a) delete "caused by adhering to the "fiscal rules" imposed by the UK Government and backed by both major UK parties";

(b) insert at the end:

"COSLA have argued that the local government settlement is £62.7million less than expected. This is a direct consequence of decisions made by the Scottish Government. In addition, the total for capital settlements is real terms fall of 24% when compared against capital funding for 2022-23.";

(3) at the third paragraph:

(a) delete "notes with particular concern the financial situation of Labour run Birmingham Council and insert; "recognises the challenges faced by Birmingham City Council as the biggest local authority in Europe";

(b) delete "by failing timeously to settle an" and insert "its own"; and

(c) thereafter delete to the end of the paragraph;

(4) at the seventh paragraph:

(a) insert "and Scottish" after "fair local Government funding at a UK"; and

(b) insert the following new paragraph:

"Council believes that the current Scottish Government which has been in power for more than 14 years has held local government in absolute contempt. This has been demonstrated with year on year real-terms cuts to local governments funding, the continued centralisation of power in Edinburgh away from local communities and regularly curtailing the ability for democratically elected local councillors to make decisions in their local authorities."

(5) at the eighth paragraph:

(a) after "firmly believes that the" insert "UK Conservative Government" and delete "political system":;

(b) insert "time and time again" after "has proven itself";

(c) delete "Scottish" after "increased living standards for its"; and

(d) insert the following after "all rely":

"Council welcomes the earliest available opportunity for a general election where Glasgow and Scotland can play a leading role in the election of a Labour Government that can once again transform lives.";

(6) delete the ninth paragraph; and

(7) at the tenth paragraph:

(a) after “on behalf of the Council to the Prime Minister” insert “Chancellor of the Exchequer, First Minister and Deputy First Minister” and delete “Chancellor, Leader of the Opposition, and the Shadow Chancellor”; and

(b) insert “and Scottish” after “fair funding settlement for Local Authorities at a UK” and delete the remainder of the paragraph.

Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Bailie Gallagher, moved as an amendment:

(1) after “Council resolves to join COSLA's calls for fair local government funding at a UK level to maximise the funding available for our communities,” insert the following:

“In contrast, Council notes the progress made in recent years in Scotland on devolving additional local revenue-raising powers, as well as new commitments to a timescale and process for significant reform of the Council Tax and to explore a general power of competence for councils. Council agrees these are welcome developments.

Council recognises that, in the face of financial pressures, it is the responsibility of local and national government to work together to develop and deliver proposals to maximise the income available to councils. Council welcomes steps which have already been taken, including the devolution of powers over Empty Property Relief for Non-Domestic Rates and variation of Council Tax rates on second and empty homes, and believes this direction of travel must continue. Council notes the recent decision to establish a new team within the Chief Executive’s Department to develop future income generation opportunities. Council believes that these powers ought to be used to the greatest possible extent in order to minimise the need to reduce the Council’s spending. Specifically:

- Council notes the Visitor Levy Bill currently going through Parliament and welcomes the recent statement by the Scottish Government that councils will have broad discretion on how revenue from the Levy can be spent. Council asks the relevant Convenor to write to the relevant Minister and lobby for this broad discretion to be confirmed in the relevant statutory guidance, and for the Bill to be amended for rate-setting powers over penalties to be devolved to local government.
- Council notes the Finance Secretary’s recent announcement that primary legislation will be brought forward devolving new powers to local government to vary council tax rates for second and empty homes beyond the current 200% ceiling. Following devolution of this power, and subject to agreement at a future Budget-setting meeting, Council expresses a desire to go far beyond the current 200% rate to make housing more accessible and affordable for people in Glasgow.
- Council welcomes the Deputy First Minister’s recent announcement that the Scottish Government will resource the work required to deliver the commitment, secured by the Bute House Agreement, to reform council tax. Recognising that that process will be lengthy, Council supports the devolution of more power over council tax and non-domestic rates to local

government, specifically around powers to set and vary relevant discounts, exemptions, supplements and multipliers. Council welcomes the commitment in the most recent Scottish Budget to consult on proposals to reintroduce a Public Health Supplement on non-domestic rates, and supports the introduction of such a supplement; Council therefore asks the relevant convenor and officers to respond in such terms to relevant consultations once they are published.

- Council welcomes the recent announcement by the Deputy First Minister to pursue greater devolution of powers over fees and charges to local government, such as the recently launched 'Investing in planning - resourcing Scotland's planning system' consultation on planning fee reform. Council asks officers to draw up a summary of their current understanding of fees and charges set by the Council and which have a statutory underpinning, with this to be detailed in a report to the relevant committee as soon as possible, in order to best inform the Council's understanding of the legislative landscape.
- Council welcomes the recent announcement by the Deputy First Minister to explore introducing a Power of General Competence for local government, recognising the need for this power to be limited to ensure fiscal prudence, and welcoming the opportunity this may bring to introduce new revenue raising opportunities. Council asks the relevant convenor to write to the relevant minister in such terms, and further hopes that all parties and all councillors will engage constructively in the ongoing reforms to local government powers, bringing forward their own detailed policy proposals".

(2) after **'**Council further requests that the Chief Executive writes also to the President of COSLA to advise her of these communications and of our support of COSLA's joint campaign with the other Local Government Associations across these islands." insert the following:

"Council separately requests that the Chief Executive writes again to the UK Government and Scottish Government and to Opposition spokespeople regarding the impact of Home Office accelerated decision-making for asylum seekers, which is currently the Council's most significant financial pressure, for which it has received no direct assistance to date, and requests urgent action to address this."

Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Councillor Daly, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:

"Council condemns the Scottish Government for its consistent underfunding of local councils; and notes that the funding given to local authorities including Glasgow City Council has not risen as fast as the budget given to the Scottish Government from the UK Government. Council criticises the Scottish Government for recklessly wasting the record block grant they have received from the UK Government which has resulted in a £1.5 billion black hole in Scotland's finances; and believes that councillors here should be focused on the perilous state of Scottish councils' finances rather than those south of the border. As such, Council calls on councillors to agree to focus on Glasgow's real priorities such as our housing emergency, the

450 teaching posts being cut from our schools and the ongoing deterioration of our city centre rather than wasting more time discussing the SNP's independence obsession."

During the debate Councillors Alex Kerr and Molyneux, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"Council deplores the systemic economic mismanagement of the Scottish economy by successive UK Governments which has resulted in a falling standard of living; a decade of cuts to public services; and the loss of access to the European single market and all the benefits that come with that to both Scottish citizens and Scottish businesses.

Council notes with deep concern the increasing number of Councils in England, of all political persuasions, which have filed for effective bankruptcy due to over a decade of austerity caused by adhering to the "fiscal rules" imposed by the UK Government and backed by both major UK parties.

Council notes with particular concern the financial situation of Labour-run Birmingham Council which has been forced into effective bankruptcy due to underfunding from the UK Government and by failing timeously to settle an Equal Pay dispute. Council recognises a similar situation narrowly was avoided here in Glasgow through the early settlement of a similar Equal Pay dispute by the SNP Administration when it took office in 2017. It must be of the utmost concern that Birmingham, the biggest local authority in Europe, has ended up in effective insolvency, recently resulting to approving plans to increase council tax by 21% over the next two years and £300m of cuts to services including dimming the city's lights.

Council further recognises that since 2018, eight English Councils have declared themselves in effect bankrupt , including three others in the past 15 months, those being Nottingham, Thurrock and Woking.

Council considers these English Councils to be the "canary in the coal mine" warning of disaster, given that continued UK Government reduction in funding for English Councils' will lead to a consequential reduction in Treasury funding to the Scottish Government and therefore in money available to fund Scotland's local authorities.

Council supports the representations made by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Local Government Association, Welsh Local Government Association, Local Government Association (England), to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as part of its Spring Budget lobbying campaign, to emphasise the extreme pressures being placed on Local Government across these islands.

Council resolves to join COSLA's calls for fair local government funding at a UK level to maximise the funding available for our communities.

Council recognises that, in the face of financial pressures, it is the responsibility of local and national government to work together to develop and deliver proposals to maximise the income available to councils. Council welcomes steps which have already been taken, including the devolution of powers over Empty Property Relief for Non-Domestic Rates and variation of Council Tax rates on second and empty homes, and believes this direction of travel must continue. Council notes the recent decision to establish a new team within the Chief Executive's Department to develop future income generation opportunities. Council welcomes devolution of these powers and believes they should be used to deliver the best possible benefit for Glasgow.

Council commits to continued engagement with the Scottish Government on additional powers for Glasgow to ensure the unique needs of Scotland's largest city are explored in the short and medium term, including a Visitor Levy with broad discretion on revenue options, investigating going above the current 200% surcharge ceiling on council tax on second and empty homes, reintroducing a Public Health Supplement on Non Domestic Rates, greater short-term flexibility on Council Tax while work progresses on a replacement, options around reform of planning fees, and a Power of General Competence.

Council firmly believes that the UK political system has proven itself incapable of delivering economic prosperity, increased living standards for its Scottish Citizens and protecting the public services upon which all rely.

Council further believes that Scottish Independence presents an exciting opportunity for a new model of Government for our country far better placed to deliver for those living and working in Scotland.

Council notes the considerable number of mandates already given for a further referendum on Scotland's constitutional arrangements and deplores the continuing undemocratic denial by successive UK Governments and political parties of the clearly expressed desire of the people of Scotland to be able to decide their own future.

Council separately requests that the Chief Executive writes again to the UK Government and Scottish Government and to Opposition spokespeople regarding the impact of Home Office accelerated decision-making for asylum seekers, which is a serious and significant financial pressure for the Council, for which it has received no direct assistance to date, and requests urgent action to address this."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 32 members voted for the amendment by Councillor O'Neill, 2 for the amendment by Bailie Thomas Kerr and 48 for the motion as adjusted which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Women in Politics – Motion as adjusted, approved.

13 Bailie Siddique, seconded by Councillor Redmond, moved that:-

"The empowerment and inclusion of women in political decision-making processes is an essential part of any democracy. It is also integral for achieving gender equality and inclusive governance and ensures that the views of women are listened to and considered.

Council acknowledges the important role that many women have played in the social advancements seen in our city over the past 150 years. Such individuals, like Helen Crawford and Mary Barbour, campaigned against the egregious rent rises during the First World War, culminating in the Rent Restriction Act in 1915. Mary Barbour went on to become a Ballie and Magistrate in Glasgow, and always championed for working class women.

Agnes Hardie is also an important woman in the history of our city, as she became the first female member of the Glasgow Trades Council in 1909. She also served as an MP from 1937-45 and vehemently opposed conscription during the Second World War.

Despite this, Council recognises that women remain underrepresented in politics today and face many barriers that their male colleagues do not.

Council also acknowledges that women in politics face various systemic, cultural and institutional challenges today which limits access to opportunities and progression. As well as these challenges, Council notes the late Jo Cox who was murdered, or the ongoing abuse and the recent repugnant comments allegedly hurled at Diane Abbott. Council condemns all forms of gender-based violence, harassment and discrimination directed at women in politics.

Council recognises that women from our city's BAME community have and will continue to pay a pivotal role in our society. BAME women can experience sexism, racism, and faith-based discrimination - we must do more to tackle the ongoing issues they encounter to encourage more to become involved in all levels of government and political processes.

Council recognises that increasing the representation of women will better reflect the diversity of our population, enhancing the effectiveness and legitimacy of local governance.

Council notes that addressing these challenges is vital in achieving gender equality, inclusive governance and strengthening democracy.

This motion reaffirms my Group's and Glasgow City Council's commitment to promoting gender equality, diversity, and inclusivity in the political decision-making process, building a more equitable and fairer society for all.

Council supports the Making it Happen 2027 campaign and we propose that Council:

- Adopt the COSLA voluntary guidance on Family Leave for Councillors.
- Take action on working practices with gendered impact (eg hours of business).

- Council to develop clear and responsive pathways for complaints, better workplace HR-style support, and take action on abuse, bullying, racism and harassment in all forms."

Councillor McTaggart, seconded by Councillor Doherty, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the second paragraph change “Crawford” to Crawfurd” ;

(2) after the third paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“And other women, like Winnie Ewing a member of three parliaments, UK, Europe and Scottish and who presided over the opening of the Scottish Parliament, a session she opened with the statement: "The Scottish Parliament, adjourned on the 25th day of March in the year 1707, is hereby reconvened”.”

(3) after the fourth paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“Council recognises that women being active in wider political and public life are subject to threats, abuse or intimidation, as evidenced by the recent Alan Turing Institute report and that three quarters (77%) of women are not comfortable expressing political opinions online, and this prevents many women from exploring opportunities as candidates, councillors, trade unionists or community activists due to unfettered sexism and misogyny.”

(4) after the sixth paragraph insert the following 3 paragraphs:

“Council believes that there will not be significant change to the number of women, or other under-represented groups, running for local election or re-election until the workload and level of responsibility of the role of Councillor is fairly remunerated and is disappointed that the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC) review of councillor remuneration, did not address the issue, nor the need for parity of respect with other types of elected members.

Council however welcomes SLARC Recommendation 21: “The Committee recommends that the Scottish Government and COSLA, working alongside representatives drawn from all under-represented groups, should consider how best to enhance supports for councillors in these groups, and develop proposals to support, encourage and enable more people from under-represented groups to stand for office, particularly women, young people and people with a disability.”

Council confirms that the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill proposes a number of improvements to the law affecting Scottish Parliament and Scottish local government elections and introduces measures to discourage intimidation (disproportionately likely to be directed towards women, those from ethnic and religious minorities, and LGBT people) of

election campaigners, candidates, elected representatives and electoral workers and welcomes these.";

(5) at the ninth paragraph:

(a) delete: "This motion reaffirms my Group's and.." and insert to "Council reaffirms"; and

(b) delete: "we propose that Council" and insert "agrees to";

(6) at the tenth paragraph:

(a) delete the third point and insert the following:

"Council will bring a paper which will be reported to the relevant council forum which will explore clear and responsive pathways to provide better support for elected members who receive abuse, bullying, racism and harassment in all its forms." and

(b) insert a new fourth point with the following:

"4. continue to support COSLA's Barriers to Elected Office Special Interest Group." and

(7) insert the following final paragraph:

"Council believes that the above are warm words unless women actually benefit from other women in politics and public life, and, as Glasgow has outlined in its strategic plan and others continue to deliver on the range of strategic priorities that amplify female voices and improve women and girls' lives."

Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Hoy, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the end of the third paragraph insert: "this is particularly pertinent for women of colour and LGBTQIA woman.";

(2) at the start of the fourth paragraph insert: "Council acknowledges and applauds the organisations like Engender, Elect Her and The Young Women's Movement have undertaken to help increase women.";

(3) after "Council also acknowledges that women in politics face various systemic, cultural, and institutional challenges today which limits access to opportunities and progression." Insert the following:

"In particular, Elect Her contends that councillor remuneration is a significant barrier to participation as well as unpredictable work patterns, making it difficult to balance any other work or caring responsibilities. Women remain more likely to be responsible for caring, both for young children and the elderly, and so disproportionately impacts women."

(4) at the end of the seventh paragraph insert the following:

"Council recalls a question posed at June 2023 Full Council on exploring the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit work, and the council motion that passed in March 2022 that instructed Officers to engage with COSLA's Challenging Barriers to Elected Office Group, and call for this work to move at pace."

(5) at the ninth paragraph delete "My Groups" and insert "Glasgow Political Groups";

(6) delete "Council supports the Making it Happen 2027 campaign and we propose that Council:

1. Adopt COSLA voluntary guidance on parental leave.

2. Take action on working practices with gendered impact (e.g., hours of business).";

and replace with the following:

"Council agrees to

Support the Making it Happen 2027 campaign and reaffirm support on COSLA's voluntary guidance on parental leave

1. Notes that the Gender Sensitive Audit Working group has agreed to report to the Business Bureau on the process of getting council support on no single gender committees. Work cross-party within the Gender Sensitive Working Group to advance gender equality within Glasgow City Council, looking at recommendations proposed within the Scottish Parliament's 'A Parliament for All' report, conducting surveys with current and previous councillors on their lived experiences, developing workshops with women whose identity intersects with protected characteristics

2. Reaffirm calls from Elect Her on COSLA conducting a broader review of Councillor terms and conditions to identify where barriers exist as well as developing clear and responsive pathways for complaints, such as third-party reporting, better workplace HR-style support, and take action on abuse, bullying, racism and harassment in all forms.

3. Call for the adoption of the SLARC remuneration recommendations as a starting point for councillor salaries and urgently calls for a change to the uplift from 80% to at least 100% of median salary of a public sector worker.

4. Encourage Glasgow's political groups to endorse and embed the Equal Representation Coalition's Toolkit to enhance current practice in equality, diversity, accessibility and inclusion."

Bailie Siddique, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor McTaggart and Councillor Bruce, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

"The empowerment and inclusion of women in political decision-making processes is an essential part of any democracy. It is also integral for achieving gender equality and inclusive governance and ensures that the views of women are listened to and considered.

Council acknowledges the important role that many women have played in the social advancements seen in our city over the past 150 years. Such individuals, like Helen Crawfurd and Mary Barbour, campaigned against the egregious rent rises during the First World War, culminating in the Rent Restriction Act in 1915. Mary Barbour went on to become a Ballie and Magistrate in Glasgow, and always championed for working class women.

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The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Bailie Siddique noted her interest in this matter.

Adjournment.

14 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1545 hours until 1555 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

15 The meeting resumed at 1555 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	LAURA DOHERTY	KENNY McLEAN
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DORNAN	NORMAN MacLEOD
IMRAN ALAM	PATRICIA FERGUSON	ELAINE McSPORRAN
BLAIR ANDERSON	SEAN FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
KEN ANDREW	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
ALEXANDER BELIC	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNS
RICHARD BELL	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
DECLAN BLENCH	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
EVA BOLANDER	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX
ABDUL BOSTANI	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY
PHILIP BRAAT	FIONA HIGGINS	MARGARET MORGAN
JILL BROWN	SEONAD HOY	EVA MURRAY
HOLLY BRUCE	RASHID HUSSAIN	CECILIA O'LONE
MAUREEN BURKE	DAN HUTCHISON	KEIRAN O'NEILL
BILL BUTLER	FYEZA IKHLAQ	JILL PIDGEON
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	EUNIS JASSEMI	LINDA PIKE
CHRISTINA CANNON	ANN JENKINS	HANIF RAJA
PAUL CAREY	LILITH JOHNSTONE	THOMAS RANNACHAN
JOHN CARSON	JIM KAVANAGH	GEORGE REDMOND
ANTHONY CARROLL	RUAIRI KELLY	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ALLAN CASEY	ALEX KERR	ROZA SALIH
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	MATT KERR	FRANNY SCALLY
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	THOMAS KERR	JAMES SCANLON
STEPHEN CURRAN	KEVIN LALLEY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
FEARGAL DALTON	PAUL LEINSTER	KIERAN TURNER
JOHN DALY	FRANK McAVEETY	CATHERINE VALLIS
AUDREY DEMPSEY	PAUL MCCABE	MARTHA WARDROP
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	ELAINE McDOUGALL	ALEX WILSON

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Attending: D Henderson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; I Robertson, Director of City Development; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Solidarity with Palestine – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

16 Bailie Massie, seconded by Councillor Wardrop, moved that:-

"Council recalls its emergency motion of 26th October which condemned acts of terrorism in Israel and collective punishment in Gaza and called for a ceasefire in the region.

Council stands in solidarity with all of the victims, their families and communities of the on-going siege of Gaza and related violence. Council renews its call for an immediate and lasting ceasefire and reiterates its condemnation of the Israeli Government and Defence Forces and Hamas.

Council notes the interim verdict of the International Court for Justice in the case brought by South Africa against Israel, which places six binding actions on Israel, including to do all it can to prevent genocide, refraining from harming or killing Palestinians, urgently getting basic aid to Gaza, and to punish any incitement to genocide. Council further notes that Israel is not enacting these measures and genocide by way of the unjust killing of Palestinian civilians, particularly children, and a growing humanitarian aid crisis have continued uninterrupted, observed by NGO's such as Amnesty International and Gisha.

Council continues to stand wholeheartedly against genocide. Council believes the ICJ's ruling places moral obligations on institutions in the UK, including at all levels of Government, to ensure they are not at risk of directly or indirectly supporting genocide.

Council commits to widening the present human rights due diligence process when making contract awards decisions by bringing a report to the City Administration Committee detailing actions that the council can lawfully take to assure itself of supply chains that do not conflict with international humanitarian law and seek legal expertise where necessary to advise this.

Council would also ask that in the procurement process, organisations seeking to contract with Glasgow City Council are required to provide an assurance of best practice in relation to their operations to satisfy the Council that they are not engaging in grave professional misconduct by operating in a manner that breaches the human rights of those directly and indirectly involved or affected by the organisations' operations.

Council further requests that this report outlines an assessment of current Council procurement contracts which include goods or services which have been wholly or partly manufactured, assembled or operated by companies operating in the occupied territories, as per the updated United Nations database of business enterprises in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This initial assessment would seek to provide a base understanding of the Council supply chain, acknowledging that the aforementioned database is continuously changing.

Council also agrees that similar commitments should be made by the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments. Council endorses the Scottish Government's call for an arms embargo on Israel and instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Foreign Secretary to request that the UK Government introduces such an embargo, takes additional steps as required to ensure the UK is not at risk of directly or indirectly supporting genocide, and to encourage him to join Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Jordan, Malaysia, The Maldives, Namibia, Pakistan, Turkey as well as the memberships of The Arab League and The Organisation of Islamic Countries in supporting the South African case in the International Court of Justice. Council also supports comments made by the Foreign Secretary that he is considering recognising Palestine as a state and will ensure this view is reflected in this letter.

Additionally, the Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the First Minister to encourage him to act in all possible capacities to prevent the production and transfer of weapons and weapon components from arms companies in Scotland to Israel or their allies.

Council commends the work of numerous organisations in Glasgow campaigning for divestment from the arms trade, particularly noting the work of the Glasgow Against Arms and Fossil Fuels campaign who are calling on the University of Glasgow to divest its funds from the arms trade. Council asks elected members who sit on the boards, courts or senates of universities and other educational trusts and funds to use their position to advocate for divestment from arms.

Council especially shares its solidarity with our twin city of Bethlehem in the West Bank, which while not at the core of the current violence, has been the target of raids and a very long occupation. Council requests that the Lord Provost shares a message of solidarity and condolence with the Mayor of Bethlehem. Council also requests that the Lord Provost adds to the flag policy the Palestinian flag to be flown on the 29th November each year for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, as is observed by the United Nations. Council requests a paper be brought to CAC to explore the financial relief that Glasgow could offer Palestinians in Gaza by way of Medical Aid for Palestine, similar to the financial relief offered to Ukraine in a meeting on 10th March 2022.

Council acknowledges that as this situation continues to escalate, that antisemitism towards Jewish people continues to be on the increase. Council condemns antisemitism and agrees that all Jewish people deserve to live without harassment and discrimination. Council notes that the Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism was developed by a cross-community group of academics to sit alongside the previously-adopted International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) definition on antisemitism, to give a much clearer definition of what is and is not antisemitic when discussing Zionism and the Israel/Palestine conflict. Council agrees to engage with Jewish representative groups including Scottish Council of Jewish Communities and Na'amod to consider the adoption of the Jerusalem Declaration and other actions that can address antisemitism in this context."

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Bailie MacLeod, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) the fifth, sixth and seventh paragraphs be deleted and replaced with the following 3 paragraphs:

"Council recognises that the Scottish Government's Sustainability Duty was developed with GCC input and covers matters such as human rights and worker conditions/exploitation anywhere within the supply chain.

Council recommits to a human rights due diligence process when making contract awards decisions by bringing a report to the appropriate committee detailing actions that the council can lawfully take to assure itself of supply chains that do not conflict with international humanitarian law and seek legal expertise where necessary to advise this.

Council asks that this report specifically look at what can legally be done to limit or prevent contracts being granted which include goods or services which have been wholly or partly manufactured, assembled or operated by companies based in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.";

(2) at the eighth paragraph delete "instructs" and replace with "requests";

(3) at the ninth paragraph delete:

(a) "instructs" and replace with "requests";

(b) "First" and replace with "Prime"; and

(c) "or their allies"; and

(4) at the eleventh paragraph delete from "Council requests that the Lord Provost" onwards and replace with the following:

"Council notes that the Lord Provost continues to show solidarity and support for our twin city Bethlehem. Most notably hosting a recent reception for the Health and Wellbeing Project, a 10 year partnership between Glasgow and the Bethlehem Guidance and Training Centre, for knowledge sharing and the development of a diploma now recognised by the Palestinian Health Authority which will leave a legacy to allow practitioners in Palestine further tools and expertise working around Applied Psychology for Children and Young People; ongoing support will be provided by project partners."; and

(5) at the twelfth paragraph delete all from "Council notes that the Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism".

Bailie Raja, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at the first paragraph insert the following sentence after "ceasefire in the region":

"Council notes that the situation in Gaza has become increasingly dire with starvation imminent for much of the population".

(2) at the second paragraph delete “stands and solidarity” and insert “continues to stand”;

(3) at the third paragraph delete “verdict” and insert “order”;

(4) at the ninth paragraph

(a) after “encourage him to join” insert “countries across the international community”.;

(b) delete “Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Jordan, Malaysia, The Maldives, Namibia, Pakistan, Turkey as well as the memberships of The Arab League and The Organisation of Islamic Countries.”;

(c) after “will ensure this view is reflected in” insert “the letter referred to above”; and

(d) delete “this letter”;

(5) at the eleventh paragraph:

(a) insert the following after “divestment from the arms trade”:

“Council asks all members who sit on outside bodies to advocate for divestment from the arms trade.”; and

(b) delete the remainder of the paragraph;

(6) at the twelfth paragraph:

(a) delete “especially shares” and insert “expresses”; and

(b) delete “in the West Bank”;

(7) at the thirteenth paragraph insert “on behalf of the Council” after “Council requests that Lord Provost”; and

(8) at the last paragraph:

(a) delete “to give much clearer definition of what is and is not antisemitic when discussing Zionism and the Israel/Palestine conflict” paragraph;

(b) after “Na’amod” insert “to demonstrate ongoing support in the fight against anti-semitism.”;

(c) delete “the adoption of the Jerusalem Declaration and other actions that can address antisemitism in this context” and insert “Similarly, the Council acknowledges the distressing rise in Islamophobia and condemns those who indulge in it while standing with the Muslim

Community at this difficult time." and insert the following:

"Council welcomes the decision of the UN Secretary General in his call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. To achieve this, Council calls for:

- An end to rocket fire into and out of Gaza
- The unconditional release of hostages held by Hamas
- Essential supplies of water, food, medicine and electricity to be restored to Gaza, and the passage of aid into Gaza facilitated.
- A pathway to a peace process.; and

(9) insert the following paragraph at the end:

"Council reaffirms its commitment to a two-state solution and recognises that long-term security for Israel and long-term justice for Palestine will only be achieved through a political, rather than military settlement."

Councillor Daly, seconded by Bailie Kerr, moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council condemns the terrorist attacks on 7 October 2023 perpetrated by Hamas, calls for an immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held in Hamas captivity, welcomes the 25 March 2024 vote of the UN Security Council resolution which called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and believes that a two-state solution is the only way to achieve long-lasting peace in the region."

Bailie Massie, with the approval of his seconder, accepted the amendments by Councillor Kelly and Bailie Raja, resulting in the following adjusted motion:

"Council recalls its emergency motion of 26th October which condemned acts of terrorism in Israel and collective punishment in Gaza and called for a ceasefire in the region. Council notes that the situation in Gaza has become increasingly dire with starvation imminent for much of the population.

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of Government, to ensure they are not at risk of directly or indirectly supporting genocide.

Council commits to widening the present human rights due diligence process when making awards decisions by bringing a report to the City Administration Committee detailing actions that the council can lawfully take to assure itself of supply chains that do not conflict with international humanitarian law and seek legal expertise where necessary to advise this.

Council would also ask that in the procurement process, organisations making bids to Glasgow City Council are able to provide evidence of best practice in relation to their operations to ensure they are operating in a manner that protects the human rights of those directly and indirectly involved or affected by the organisations operations.

Council further requests that this report considers an assessment of current Council procurement contracts which include goods or services which have been wholly or partly manufactured, assembled or operated by companies operating in the occupied territories, as per the updated United Nations database of business enterprises in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This initial assessment would seek to provide a base understanding of the Council supply chain, acknowledging that the aforementioned database is continuously changing.

Council also agrees that similar commitments should be made by the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments. Council endorses the Scottish Government's call for an arms embargo on Israel and requests that the Leader of the Council to write to the Foreign Secretary to request that the UK Government introduces such an embargo, takes additional steps as required to ensure the UK is not at risk of directly or indirectly supporting genocide, and to encourage him to join countries across the international community in supporting the South African case in the International Court of Justice. Council also supports comments made by the Foreign Secretary that he is considering recognising Palestine as a state and will ensure this view is reflected in the letter referred to above.

Additionally, the Council requests that the Leader of the Council to write to the First Minister to encourage him to act in all possible capacities to prevent the production and transfer of weapons and weapon components from arms companies in Scotland to Israel or their allies.

Council commends the work of numerous organisations in Glasgow campaigning for divestment from the arms trade, particularly noting the work of various student campaigns across Glasgow that are encouraging their respective institutions to divest from the arms trade. Council asks elected members who sit on the boards, courts or senates of universities and other educational trusts and funds to use their position to advocate for divestment from arms.

Council expresses its solidarity with our twin city of Bethlehem, which while not at the core of the current violence, has been the target of raids and a very long occupation. Council requests that the Lord Provost, on behalf of the Council, shares a message of solidarity and condolence with the Mayor of Bethlehem. Council also

requests that the Lord Provost adds to the flag policy the Palestinian flag to be flown on the 29th November each year for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, as is observed by the United Nations. Council requests a paper be brought to CAC to explore the financial relief that Glasgow could offer Palestinians in Gaza by way of Medical Aid for Palestine, similar to the financial relief offered to Ukraine in a meeting on 10th March 2022.

Council acknowledges that as this situation continues to escalate, that antisemitism towards Jewish people continues to be on the increase. Council condemns antisemitism and agrees that all Jewish people deserve to live without harassment and discrimination. Council notes that the Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism was developed by a cross-community group of academics to sit alongside the previously-adopted International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) definition on antisemitism. Council agrees to engage with Jewish representative groups including Scottish Council of Jewish Communities and Na'amod to demonstrate ongoing support in the fight against antisemitism and to take their views on whether the Jerusalem Declaration and other actions could strengthen this work. Similarly, the council acknowledges the distressing rise in Islamophobia and condemns those who indulge in it while standing with the Muslim community at this difficult time. Council welcomes the decision of the UN Secretary General in his call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. To achieve this, Council calls for:

- An end to rocket fire into and out of Gaza
- The unconditional release of hostages held by Hamas and of Palestinian citizens held without charge or trial under Israeli military and civil detention.
- Essential supplies of water, food, medicine and electricity to be restored to Gaza, and the passage of aid into Gaza facilitated.
- A pathway to a peace process.

Council reaffirms its support for a lasting and peaceful political solution and recognises that long-term security for Israelis and long-term justice for Palestinians will only be achieved through a political, rather than military settlement."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 2 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Daly and 78 for the motion as adjusted which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

17 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 8(d), 8(e), 8(f), 8(g), 8(h) and 8(i).

A Local Government By-election was held on Thursday 7 March 2024 to elect a Councillor for the Electoral Ward 11 – Hillhead.

Appendix 1

I advise that Seonad Hoy, Scottish Green Party, was elected at stage 7.
The total number of votes given for each candidate is detailed below.

Candidate	Party	Elected	Number of First Preferences	Elected at Stage Number	Cumulative vote at Election or Exclusion
Ruth Hall	Glasgow Labour		1298		1721 (excluded stage 7)
Faten Hameed	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		217		240 (excluded stage 5)
Seonad Hoy	Scottish Green Party	Yes	1284	7	2605
Alistair McConnachie	Independent Green Voice – Organic Green Scotland		133		146 (excluded stage 4)
Malcolm Francis McConell	Scottish National Party (SNP)		1015		1076 (excluded stage 6)
Ryan McGinlay			22		22 (excluded stage 2)
Daniel John O'Malley	Scottish Liberal Democrats		106		110 (excluded stage 3)
					1024 non-transferable votes

Election Statistics	
Total Electorate	17,009
Percentage Poll	24.3 %
Quota required to be elected	2,038
Breakdown of Rejected Papers	
Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	10
On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	26
On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	27
Total Rejected Papers	63

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 26th March 2024.

Appointment of Senior Officers Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Richard Bell, Allan Casey, Dan Hutchison, Elaine McDougall, Jon Molyneux and George Redmond.

Attending: E Rodger (Clerk); C Brown, Head of Human Resources; S Loudon, Technical Advisor; and E Dougherty, SOLACE.

Exclusion of public.

1 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Post of Chief Executive - Appointment agreed.

2 The committee having interviewed 4 candidates for the post of Chief Executive, agreed to appoint Ms Susanne Millar, currently Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, to the post.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 21st March 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Greg Hepburn, John Daly (substitute for Thomas Kerr), Ruairi Kelly, Matt Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop and James Hamilton and Lorraine Leggrix.

Also present: Paul Carey and Paul Leinster.

Apology: Thomas Kerr.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; I Robertson, Director of City Development; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; I Miller (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Proposal to close Enhanced Vocational Inclusion Project as a school and establish it as a service within Education Services – Consultation approved.

1 Councillor Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding carrying out a public consultation on a proposal to close the Enhanced Vocational Inclusion Project (EVIP) as a school and to establish it as a service within Education Services, advising

(1) of the background and context to EVIP which had been started around 20 years ago and was initially managed by Social Work Services, in partnership with Building Services and Culture and Leisure Services, as detailed in the report;

(2) that when Building Services became an Arms Length External Organisation, a decision had been made to transfer the management of EVIP to Education Services and at that point, the delivery had been looked at and redesigned to support the young people's educational attainment to help support them into positive post-school destinations;

(3) that over the years there had been a number of changes such as the removal of taxis in favour of independent travel, removal of the S3 part-time provision, the introduction of formal qualifications in English and Maths, EVIP coaches

that delivered a formal Personal and Social Education programme and offered young people Scottish Qualifications Authority qualifications in Employability and Wellbeing, and an allocated Careers Advisor to work with the young people to support their progression to a positive destination;

(4) that currently, young people attended EVIP a maximum of 3.5 days each week and that there was no actual school building for EVIP, with young people attending the college which supported their vocational programme, and that EVIP now offered various qualifications, as detailed in the report;

(5) that to access a place on EVIP, schools worked with young people to complete an application, as detailed in the report;

(6) that it was proposed that EVIP no longer be a school and would return to being a service as part of Glasgow's Virtual School (GVS) and that by formally closing EVIP as a school, young people would now remain on their own school roll and benefit from maintaining relationships and support from their school, as well as benefit from the support of EVIP staff when in college;

(7) that being part of the GVS structure would, furthermore, ensure access to different supports and would also result in better access to multi-agency support, especially Health and Social Care Partnership;

(8) that consultation was currently underway with young people, parents and school staff in reviewing the offer from EVIP and it was hoped that the learning from this would improve the Service further;

(9) that an Equality Impact Assessment would be undertaken as part of the consultation exercise, as detailed in the report;

(10) that it was intended that, if agreed, the proposal would be progressed when the Scottish Government had confirmed that the change could be actioned, which was likely to be around October 2024;

(11) of the proposed consultation process arrangements and the indicative timetable for the consultation, as detailed in the report; and

(12) of the intended involvement from Education Scotland as the proposed consultation was within the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the proposal to commence a consultation exercise under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 on the proposal to close the Enhanced Vocational Inclusion Project as a school and establish it as a service within Education Services.

Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25 - Proposals approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 15th February 2024 (Print 7, page 6) approving £1.2m of funding for the Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the proposed use of these funds, advising

(1) that the Council had set its budget for 2024/25 against a backdrop of significant financial challenges and alongside reducing levels of public resources, the impact of the pandemic and the ongoing Cost-of-Living Crisis, had continued to drive significant demand on services, whilst also recognising that the impact of those challenges was felt particularly keenly by those already living in low-income households who were experiencing the deepening of existing inequalities;

(2) that the Council's commitment to supporting the most vulnerable individuals, households and communities remained undiminished, and subsequently, resources had been allocated as part of the budget settlement to build on the work delivered through the previous 'Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund';

(3) that £1.2m had been allocated to invest in work that had a particular focus on tackling poverty, including the causes of poverty, and would build upon the work delivered through the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund and pilot a 'cash-first' approach to support people facing food insecurity, in turn, reducing the need for foodbanks;

(4) that the Tackling Poverty Fund would be administered by the Financial Inclusion and Transformation Team within the Chief Executive's Department, who had used operational insights, citizen engagement and data analysis to identify proposals for the use of the Tackling Poverty Fund, with particular attention being given to the insights provided through service user engagement across the Children and Families services, the Glasgow Promise Project and person-centred holistic support services, including Glasgow Helps;

(5) of an overview of the proposals, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(6) that work would commence shortly to identify the specific detail of the proposals, including the identification of lead organisations to take forward the initiatives; and

(7) that detailed project specifications would be agreed, including robust monitoring arrangements which would include the provision of appropriate outputs, outcomes and case study details to demonstrate the impact of the Tackling Poverty Fund, and that a full report detailing the impact of the Fund would be submitted to this committee following conclusion of the financial year.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the proposed use of the Tackling Poverty Fund 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and

(b) noted

(i) the agreed process to use the existing Cost-of-Living Crisis process to identify appropriate organisations to deliver the agreed initiatives; and

(ii) that a report would be submitted to this committee in due course to provide further detail on the impact of the funding.

Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund 2022/23 – Allocation of underspend approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 14th September 2023 (Print 4, page 44) agreeing to allocate £300,000 from the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund to the Glasgow Child Poverty Pathfinder to invest in activities aligned to the outcome of the Glasgow Promise Project, Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report providing information on the support made available to citizens in relation to the Cost-of-Living Crisis, outlining details of the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Funding allocated in the Council's 2022/23 budget and the outcomes secured, and setting out a proposal on the use of the reallocated monies from within the Support Fund, advising

(1) of an update on the resources of £2.2m overseen by the Financial Inclusion and Transformation Team within the Chief Executive's Department, with a full breakdown of awards made and the outcomes secured by each project, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that using both the Glasgow Promise Project findings, and operational insights from the Glasgow Helps service, a number of areas for potential investment had been identified, as detailed in the report;

(3) that since October 2023, 42% of people engaging with holistic case management support through Glasgow Helps had identified housing as a concern that they required support with, and that this Council had worked with the West of Scotland Housing Forum to secure access to a full-time housing professional to provide advice and support at an operational level, as detailed in the report, and to which an allocation of funding was proposed to meet this cost;

(4) of a proposal that the remaining funding be used to invest in purchasing additional or new services in line with those areas for potential investment that had been identified, with the remaining funding being allocated to the Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector to oversee a process for onward award to Third Sector organisations that met the key criteria; and

(5) that it was proposed that £50,000 of funding be allocated to the Council's Chief Executive's Department to embed housing expertise within Glasgow Helps and that £250,000 be allocated to the Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector to invest in specific support offers as identified via Glasgow Helps; as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the use and impact of the Cost-of-Living Crisis Support Fund in 2022/23; and

(b) approved the proposed funding allocations, as detailed in the report.

Clyde Metro – City Deal Glasgow Airport Access Project - Acceptance of funding approved – Authority to officers.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 5th March 2024 (Print 7, page 50) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the receipt of £12.155m of City Deal funding and further agreeing to this Council being delegated to hold and disburse the funds to progress the Clyde Metro business case development work, Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the acceptance of Glasgow City Region City Deal funding to progress the Clyde Metro Business Case development work, advising

(1) of the change in the lead role from Transport Scotland to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to take forward the Clyde Metro case for investment development work;

(2) that £12.155m of funding from the City Deal Glasgow Airport Access Project had been approved to support the development of the wider regional opportunities through Clyde Metro and that this Council had been delegated to hold and disburse the funds to support the business case programme development, including entering into agreements with SPT in its lead role, and as a procuring organisation for consultancy services; and

(3) of the emerging plan and approach to take forward the development of the Clyde Metro case for investment over the next 2 years.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report;

(b) approved the acceptance of £12.155m of funding from the City Deal Glasgow Airport Access Project to progress the Clyde Metro business case, as detailed in the report; and

(c) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and the Director of Legal and Administration to conclude all other matters pertaining to the acceptance of City Deal funding, specifically the grant agreement worth up to £6.5M to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, as detailed in the report.

Model for Climate Investment – Funding and creation of specialist team approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Change Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 23rd May 2023 (Print 2, page 58) noting an update on the investigation into the Council's approach to developing a Climate Finance Model to address the shortfall in finance for projects, as well as managing the resource required for project delivery through innovative business models unlocking private sector invesmtment, Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding a proposed model for delivering climate-related projects through both a Delivery Vehicle and Climate Investment Vehicle, advising

(1) that there were 2 distinct parts to the proposal that required separate processes to be pursued, but were inherently linked, the first being the Delivery Vehicle and the second a Climate Investment Vehicle for the city/city region, as detailed in the report;

(2) of the background to the policy work to date which had taken into consideration the work already undertaken by Glasgow, as well as other net-zero focused interventions that could be included for the purpose of climate investment to ensure alignment;

(3) of the Council's climate ambitions and details of the work undertaken in understanding the various example models pursued by other UK cities, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the proposed Delivery Vehicle in Glasgow, as detailed in the report;

(5) of the work involved in developing a Climate Investment Vehicle, the creation of which would unlock access to capital from the private sector, as well as long-term patient capital from other sectors, such as Pension Funds, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the resource requirements, which included the need for a specialist team to drive the project forward whilst ensuring that the decisions made now were future proofed for the Council, at a cost of approximately £4m over a 2-year period, as detailed in the report;

(7) that a critical part of setting up the Delivery Model was ensuring that the appropriate governance structures were in place and, central to this would be the establishment of a Political Oversight Group to take forward decisions being made, as detailed in the report;

(8) of the strategies and workstreams that would be considered in order to strategically align current policies, as detailed in the report; and

(9) of the proposed next steps, together with the high-level project milestones which provided an indicative timeline for the project, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved

(i) the required funding for the project of approximately £4m; and

(ii) the creation of a specialist team over a 2-year period to sit within the Chief Executive's Office, as detailed in the report.

Carbon Management Plan 3 approved.

6 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 27th February 2024 (Print 7, page 65) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of this Council's third Carbon Management Plan, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report seeking approval of the Carbon Management Plan 3 (CMP3), advising

(1) that the CMP3 set out the actions the Council planned to take to reduce its carbon emissions to contribute towards Glasgow's target of achieving net zero carbon by 2030;

(2) that the first CMP had been in effect between 2008 and 2013 and saw a reduction in the Council's emissions of 9% against the baseline year of 2005/06 and the second plan CMP2 was approved in 2014 and had set a target of achieving a 30% emissions reduction from the 2005/06 baseline each year by 2019/20 and that this target had been achieved in 2017/18 and had helped the Council to reduce its carbon emissions by 46.6% from the baseline by 2020;

(3) that since the publication of CMP2, the city had declared a climate and ecological emergency and had established a city-wide target of net zero carbon by 2030 and in light of this CMP3, attached as an appendix to the report, had been developed to include a strategy and delivery plan for the Council to achieve net zero by 2030, therefore aligning its trajectory with the wider city target; and

(4) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the Carbon Management Plan 3, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow City Centre Strategy 2024-30 (Ward 10) – Final draft approved etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 5th March 2024 (Print 7, page 47) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30 (Ward 10), Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the new Glasgow CCS 2024-30, the outcome of the public consultation process, and seeking approval of the final strategy document, advising

(1) that the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 had halted many of the CCS 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 as the urgency of the pandemic subsided, consideration moved to the longer-term strategic agenda and all of the major work was completed as part of the CCS 2014-19, with some new post-pandemic research and evidence-gathering commissioned over 2021/22 to identify the priorities for the new strategy period which would see the emphasis moving to an outcome-focused delivery and implementation of those priority actions, alongside an updated approach to the City Centre Task Force and overall city centre strategy governance;

(3) that the draft CCS 2024-30 had been prepared with the expectation of becoming the plan of plans for Glasgow city centre and it aimed to simplify the strategic landscape by consolidating the highest priority actions for corporate plans that had a bearing on the regeneration approach to the city centre;

(4) that the vision for the next period of the CCS 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 Moves, which were the thematic priorities, as detailed in the report;

(5) of the findings and response to the public consultation on the strategy which had been undertaken over a period of 6-weeks from 20th October to 3rd December 2023;

(6) of the proposed delivery and governance arrangements;

(7) that for Phase 1 of the CCS 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 an additional fund of up to £5m would be required to support the updated 7-year strategy; and

(8) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) the findings from the consultation process which took place from 20th October to 3rd December 2023;

(iii) the updated strategy document and action plan; and

(iv) that the financial requirement of £5m to support the strategy was likely to be formalised in the financial year 2025/26;

(b) approved the final draft of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy 2024-30; and

(c) agreed that an annual progress report on the Glasgow City Centre Strategy 2024-30 would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee.

Auchinlea Park and Inishail Road greenspace (Ward 21) - ENV 2/IPG12 funding approved.

8 Councillor McLean, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the use of City Plan ENV 2/IPG12 funds towards access, landscape and habitat improvements at Auchinlea Park and Inishail Road greenspace (Ward 21), advising that

(1) Auchinlea Park was a small but diverse park, which included within it, Provan Hall which had recently undergone a restoration project which included the fitting out of a new hub for heritage learning and engagement and a visitor centre for the Seven Lochs Wetland Park;

(2) Inishail Road greenspace was a significant area of amenity grassland and plantation woodland and was now regarded as being of national significance due to it having a well-established population of grassland water vole which were protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and that there was a need to enhance the woodland and grassland habitats to ensure that the site offered a useable and attractive local greenspace;

(3) the existing front fence to the grounds of Auchinlea Park and Provan Hall were in poor condition and it was proposed that they would be removed and replaced with a 2.4 meter steel pale-through-rail fence and to also improve

access to the park, a new 2 meter wide tarmac path would be constructed and a new double gate would be installed;

(4) there was no welcome/orientation signage for Auchinlea Park and Provan Hall and it was proposed that signage, including waymarking and interpretation to create a family nature trail around the Provan Hall grounds be installed, as detailed in the report; and

(5) proposing the allocation of £85,633 (capital and revenue combined) of Amenity Greenspace ENV2 receipts (capital and revenue) towards access, landscape and habitat improvements at Auchinlea Park and Inishail Road greenspace, the capital cost of £68,506 for the combined projects would require to be supplemented by revenue costs of £17,127 towards on-going maintenance costs.

After consideration, the committee approved the allocation of £85,633 (capital and revenue combined) of Amenity Greenspace ENV2 receipts (capital and revenue) towards access, landscape and habitat improvements at Auchinlea Park and Inishail Road greenspace in accordance with City Plan IPG12/ENV2 policy.

Firework Control Zones Discretionary Power approved.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee of 12th March 2024 (Print 7, page 61) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the use of a new discretionary power during the period around the 5th November when the use of fireworks was most prevalent and they could be purchased in shops, Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, presented a report regarding a new Local Authority discretionary power to designate Firework Control Zones (FCZs) and proposing an approach for the application, consideration and granting of FCZs in Glasgow should the discretionary power be utilised, advising

(1) that The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations 2021 had amended the Fireworks (Scotland) Act 2004 as a result of an Independent Review Group set up following initial consultation on fireworks;

(2) that the Scottish Government had ran a further consultation on the remaining recommendations which had resulted in The Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022;

(3) that the Scottish Government had issued guidance on FCZs for local authorities on 22nd June 2023 and that the ability to designate, amend or revoke a FCZ was a new discretionary power for local authorities;

(4) of the proposal that, should the Council wish to utilise the power, a proportionate and evidence-based approach was that FCZs would be in effect around the period of 5th November, when the use and the purchase of fireworks in shops were most prevalent;

(5) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability's Community Safety Service would oversee the process that would facilitate the consideration and designation of FCZs in the city;

(6) of the process of a community request to designate a FCZ could be made, the associated timeframes for consideration and where applicable, community consultation, and of the steps considered appropriate and proportionate for adequate publicity about any consultation to ensure that it would be available to persons likely affected;

(7) of the consultation process outlined within the Act that required to be undertaken by local authorities;

(8) in further detail of approved FCZs, the exemptions applicable to FCZs and public firework displays within FCZs, as detailed in the report;

(9) of the Council's requirement to review FCZs designated within their area and as this was the first year of the Council's discretionary power, a review of all FCZs would be undertaken in 2025 and upon conclusion, a report of the review's findings would be published and notified to the Scottish Government to utilise its statutory obligation to report on the operation of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022, for the period through to 10th August 2027; and

(10) of the existing measures and, the restrictions currently in place to address the misuse of fireworks, including Trading Standards programme of compliance checks, targeted intervention and enforcement activities by Police Scotland.

After consideration, the committee approved the use of the Firework Control Zones discretionary power during the period around the 5th November.

Contractual uplifts - Adult social care pay uplift 2024/25 approved etc – Declaration of interest.

10 Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People, presented a report regarding a proposed uplift for adult social care pay which would be applied to providers of adult non-residential and residential Social Care within Glasgow Purchased Services and Direct Payments to at least £12.00 per hour, with effect from 8th April 2024, advising

(1) that as part of the Scottish Budget for 2024/25, the Deputy First Minister had announced that a pay uplift for adult social care workers would be delivered from April 2024, and that confirmation of the details for the adult social care pay uplift had been received on 26th January 2024 following agreement by COSLA leaders, as outlined in a letter from the Scottish Government, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;

(2) that funding of £230m had been made available for Local Government to support the delivery of an increase of the minimum hourly rate for workers

providing direct adult social care, within commissioned services and those funded from Direct Payments, from at least £10.90 to £12 per hour, effective from 8th April 2024;

(3) of a proposal to offer a 10.09% uplift to an agreed percentage of full contract values, in line with typical workforce costs, as detailed in the report; and

(4) of the annual funding costs of approximately £15.691m, together with the proposed full contract values percentages, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report and that this proposal was subject to providers confirming that they would pay staff providing direct care within adult social care at least £12 per hour from 8th April 2024; and

(b) agreed to offer a 10.09% uplift to an agreed percentage of full contract values, as detailed in the report, in line with typical workforce costs, to providers of adult non-residential and residential social care within Glasgow Purchased Services and Direct Payments.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Elaine McDougall declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Free personal and nursing care payments rates, personal expenses allowances and charging policy for 2024/25 approved.

11 Councillor Cunningham, Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People, presented a report regarding a revised social care charging policy for 2024/25, advising that

(1) the Scottish Government had revised the free personal and nursing care payment rates for 2024/25 and that from 1st April 2024 these rates would increase from £233.10 to £248.70 per week for personal care and from £104.90 to £111.90 per week for nursing care, and that the cost of this uplift would be £0.487m which would be funded from additional monies provided by the Scottish Government to integration authorities in 2024/25;

(2) the Department for Work and Pensions had increased the minimum personal expenses allowance from £32.65 to £34.50 per week from 8th April 2024; and

(3) the Social Care Charging Policy, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, set out the Council's Social Work Services charging policy with a focus on non-residential charging, together with the legislative background to charges for non-residential social care services and described the services to which service user contributions applied, together with minimum income thresholds and tapers, which had been updated to reflect various changes, all as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the revised Social Care Charging Policy for 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and

(b) noted the free personal and nursing care payment rates from 1st April 2024 and the increase in the personal expenses allowance from 8th April 2024.

Adjournment.

12 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1230 hours until 1235 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

13 The meeting resumed at 1235 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present:	Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly (substitute for Thomas Kerr), Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Matt Kerr, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.
Also present:	Paul Carey and Paul Leinster.
Apology:	Thomas Kerr.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; J Miller (for the Executive Director of Education Services); I Miller (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and S Millar, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Annual Audit Report 2022/23 noted.

14 With reference to the minutes of the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee of 20th March 2024 (page 139 hereof), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Finance regarding the Annual Audit Report 2022/23 advising that the audit had now been completed by EY and the Council must consider the audited annual accounts for 2022/23.

After consideration, the committee noted the Auditor's annual audit report for 2022/23.

Annual Accounts 2022/23 approved.

15 With reference to the minutes of the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee of 20th March 2024 (page 139 hereof), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Finance regarding the Annual Accounts 2022/23, highlighting the contents of the accounts and the key financial outcomes.

After consideration and having regard to the Annual Audit Report, the committee approved for signature the audited Annual Accounts 2022/23.

Area Partnerships – Area budget allocations 2024/25 approved.

16 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 15th February 2024 (Print 7, page 7) approving the Revenue Estimates for 2024/25, including the area budget for 2024/25 and the budget provision for transport to support playschemes where children with additional support needs attended, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the proposed allocations to each of the area partnerships and the budget provision for the playscheme transport, advising of the

(1) proposed budget allocation for 2024/25 for each of the area partnerships; and

(2) allocation of £40,000 of funding for 2024/25 to support the transport for playschemes where children with additional support needs attended.

After consideration, the committee approved

(a) the 2024/25 area budget allocations to area partnerships, as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes; and

(b) funding of £40,000 from the 2024/25 budget to support playscheme where children with additional support needs attended.

APPENDIX

AREA PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATIONS 2024/25

Ward Number	Ward	2024/25 allocation
1	Linn	£80,436.78
2	Newlands/Auldburn	£66,248.48
3	Greater Pollok	£90,546.37
4	Cardonald	£67,115.22
5	Govan	£90,148.56
6	Pollokshields	£62,408.19
7	Langside	£61,580.48
8	Southside Central	£85,842.35
9	Calton	£99,512.15
10	Anderston/City/Yorkhill	£62,446.05
11	Hillhead	£61,838.56
12	Victoria Park	£59,732.90
13	Garscadden/Scotstounhill	£87,055.61
14	Drumchapel/Anniesland	£84,175.15
15	Maryhill	£66,443.71
16	Canal	£108,959.02
17	Springburn/Robroyston	£100,319.59
18	East Centre	£114,591.36
19	Shettleston	£72,339.21
20	Baillieston	£63,838.30
21	North East	£88,194.44
22	Dennistoun	£65,664.51
23	Partick East/Kelvindale	£60,284.20
	Total	£1,799,721.19

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 11th April 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Chris Cunningham.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; S Wearing (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and C Blair (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Changes to committee etc approved.

1 In terms of Standing Orders No 4 and 6, as a matter of urgency, the committee approved with effect from 12th April 2024

(1) the appointment of Sharon Greer to the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee and the removal of Audrey Dempsey from that committee; and

(2) in terms of section 1 (4) (d) of the Scheme of Delegated Functions, the following change to the Council's representation on outside bodies:-

Body	*Appointment*
Glasgow City Integration Joint Board	Remove Audrey Dempsey and appoint Ann Jenkins

Budget monitoring reports noted and budget adjustments approved.

2 Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented reports on the 2023/24 revenue budget and on the investment programme, both for the period from 1st April 2023 to 9th February 2024.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the reports and that they, together with detailed service reports, would be considered by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee in due course; and

(2) approved the detailed budget adjustments relating to the revenue budget and the investment programme, as detailed in the reports.

Allotment Rules and Regulations approved – Declaration of interest.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee of 12th March 2024 (Print 7, page 60) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations, Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was brought forward with the aim of empowering communities by enhancing the rights of community bodies, placing new duties and functions on local authorities and would help increase access to land for food growing purposes, be that on allotments or through any other grow-your-own initiatives;

(2) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 required each local authority to make allotment site regulations and that in the preparation of such regulations, local authorities should take into consideration any existing site rules, regulations or constitutions and those onsite rules drafted by individual allotment associations;

(3) that the Council had facilitated a series of incrementally focused engagement processes and a consultation process that had allowed a comprehensive review and update of the Allotment Rules and Regulations, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;

(4) of details of the 2023 consultation outcomes and collated responses to the on-line survey, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and that the development of Guidance Notes to inform the Rules and Regulations would be completed by December 2024; and

(5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Wardrop declared a non-financial interest in this item of business.

Museums Collection – Loan of Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting to Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization approved.

4 Bailie Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, presented a report regarding the loan of Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting to the Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization, advising

(1) that the Council had entered into a Collections Agreement with Glasgow Life to operate its museums and under that agreement the loan of Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting required the approval of the Council;

(2) that the Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization had requested the loan of Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting for an Arts Event being held at the Church of San Marcello a Corsa, Rome, Italy;

(3) of the risk management measures for the loan request; and

(4) that it was proposed that Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting be loaned to the Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization from 14th May to 23rd June 2024, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the loan of Salvador Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross painting, subject to the Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization confirming that it could meet the terms and conditions of the loan, as detailed in the report.

Digital Glasgow Strategy 2024-30 approved etc.

5 Councillor Leinster, Convener of Digital Glasgow Board, presented a report regarding the Digital Glasgow Strategy 2024-30, advising

(1) that the Digital Strategy was a cross-cutting enabling strategy that supported the delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan, as well as key city strategies and plans and the Digital Glasgow Board had contributed to the development of the strategy;

(2) of the aims of the strategy which set out 3 missions, namely a Fair and Empowered Digital Society, an Inclusive Digital Economy and a Sustainable and Innovative Digital Public Services and these missions reflected the 3 parts of the Digital Strategy for Scotland "A Changing Nation: How Scotland will Thrive in the Digital World" which had been published in 2021 by the Scottish Government and COSLA;

(3) that the Digital Glasgow Strategy contained 5 Core Values, as detailed in the report which had been developed by the Digital Glasgow Board who had

commissioned public engagement to gather research evidence into awareness of digital rights and to gather feedback on the Core Values which were intended to underline the city's commitment to human rights for the digital age and they were based upon the values set out in the City Charter and had been adapted to reflect the implications of digitisation in society, the economy and public services;

(4) that the Digital Glasgow Strategy 2024-30 listed the planned digital transformation programmes in coming years as key priorities, the focus was on the outcomes that digital was expected to underpin across the Strategic Plan and set out actions that could better equip and enable the Council to succeed in delivering these outcomes, as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and

(5) of the next steps which included the proposed publication of the Digital Glasgow Strategy 2024-30 online as an interactive document online.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the Digital Glasgow Strategy 2024-30; and

(b) noted

(i) the Core Values, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) that the City Policy Committees had a role to develop and progress the actions, as detailed in the report.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 25th April 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly (substitute for Thomas Kerr); Ruairi Kelly, Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Kenny McLean, Anne McTaggart (substitute for Greg Hepburn); Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Greg Hepburn and Thomas Kerr.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; and S Miller, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Air Quality Action Plan approved.

1 With refence to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 16th April 2024 (page 87 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP), Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the action plan, advising

(1) that the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process required local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether the air quality objectives were likely to be achieved and where an exceedance was considered likely, the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an AQAP setting out the measures it intended to put in place in pursuit of the objectives;

(2) that the Council had prepared 2 previous AQAPs in respect of the City Centre Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) in 2004 and Byres Road/Dumbarton Road and Parkhead Cross AQMPs in 2009 and since then, updates on the actions within these plans had been included in the Air Quality Annual Progress Reports (APRs);

(3) that air pollution levels had improved in recent years, however, levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) remained of concern and the City Centre AQMA was still in effect;

(4) that in November 2021, Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) announced that its first investigation would consider air quality, specifically focusing on compliance with the NO_2 limit value set in Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe, which formed part of retained law following the UK's exit from the European Union;

(5) that after taking evidence from the Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and local authorities, ESS had published its conclusions and recommendations in the form of an improvement report in September 2022 and those recommendations had been accepted by the Scottish Government and updated policy guidance was produced in March 2023, which set out what a local authority must include in an AQAP;

(6) that the revised LAQM policy guidance specified that current AQAPs should be reviewed and, where necessary, updated within 1 year of the revised guidance being published, and every 5 years;

(7) that the Glasgow AQAP update outlined, the actions that Glasgow City Council would deliver between 2024-29 to reduce concentrations of air pollutants and exposure to air pollution together with the priorities, as detailed in the report;

(8) that whilst the focus remained on the City Centre AQMA, which was currently the last AQMA not scheduled for revocation, this AQAP adopted a holistic and city-wide approach to reducing emissions and improving air quality across the Glasgow City Council area;

(9) that the draft AQAP had been subject to statutory consultation, with the public element of the consultation open for a period of 6 weeks from 13th February to 20th March 2024 with responses, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(10) that the observations and recommendations made by statutory consultees had been incorporated into the revised AQAP and that the final version included 21 actions compared to 18 within the consultation draft version, as detailed in the report; and

(11) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report and the contents of the Air Quality Action Plan and consultation report; and

(b) approved the Air Quality Action Plan, as detailed in the report.

Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area - Revocation approved.

2 With refence to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 16th April 2024 (page 89 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the matter, advising that

(1) the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process placed an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether the air quality objectives were likely to be achieved and where an exceedance was considered likely, the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intended to put in place in pursuit of the objectives;

(2) where monitoring had shown that the air pollution objectives were being met, and were likely to continue to be met, local authorities were required to revoke the AQMA following a suitable period of compliance;

(3) that revocation of an AQMA was a recognition that air quality had been improved, to the benefit of all who live, work or otherwise use the area where previously air pollution levels were in excess of health-based objectives and revocation should not be interpreted as a belief that air pollution was no longer a concern, however it was acknowledged that significant progress had been made;

(4) a report in support of the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA was detailed, as an appendix to this report;

(5) an assessment of measured ambient NO_2 concentrations since the declaration of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA in 2007 found a reducing trend in measured annual average concentrations since 2011, such that the annual average concentrations had been below the relevant objective levels for a number of years;

(6) the Scottish Government guidance advised that a minimum of 3 years of compliance with the objectives be achieved before revocation was considered and monitoring had shown that no exceedances had been recorded within the AQMA since 2017, however, due to uncertainty caused by falling pollution levels during the pandemic, an extended period of compliance had been recorded in respect of this AQMA;

(7) based on the continued compliance with air quality objectives for NO_2, and predicted future compliance, it could be concluded that there was no continued requirement for an AQMA in the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road area and that the AQMA be revoked and this recommendation was supported by robust monitoring data, as detailed in the report;

(8) the decision to revoke the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA had been included in the conclusions of both the 2022 and 2023 Air Quality Annual Progress Reports, based on the evidence included in section 5 of the Revocation Report and the independent report appraisers, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) had agreed with the report conclusions and advised the Council to proceed with the revocation as soon as is practicable;

(9) once a revocation of an AQMA had taken place, the order would be submitted to the Scottish Government for information, with SEPA and other relevant parties being notified, and the revocation widely publicised to ensure that the public and local businesses were fully aware of the situation;

(10) the draft Air Quality Action Plan 2024, whilst necessarily focussed on the remaining City Centre AQMA, took a similarly holistic approach to air quality improvements as previous plans and it was therefore expected to continue to provide improvements, including within the area of the revoked AQMA; and

(11) whilst there was a high degree of confidence that the relevant air quality objectives would continue to be met, all current monitoring would continue indefinitely to ensure that compliance continued, with all results being reported within the Air Quality Annual Progress Reports.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the

(i) improvement in pollution levels monitored within and around the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area and the longstanding compliance with the statutory air quality objectives; and

(ii) Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area Revocation Report; and

(b) approved the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area.

Glasgow City Region - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure collaboration – Next steps approved – Delegation to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Instruction to officers.

3 With reference to the minutes of 30th November 2023 (Print 6, page 27) approving the next steps to proceed with securing a commercial concession as part of a city region approach to the provision of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI), Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the progress made on the work undertaken to support the expansion of the EVCI network across the 8 local authorities of Glasgow City Region (GCR), advising

(1) that in January 2022, the Scottish Government had launched the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (EVIF) with the objective of unlocking private sector investment to expand the publicly accessible charging network on local authority land and assets and that Transport Scotland had engaged the Scottish Future Trust to support local authorities in the development of their EVCI strategies;

(2) that the GCR Cabinet in December 2021 had agreed to progress an initial report into the current electric charging provision, tariffs and to forecast the future needs of the 8 GCR local authorities, jointly funded using the EVIF allocations from Transport Scotland for each local authority and the report had been concluded in June 2022;

(3) that the GCR Cabinet had agreed that the GCR Programme Management Office (PMO) would engage consultants on behalf of the 8 GCR local authorities to develop more detailed Strategy and Expansion Plans (SEP);

(4) that building upon the SEP, the GCR Electric Vehicle Senior Officers' Group, chaired by South Lanarkshire Council and comprising of representatives from each of the 8 GCR member authorities had been established and this group oversaw the Prior Information Notice (PIN) published in June 2023 to engage with the Charge Point Operators (CPOs), explore the market appetite and inform the GCR's approach to the expansion of EVCI;

(5) that from the PIN, 33 responses had been received and a clear preference expressed by most CPOs was to engage collaboratively with all of the 8 GCR local authorities as part of a planned and strategic approach and in August 2023, the GCR Cabinet had agreed that a collaboration between the local authorities to expand the EVCI network should be based upon a clear set of principles, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the objectives and benefits of GCR collaboration;

(7) of the potential shape of the GCR EVCI collaboration;

(8) of the draft timeline for the delivery of the project, as detailed in the report;

(9) that Transport Scotland's decision not to renew the Charging Place Scotland (CPS) contract would require all local authorities and other charging point owners currently using the CPS system to put in place an alternative arrangement for the back-office and maintenance of their chargepoints before December 2025 and the GCR's ambition to have approximately 600 of the existing chargingpoints included within the scope of the first lot for the EVCI was a significant risk and that the GCR PMO was liaising with Transport Scotland to identify potential mitigation for this risk;

(10) that a collaboration of the 8 GCR local authorities would require a clear governance and decision-making process, as detailed in the report and it was proposed that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and

Sustainability be authorised to approve the Inter Authority Agreement, issue the tender documents and approve the preferred bidder for the contract and enter into a contract agreement;

(11) to ensure that each of the 8 GCR local authorities engaged in the development process and were able to influence the development of the tender for the contract, officer support groups would be established to provide expert advice and to update their own organisations as required and that in addition to the existing Electric Vehicle Senior Officers' Group, it would also require groups with a focus on legal, procurement and technical aspects;

(12) of the next steps;

(13) of the financial and revenue implications for the project; and

(14) that the main legal requirements for the project would be the establishment of an Inter Authority Agreement that allowed 1 local authority to act as lead in the process to procure and contract with a commercial partner on behalf of the 8 local authorities, there would also be a requirement for expert external legal advice to support the development of the GCR proposal and this would be engaged by the GCR PMO and that a legal support group, consisting of solicitors from each of the 8 local authorities would also be established.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report and the collaborative work undertaken to date;

(b) approved this Council's participation in a collaborative procurement to engage a commercial partner through a partnership with the 8 local authorities in the Glasgow City Region, to deliver the benefits, as detailed in the report;

(c) agreed

(i) in principle to entering into an Inter Authority Agreement with the 8 local authorities in the Glasgow City Region;

(ii) to delegate the subsequent procurement and commercial decisions relating to the commencement and procurement process to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, as detailed in the report; and

(iii) that the Glasgow City Region Programme Management Office, through this Council, would utilise the local authorities Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund allocations to engage programme management and expert technical consultancy support, that would assist in taking a Glasgow City Region proposition to market and subsequent appointment of a commercial partner; and

(d) instructed officers to submit update reports to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee on the progress of the work and to

include specific and immediate reports if at any point the financial implications for this proposal differed from that detailed in the report.

National Care Home Contract increase 2024/25 approved – Declaration of interest.

4 Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People, presented a report regarding an increase to the National Care Home Contact (NCHC) fee rate for 2024/25, advising that

(1) the NCHC was subject to national negotiations which set the rates that would apply for 2024/25 and the expectations in relation to the payment of the Adult Social Care pay rate by providers;

(2) a rate of 6.76% had been applied to nursing care and 8.3% for residential care from 8th April 2024, with these rates being applied to the NCHC and other commissioned services, including a national minimum wage of £11.44 for domestic and catering support staff, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(3) the cost of the uplift for 2024/25 was £7.886m and provision had been made in the Integration Joint Board's 2024/25 budget to meet this commitment;

(4) the NCHC would be varied to ensure that any provider delivering publicly funded care must pay all direct care workers a minimum of £12 per hour and, agree that remuneration could be periodically monitored by the commissioning authority, including direct verification with employees of the provider and that there would be no displacement of any other costs onto staff by the employer; and

(5) the rate currenly excluded an increase in pay for nurses and associated differentials and the offer came with a commitment to consider the appropriate uplift to nursing care rate, maintaining associated differentials, within the model once the Agenda for Change pay negotiations had been concluded.

After consideration, the committee

(a) agreed to

(i) vary the National Care Home Contact contract in line with the conditions, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) apply the National Care Home Contact contract uplift to commissioned Services, as detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(b) noted

(i) the additional increase to Social Work Services expenditure of £7.886m; and

(ii) that a further update might be required once the Agenda for Change pay negotiations were concluded.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Elaine McDougall declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 23rd April 2024.

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee.

Present: Martha Wardrop (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Eva Bolander, Graham Campbell, Anthony Carroll, Allan Casey, Sean Ferguson, Ann Jenkins, Linda Pike, Soryia Siddique and Kieran Turner.

Also present: Ruairi Kelly, Kenny McLean and Angus Millar.

Apologies: Laura Doherty and Robert Mooney.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); I Robertson, Director of City Development; and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted etc.

1 There was submitted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 5th March 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the responses; and

(2) that responses to any questions raised at this meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of this committee.

Glasgow's Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 – Annual review noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 18th May 2023 (Print 2, page 29) approving Glasgow's Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-28, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding an annual review of the progress of the actions outlined in the delivery plan of Glasgow's LHS 2023-28, advising

(1) that under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2021, local authorities were required to prepare a LHS supported by an assessment of housing need and demand;

(2) that the LHS outlined what the Council and its partners aimed to deliver for the city during the scheduled 5-year period and Glasgow's LHS had been prepared in accordance with Scottish Government guidance;

(3) of the 4 grand challenges which had been identified in the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27 for the Council to deliver against;

(4) of the 5 strategic priorities which had been set out in Glasgow's LHS;

(5) of the progress of Glasgow's LHS delivery plan which set out 59 actions under the 5 strategic priorities and of these actions 54 had been identified as having key milestones for delivery in year 1 (2023/24) and all these actions had been appraised using a Red, Amber and Green assessment;

(6) that 17 actions had been assessed as Amber, involving minor slippage in targets and/or timescales and in all instances work was underway, however had not been concluded in year 1 but was anticipated to be completed during 2024/25; and

(7) of the delivery of the LHS for 2024/25 and beyond.

After consideration, the committee noted the progress of actions and key issues arising as set out in Glasgow's Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 annual review report year one.

Empty Homes Action Plan – Update noted etc – Request to City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery - Instruction to officers.

3 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 18th May 2023 (Print 2, page 29) approving Glasgow's Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-28, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the empty homes action plan which had been incorporated within Glasgow's LHS 2023-28, advising

(1) that in March 2021, the Scottish Government had published Scotland's first long-term national strategy "Housing to 2040" which included the priorities for empty homes, as detailed in the report;

(2) that in November 2021 in response to the Scottish Government's "Housing to 2040" document, the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership in collaboration with COSLA and the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers had published its paper "Why Empty Homes Matter" the aim of which was to further develop the work of local authorities on empty homes through an awareness campaign to highlight the benefits of empty homes work, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the statistics obtained from Council Tax records across Scotland in relation to empty properties in December 2023 and that as at 29th February 2024, Council Tax records showed that there was a total of 2,641 non-exempt long term empty homes in Glasgow lying empty for more than 6 months, with 1,652 being empty for more than 12 months;

(4) that residential priorities and empty homes had been identified as 1 of the 10 strategic and crosscutting critical success factors for delivering housing

priorities outlined in the LHS and the repurposing of vacant buildings and former office accommodation for housing in the city centre was a key action within the Empty Homes Action Plan, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the current position and the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that Glasgow's Empty Homes Action Plan had been incorporated within the Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 with an annual update on progress being submitted to this committee;

(b) requested that Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery write to Scottish Ministers regarding the introduction of Compulsory Sales Notices by the end of this year; and

(c) instructed officers to arrange a further workshop in Autumn 2024 on empty homes and to invite Scottish Ministers to attend.

Bus workstreams – Progress and response to consultation noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on workstreams related to bus in Glasgow, including Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership (GBP) workstreams, the Free Public Transport Pilot Scooping Study, the City Centre Electric Shuttle Bus Study and bus infrastructure projects, advising

(1) that the GBP brought together a voluntary partnership, the 8 Glasgow City Region local authorities, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), bus operators and bus passenger representative groups the purpose of which was to address current challenges to bus travel and to improve the passenger experience for communities across the City Region;

(2) that the Bus Partnership Fund, which was managed by Transport Scotland had first been announced as part of the 2019 programme for Government whereby as part of its response to the climate emergency, the Scottish Government committed to investing £500m over 5 years to deliver targeted bus priority measures on local and trunk roads;

(3) that this Council on behalf of GBP had been awarded £3.655m with £1.655m of the grant funding specifically for Glasgow and the remaining £2m being allocated to projects led by Renfrewshire Council;

(4) that each business case took a holistic view of how changes to strategic bus corridors could deliver on wider policies and aspiration, including the Glasgow Transport Strategy and in addition to these business cases funding would also be provided to develop a wider bus network plan and associated strategic business case;

(5) of the strategic bus network plan research which had been carried out on a Glasgow and Strathclyde Strategic Bus Network plan;

(6) that recommendations for the future delivery of the regional bus network had been published by SPT, and the Council as a key stakeholder had an opportunity to feed into this process along with the wider public and that a draft response to the consultation was, as detailed in Appendix A to the report;

(7) of bus co-ordination group and behaviour change campaigns;

(8) of the outcome of the Free Public Transport Scooping Study and that a costing model which had been developed to calculate the estimated cost of operating the pilot in Glasgow had concluded that to provide free transport for 9 weeks for those aged between 22 and 59 would cost approximately £95.7m, excluding back office and administration costs;

(9) that indicative costs had been prepared for the 6 options for introducing a free electric city centre circular bus service to connect transport interchanges and key gateway locations, however at present no funding had been secured to take this forward;

(10) of SPT funding and the Community Bus Fund; and

(11) of Transport Scotland's Fair Fares Review work which had been published in March 2024 which had set out a number of recommendations which included developing a proposal for a flat-fare bus fares pilot for an area based scheme.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the progress of work related to bus in Glasgow; and

(ii) a proposed response to the consultation on SPT's Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy business case work in Appendix A to the report; and

(b) agreed to recommend the proposed response to the consultation to the City Administration Committee on 9th May 2024, where agreement could be sought on the response before sending it to SPT.

City Centre Transport Plan – Update etc noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 1st December 2022 (Print 5, page 543) approving the Glasgow City Centre Transport Plan (CCTP), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the development of key work within the CCTP – People First Zone (PfZ) concept, the City Centre Accessibility Audit, the West Nile Street Cycle Route and the M8 Action Plan, advising

(1) of the key aims of the CCTP;

(2) that the PfZ had been identified as a catalyst for change in the CCTP and was a key priority within Glasgow city centre and that the PfZ would create a people-friendly zone with quality streets with essential vehicle trip access, as detailed in the report;

(3) that to realise the PfZ concept the key was to introduce a positive cycle of change, where the ongoing repurposing of road space continued to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport and the Council had secured funding through the Sustrans Places for Everyone fund to develop an outline business case and feasibility work;

(4) that as part of the PfZ initial assessment, 2 strategic options had been considered namely option 1, restricted vehicular access and option 2, no through access, as detailed in the report;

(5) that option 2 had emerged from a technical study carried out as the preferred way forward due to lower capital and revenue costs, a shorter list of exempted users, greater scope for stakeholder buy-in and the ability to be delivered incrementally or build up to option 1 over time if desired;

(6) that a number of strategic traffic management interventions had subsequently been assessed which would help reduce traffic through the centre core and re-route traffic around the north and south of the city centre and from the appraisal the key interventions that officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability wished to take further and explore funding opportunities, as detailed in the report;

(7) of the findings of the City Centre Accessibility Audit and that 2 audits had been undertaken around the streets near Glasgow Central Station with groups of disabled people, including wheelchair users and visually impaired people to give their lived experience;

(8) that funding from Sustrans Places for Everyone fund in 2024/25 had been secured to develop concept designs for West Nile Street Cycle Route which had been identified as a priority action in the CCTP and the external consultants appointed to undertake the PfZ work had also been tasked with

undertaking the feasibility study and concept design elements of the West Nile Street Cycle Route;

(9) that an appraisal had assessed the feasibility of options for flow cycle lanes on either side of West Nile Street, a bi-directional cycle lane on the western side of West Nile Street or a bi-directional cycle lane on the eastern side of West Nile Street and had concluded that a bi-directional segregated cycle would be the preferred option as it still enabled opportunities for parking and loading and to be most beneficial, it would be primarily located on the east side but crossing to the west side of Killermont Street;

(10) that engagement activities had been undertaken with officers, local businesses and institutions in the vicinity of West Nile Street of the proposed cycle route and the purpose of this was to help inform the design process and highlight potential conflicts or issues that might need to be addressed during the design stage; and

(11) that the issues around the M8 motorway had been well documented and captured in the Council's core policy documents and the CCTP recognised the impact the M8 motorway had on the city centre's setting and placemaking and an action plan for the short-medium and long-term aspirations, as detailed in the report, had been prepared that covered key Council plan and strategy aspirations that interact with the M8 motorway.

After consideration, and having heard a presentation by Ms Deborah Paton, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee noted

(a) the report and presentation;

(b) the progress on the development of the People First Zone Concept; and

(c) the progress on the West Nile Street Cycle Route, the City Centre Accessibility Audit and the M8 Action Plan.

City Development Plan 2 - Evidence report and draft report of engagement noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the draft City Development Plan (CDP) 2 evidence report and the draft report of engagement, advising

(1) that the planning system in Scotland was plan-led and development planning was required to manage the development and use of land in long-term public interest with decisions on planning applications being made in accordance with the development plan, unless there were material considerations that indicated otherwise;

(2) that the current CDP had been adopted in 2017 and work had commenced in 2023 to produce CDP2 which was anticipated to be adopted in 2027;

(3) that a new Planning Act had been introduced in 2019 which altered the position on many aspects of the planning procedures including the context for preparing a new CDP, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Council was required to publish an annual Development Plan Scheme (DPS) to ensure that communities and stakeholders were aware of the process, timetable and opportunities to be involved and the City Development Team had created a storymap version to sit as a live, visual document that formed the basis for future communication and interaction with the plan process;

(5) that the City Administration Committee on 30th November 2023 (Print 6, page 29) had approved the DPS 2023 and the key stages in the development plan process, as detailed in the report;

(6) that early engagement was an important part of producing an evidence report to ensure that it was informed by communities' lived experience and stakeholders' evidence and Appendix 1 to the report set out the activities carried out, in line with the DPS and the findings;

(7) that an evidence report was required for submission to the Scottish Government for the Gatecheck process and the evidence report was required to be a baseline account of information to assist the Council in considering what the planning authority should plan for its area and the gathering of evidence was a broad exercise to ensure that the evidence base needed for all areas of the city and that National Planning Framework 4 topic areas were in place to allow new policies to be written;

(8) of the sections that were contained in the evidence report; and

(9) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted the

(a) City Development Plan 2 draft evidence report and the draft report of engagement; and

(b) City Development Plan 2 process and that the final document would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter to Scottish Ministers for the Gatecheck process.

Play sufficiency assessment noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the ongoing work to produce the Council's 1st play sufficiency assessment, advising

(1) that the Scottish Government's play strategy for Scotland set out the vision "We want Scotland to be the best place to grow up. A nation which values play as a life-enhancing daily experience for all our children and young people, in their homes, nurseries, schools and communities";

(2) that play was an essential part of a happy, healthy childhood and Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child stated that every child had the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts;

(3) that the National Planning Framework (NPF4) adopted in 2023, stated in Policy 21: play, recreation and sport that local development plans should identify sites for sports, play and outdoor recreation for all ages and support development proposals that protected, enhanced and improved children's access to play;

(4) that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 had inserted a new section16D play sufficiency assessment into the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 with regard to local development plans and it set out that planning authorities must assess the sufficiency of play opportunities for children in its area in preparing an evidence report;

(5) that the preparation of a play sufficiency assessment formed part of the stage 1 processes as part of early engagement and data collection for the development plan and the regulations specifically asked planning authorities, as detailed in the report, what was required of them for the play sufficiency assessment;

(6) of engagement with young people for the preparation of the play sufficiency assessment; and

(7) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ms E Currie and Ms G Dick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee noted

(a) the report and the presentation;

(b) that the play sufficiency assessment process had been co-produced with young people and children; and

(c) that the 1st Glasgow play sufficiency assessment would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and following approval, submitted to Scottish Ministers as part of the Council's documentation for the City Development Plan 2 Gatecheck process.

Supplementary and planning guidance to accompany the City Development Plan 2017 noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the outcome of a consultation on supplementary and planning guidance to accompany the City Development Plan 2017, advising that

(1) Glasgow's City Development Plan (CDP) had been adopted in March 2017 with a series of supplementary planning guidance to accompany the CDP in order to support the implementation of the CDP;

(2) the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 gave planning authorities the power to adopt statutory Supplementary Guidance (SG) as part of the development plan and produce a non-statutory Planning Guidance (PG);

(3) in order to finalise guidance associated with the CDP from 2017, before focusing the work programme fully on the forthcoming CDP 2, a consultation exercise had been conducted from 23rd November 2023 until 18th January 2024 on SG6 Green Belt and Green Network, SG12 Delivering Development and a non-statutory PG on Co-Living;

(4) the comments received and the changes proposed to the guidance were, as detailed in Appendices 2, 4 and 6 to the report and additional changes to the guidance had also been made following its final consideration;

(5) of the proposed SG6 Green Belt and Green Network, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

(6) of the proposed SG12 Delivering Development, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report;

(7) that the PG on Co-Living, as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report had been produced to be used as a material consideration in determining planning applications and the need for this had reflected interest from developers in this type of housing, potential impacts on users and surrounding neighbourhoods and the Council's commitment to doubling the population of the city centre; and

(8) of the steps for the adoption of the SG6 Green Belt and Green Network, SG12 Delivering Development and the non-statutory Planning Guidance on Co-Living by Scottish Ministers.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the final supplementary guidance for SG6 Green Belt and Green Network, SG12 Delivering Development and the non-statutory Planning Guidance on Co-Living; and

(b) that a report on the outcomes of the SG6 Green Belt and Green Network, SG12 Delivering Development and the non-statutory Planning Guidance on Co-Living would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and following that a statement of publicity would be sent to the Scottish Ministers, with a view to adoption.

Drumchapel Local Development Framework (Ward 14) - Progress noted.

9 With reference to the minutes of 30th May 2023 (Print 2, page 42) noting the intention to commence external consultation on the Drumchapel Local Development Framework (LDF) (Ward 14), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the Drumchapel LDF, advising

(1) that the Glasgow City Development Plan (CDP) had been adopted in March 2017 and provided the spatial strategy for development and regeneration across the city and sought to deliver 2 key aims, namely a healthy, high quality place and a compact city form that supported sustainable development;

(2) that the CDP was supported by 2 overarching policies, namely CDP1 – The Placemaking Principle and CDP2 – Sustainable Spatial Strategy and that 1 of the key elements of CDP2 was the identification of spatial priority areas across the city where additional guidance was required;

(3) that the draft Drumchapel LDF

(a) had been published on the Council's consultation hub between 27th June and 5th September 2023 and that 325 comments had been received from 72 respondents;

(b) that following the consultation, the comments received had been collated and had informed the production of the final draft, as detailed in the report; and

(c) set out the vision and key outcomes for the final draft Drumchapel LDF, as detailed in the report; and

(4) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mr E Curtis, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee noted the

(i) presentation and report;

(ii) final draft of the Drumchapel Local Development Framework; and

(iii) the intention to seek approval from the City Administration Committee and to notify the Scottish Government, prior to the adoption of the Drumchapel Local

Development Framework as Supplementary Guidance to the City Development Plan.

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 25th April 2024.

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present:	Graham Campbell (Chair), Jill Brown (substitute for Imran Alam), Stephen Dornan, Elaine Gallagher, Zen Ghani, Fiona Higgins, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Lilith Johnstone, Ruairi Kelly, Malcolm Mitchell, Cecilia O'Lone (substitute for Catherine Vallis) and Jill Pidgeon (substitute for Patricia Ferguson).
Also present:	Christina Cannon.
Apologies:	Imran Alam, Blair Anderson, Patricia Ferguson and Catherine Vallis.
Attending:	D Brand (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; and R Aitken (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of co-optees - Proposals approved.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding proposed changes to the co-opted members appointed to this committee, advising that

(1) Susan McKellar was no longer the co-opted representative from Glasgow Parent Council Forum, which had been re-formed into the Glasgow City Parent Group; and

(2) following the formation of the new group, Karen Ross had indicated her interest in joining the committee as the co-opted member from that group.

After consideration, the committee approved the

(a) removal of Susan McKellar; and

(b) appointment of Karen Ross as a co-opted member from the Glasgow City Parent Group.

Supporting the Educational needs of children born pre-term – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Education Services.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the work being undertaken in early learning centres and schools to support children and young people who are born pre-term, advising of the

(1) reasons why education professionals needed to be aware of pre-term birth in order to understand the implications on a child's development but also how families were supported;

(2) prevalence rates of pre-term birth and the health implications which they were more likely to experience compared to term-born babies;

(3) implications for a child's learning that pre-term babies might experience as well as behavioural, social and emotional issues compared with term-born children;

(4) partnership working that had been undertaken to raise awareness of the needs of children born pre-term, and details of the seminar which had taken place in June 2022 which included input from The Smallest Things Charity who were a registered charity supporting the needs of premature babies and their families following neonatal intensive care;

(5) results from a questionnaire that had been completed at the start and at the end of the seminar which indicated a change in the level of staff confidence and understanding of this topic; and

(6) operational changes that had been made by Education Services following the seminar to ensure that information about a child's development and the possibility of premature were noted.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) instructed the Executive Director of Education Services to bring updated reports back to the committee, as appropriate.

Birth to 3 services and staff development framework: Nurturing My Potential – Update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the delivery of nursery services for children from birth to 3 years old and the implementation of "Nurturing My Potential", a staff development framework to support this, advising

(1) that the only children not yet 3 who had a statutory entitlement to 1140 hours of funded nursery provision were the children considered to be eligible 2 year olds, with eligibility criteria linked primarily to poverty or other vulnerability;

(2) of the current position of registered places and the demand for places for Council operated nurseries and funded providers, as detailed in the report;

(3) that Glasgow was one of 6 local authorities tasked with testing innovative models with a view to developing a targeted system of childcare for families with children from age 9 months to the end of primary school;

(4) that the Nurturing My Potential framework had been developed through a working group of experienced Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) practitioners whose aim was to develop local guidance, practice toolkits and a training programme to support practitioners and embed high quality practice at the start of Glasgow children's learning journeys; as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the training that had been delivered across the ELC workforce and the future plans to roll this out to funded providers.

Advanced Higher Provision Review – Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding changes to the Advanced Higher provision review which was taking place across Glasgow secondary schools moving forward from 2024, advising

(1) that following the decision in session 2022/23 to stop funding the Advanced Higher Hub provision at Glasgow Caledonian University and The Scottish Funding Council's decision to stop its funding for the provision, it was decided to set up a group to review the provision;

(2) that following an analysis of the results from questionnaires completed by staff in schools and young people studying Advanced Highers, Head Teachers explored proposals in key areas and reported back to the review team;

(3) that a timeline had been developed to take these proposals forward, the allocation of places would be done in collaboration with schools, and that additional places would be offered from other institutions to supplement the provision;

(4) of the opportunities that were available for young people to experience life at university and the bespoke arrangements offered by Springburn Academy and Notre Dame High School, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that the Advanced Higher Review Group proposals were now being taken forward with the aim to enhance an already significant offering across schools, and that a coordinated approach would bring more equity to the system and lead to further improvements over time.

Attainment - Wider achievement and range of qualifications in Glasgow secondary schools – Update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing an update on the range of qualifications and wider achievement opportunities on offer in Glasgow secondary schools and how they contribute to the attainment of young people, advising

(1) that the qualifications which were offered across secondary schools varied and were offered on the basis of context of the school, demand from young people and staffing in the school;

(2) that most of the qualifications had SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) points associated with them and therefore contributed to a young person's attainment portfolio for employers, college and university applications;

(3) of the courses that were also certificated on the SCQF framework that Glasgow colleges of Glasgow Kelvin, Glasgow Clyde and City of Glasgow offered for Senior Phase young people, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the specific courses offered to young people from additional support for learning schools and young people in mainstream who had additional support needs, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that many schools also offered qualifications and awards in areas which contribute to personal skills development, and the most successful of these in Glasgow was the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Inclusive education in Glasgow schools – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Education Services.

6 With reference to the minutes of 28th September 2023 (Print 4, page 61) noting the developments planned and activities in relation to the equality agenda across Education Services, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing an update on the work being undertaken in early learning centres and schools to promote an inclusive education for all Glasgow Learners,

(1) advising

(a) that additional support needs (ASN) was of principle importance when developing an understanding of inclusive education in Glasgow's schools;

(b) of the key legislation and policy documents that had driven forward Education Services' inclusion agenda in practice;

(c) of statistical information on the number of young people in Scotland with ASN which had shown a steady increase since 2007;

(d) of the current challenges faced by Education Services in response to this increased level of need, which included the increased number of placing requests submitted for additional support for learning (ASL) schools;

(e) of the referral process to the Area Inclusion Group (AIG) when a child or young person had been identified as having ASN and required support which was not available at their current school or early learning centre;

(f) of the research that had supported the evidence that there was a direct correlation between poverty and ASN;

(g) of the range of systems and interventions available to help support inclusion across and within education establishments in Glasgow; and

(h) of the next steps in the promotion of inclusive education for all Glasgow learners; and

(2) detailing in the appendices to the report, a wide range of needs highlighted in the audit carried out of all pupils who attended standalone ASL schools and the structures, purpose and referral processes within the AIG.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the range of approaches used in the promotion of inclusive education for all Glasgow learners; and

(ii) instructed the Executive Director of Education Services to bring further updates to this committee, as appropriate.

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 30th April 2024.

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee.

Present: Elaine McSporran (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Philip Braat (substitute for Paul Carey), Holly Bruce, Stephen Curran, Stephen Docherty, Allan Gow, Alex Kerr, Paul McCabe, Jon Molyneux (substitute for Anthony Carroll) and Franny Scally.

Also present: Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar.

Apologies: Paul Carey and Anthony Carroll.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); J O'Hagan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Citywide 20mph Project – Update noted.

1 With reference to the minutes of 31st January 2023 (Print 5, page 570) noting an update of a citywide mandatory 20mph speed limit, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a further update on the implementation of a citywide mandatory 20mph speed limit, advising

(1) that an external consultant had been appointed by the Council in November 2023, to undertake an in-depth analysis of the existing road network to determine which roads would be suitable for a speed limit change, based on Transport Scotland's National Strategy for 20mph: Road Assessment Guidance (2022);

(2) of the speed limits of the existing network, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, and of the logic process summary chart that outlined the road assessment process, as detailed in Appendix B to the report;

(3) of the Place Criteria 5 conditions identified in Transport Scotland's 20mph Roads Assessment Guidance that helped to identify roads that maybe appropriate for a 20mph speed limit and of the proposed recommended speed limit that had been identified for every named road or road section within the study area and a copy of the Assessment Form, as detailed in Appendix C to the report;

(4) of a summary of the analysis and findings, that included a breakdown of the proposed changes for each ward and the proposed speed limits across the whole study network, as detailed in Appendix D to the report;

(5) that the initial assessment had now been completed and NRS officers were currently procuring a consultant to assist with the progression of the next key steps and activities, as detailed in the report;

(6) that the implementation of the new 20mph speed limits would be introduced in large zonal areas and each would require the promotion of a Speed Limit Order which followed a statutory process that could take between 12 and 18 months to complete; and

(7) that once the final cost estimates had been received for the implementation and rollout of the project an update and forecast delivery timetable to reflect the outcome would be provided.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the results provided as detailed at Section 4 of the report and the approach taken to implementation planning as detailed at Section 5 of the report; and

(c) the final delivery timetable would be determined on completion of Stage 2.

Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Property Strategy – Update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the NRS property strategy, advising

(1) that the NRS property estate consisted of several depots and buildings that supported the delivery of core frontline services and included waste management and recycling, roads transport, parks and open spaces;

(2) that NRS continued to prioritise investment into key areas that protected and preserved these assets however with operational use over a prolonged period this had resulted in significant repairs and upgrading works required across the Council estate;

(3) that targeted and strategic investment was required to future-proof and provide a more sustainable property estate and work was ongoing to rationalise the estate and optimise those buildings;

(4) of the NRS Estate Strategy Board that had been established to provide operational property governance, set strategic priorities and ensure future service requirements were achieved;

(5) of the progress made by NRS that addressed legacy maintenance issues and of the improvement of staff working conditions throughout a reduced NRS property estate; and

(6) of the delivery of strategic projects that included the re-development of Easter Queenslie as a Centre of Excellence for Waste Management & Recycling, for which funding of £17m for property and machinery had been received from Zero Waste Scotland (Recycling Improvement Fund) and a further £20m funded by the Council towards this property investment.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) progress made to address legacy maintenance issues and improve staff working conditions throughout the NRS property estate; and

(b) the delivery of strategic projects, including the re-development of Easter Queenslie as a Centre of Excellence for Waste Management & Recycling.

Glasgow's Road Safety Plan – Update noted – Recommendation to Go Safe Glasgow Road Safety Partnership.

3 With reference to the minutes of 21st November 2023 (Print 5, page 60) noting an update on Glasgow's Road Safety Plan to 2030, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a further update on road safety matters between January to December 2023, advising

(1) that the Scottish Government had set out national road casualty reduction targets for each authority to achieve by 2030 and provided a focus point and framework for Council officers to work towards, whilst supporting Glasgow's Vision Zero where no one was killed or seriously injured on Glasgow's roads by 2030;

(2) of the introduction by Police Scotland of a new CRASH database that recorded 3 levels of injury, as detailed in the report;

(3) of Glasgow's performance towards national targets, as detailed in Appendix A of the report;

(4) of the actions undertaken that included the re-establishment of the Go Safe Glasgow Road Safety Partnership, a new 'G Division' Road Safety Group formed by Police Scotland that would be attended by NRS Road Safety that would discuss road safety partnership working at a local divisional level and the 2023/24 Safe Systems projects delivered;

(5) in detail of the "Let's Look Out For Each Other" road safety campaign, as outlined at Appendix B of the report, and of the ongoing development of resources such as the new Lord Provost's STARS (School Travel and Road Safety) award, as detailed in Appendix C of the report; and

(6) of the new £1m road safety fund approved by Transport Scotland to support the delivery of 'Safe Systems' road safety engineering projects across the city

and of the 2023/24 ‘Safe Systems’ projects delivered, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the progress towards the road casualty reduction targets to 2030 and the project plan; and

(b) agreed to recommend that Go Safe Glasgow Road Safety Partnership strongly consider amendment of actions for 2024 to include

(i) increased HGV vehicle safety checks and targeted enforcement of drivers entering cycle safe zones; and

(ii) that Police Scotland work with Glasgow City Council to share road safety data to gain an understanding on where intervention is required, as detailed in Activity 7 of the Glasgow City Local Policing Plan 2023-26 and subject to noting, that it might not be in the direct gift of the Council but be for specific partners to deliver.

Pavement parking, double parking and dropped kerbs – Update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 21st November 2023 (Print 5, page 61) noting an update on the activities and progress of the Council’s Parking Services, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a further update on the pavement parking prohibitions in Scotland and the next steps to introduce measures in Glasgow, advising

(1) that Part 6 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 had introduced statutory framework for a national ban on pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs, and that the national ban came into force in December 2023, with secondary legislation that enabled enforcement by Local Authorities;

(2) of the exceptions and exemptions within the Transport Act and of the assessment process of streets that would determine the implementation of the pavement parking prohibitions and would be undertaken in 3 stages, as detailed in the report;

(3) to date 751 warning notices had been issued, prioritised in those streets that complaints about pavement parking had been received and that the warning notices, as detailed in an Appendix to the report contained information to raise awareness of the new pavement parking legislation and prompted drivers to go to the Council’s dedicated web page to find out more about pavement parking; and

(4) that a further update on pavement parking prohibitions would be provided as part of a wider update on parking services.

NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 16th April 2024.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present: Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Christina Cannon, Stephen Docherty, Rashid Hussain, Kevin Lalley (substitute for Keiran O'Neill), Anne McTaggart (substitute for Malcolm Mitchell), Linda Pike (substitute for Chris Cunningham) and Catherine Vallis (substitute for Robert Mooney).

Also present: Angus Millar.

Apologies: Chris Cunningham, Malcolm Mitchell, Robert Mooney and Keiran O'Neill.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); D Dowling (for the Director of Regional Economic Growth); G McMillan (for the Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP); and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Step Up to Net Zero programme – Update noted.

1 With reference to minutes of the City Administration Committee of

(1) 24th February 2022 (Print 7, page 501), approving funding for the Step up to Net Zero programme (STNZ); and

(2) 14th September 2023 (Print 4, page 43) approving Phase II of the STNZ,

there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth, advising that

(a) at the conclusion of the first phase of STNZ programme an independent evaluation had been commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce and the overall conclusions had been overwhelmingly positive as detailed in the report;

(b) Phase II of the STNZ programme had been updated to reflect the recommendation that the placement time be extended to 6 months and that 29 businesses had been accepted to the programme, all of which were Glasgow-based small and medium-sized enterprises and operated across a range of sectors; and

(c) an evaluation of Phase II would be undertaken and submitted to committee at the conclusion of the project.

City Property Group – Contributions to Net Zero – Update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP on City Property Group's net zero contribution, providing an overview of the achievements to date and the work planned to support Glasgow's net zero agenda as detailed in the report.

Glasgow City Council Solar Photovoltaic Installation Programme – Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes 23rd May 2023 (Print 2, page 59) noting the proposed phased approach to the installation, including progress towards delivering Phase 1 of the Glasgow City Council Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Installation Programme including the available capital funding, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising

(1) that 8 buildings had been identified as part of Phase 1 of the programme which would utilise a combination of Regenerative Capital funds and Salix Loan funding and should achieve an estimated electricity cost savings of £182,000 per year with Phase 1 of the programme expected to be completed by October 2024; and

(2) of proposals for future phases of the PV Installation together with the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the capital funding available and plans to maximise the benefits of match funding for the installation of PV generation on the Council estate;

(b) the phased approach to installation, including progress towards delivering Phase 1 and preparations for future phases; and

(c) that further updates would be provided to committee on an annual basis.

Community Renewable Energy Framework – Update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the development of a Community Renewable Energy Framework (CREF), advising

(1) that the CREF aimed to support the increased generation of renewable energy from community-owned assets by identifying a portfolio of sites which were suitable for community-led renewable energy development and outlining

the process that enabled the Council to work with communities to enable delivery of such projects;

(2) of the approach to support eligible communities to consider and act upon opportunities to deliver community led renewable energy projects through the proposed framework as detailed in the report;

(3) of the potential to utilise learnings from the People Make Glasgow Communities process to support the CREF;

(4) of the progress towards identifying a portfolio of sites suitable for community-led renewable energy projects, including a number of potential sites for the initial phase, the route to market and the proposed launch of a Community Renewable Energy Opportunity Map displaying the sites for community renewable development as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the next steps which would include:-

(a) the CREF and Site Story Map being submitted to this committee after the summer recess for consideration before being submitted to the City Administration Committee for formal approval;

(b) the Council evaluating the success of the CREF based on the uptake of the first tranche of sites by the community and report within a year of the CREF launch; and

(c) a process of engagement being initiated with the relevant stakeholder groups and to provide the support detailed in the CREF in relation to the delivery of community-owned renewables, following finalisation of the sites to be included and completion of the Story Map.

After consideration, the committee

(i) continued to support the work of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in the development of a Community Renewable Energy Framework; and

(ii) noted that the finalised Community Renewable Energy Framework would be submitted to this committee following the summer recess.

Air Quality Action Plan update and consultation response - Update noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding an Air Quality Acton Plan (AQAP) update and consultation response, advising

(1) that the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process required local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to

determine whether the air quality objectives were likely to be achieved and where an exceedance was considered likely, the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an AQAP setting out the measures it intended to put in place in pursuit of the objectives;

(2) that the Council had prepared 2 previous AQAPs 1 in 2004 and another in 2009 and since then, updates on the actions within these plans had been included in the Air Quality Annual Progress Reports (APRs) and actions within the Plans were adapted over time and therefore the APRs had increasingly included progress updates on actions not considered within the original AQAPs;

(3) that air pollution levels had improved in recent years, however, levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) remained of concern and the City Centre AQMA was still in effect;

(4) that in November 2021, Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS) announced that its first investigation would consider air quality, specifically focusing on compliance with the NO_2 limit value set in Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe, which formed part of retained law following the UK's exit from the European Union;

(5) that after taking evidence from the Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and local authorities, ESS had published its conclusions and recommendations in the form of an improvement report in September 2022 and those recommendations had been accepted by the Scottish Government and updated policy guidance was produced in March 2023, which set out what a local authority must include in an AQAP;

(6) that the revised LAQM policy guidance specified that current AQAPs should be reviewed and, where necessary, updated within 1 year of the revised guidance being published, and every 5 years subsequently and whilst work on updating the Glasgow AQAP began in 2021, development was paused to focus on delivery of Scotland’s first Low Emission Zone and the early draft AQAP had now been adapted to follow and include the requirements of the revised guidance;

(7) that the Glasgow AQAP update outlined, the actions that Glasgow City Council would deliver between 2024-29 to reduce concentrations of air pollutants and exposure to air pollution together with the priorities as detailed in the report;

(8) that whilst the focus remained on the City Centre AQMA, which was currently the last AQMA not scheduled for revocation, this AQAP adopted a holistic and city-wide approach to reducing emissions and improving air quality across the Glasgow City Council area;

(9) that the draft AQAP had been subject to statutory consultation with the public element of the consultation open for a period of 6 weeks from 13th February to 20th March 2024 with responses, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(10) that the observations and recommendations made by statutory consultees had been incorporated into the revised AQAP and that the final version included 21 actions compared to 18 within the consultation draft version, as detailed in the report; and

(11) of the next steps which would include

(a) the AQAP being submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter formally submitted to the Scottish Government; and

(b) actions within the AQAP being progressed according to their respective timescales with progress being reported within the annual Air Quality Progress Reports and submitted to the relevant Committees.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the report together with the contents of the Air Quality Action Plan and consultation report; and

(ii) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the Air Quality Action Plan.

Air Quality Management - Revocation of Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area noted etc – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), advising that

(1) the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process placed an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether the air quality objectives were likely to be achieved and where an exceedance was considered likely, the local authority must declare an AQMA and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intended to put in place in pursuit of the objectives;

(2) where monitoring had shown that the air pollution objectives were being met, and were likely to continue to be met, local authorities were required to revoke the AQMA following a suitable period of compliance;

(3) that revocation of an AQMA was a recognition that air quality had been improved, to the benefit of all who live, work or otherwise use the area where previously air pollution levels were in excess of health based objectives and revocation should not be interpreted as a belief that air pollution was no longer a concern, however it was acknowledged that significant progress had been made;

(4) a report in support of the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA was detailed, as an appendix to this report;

(5) an assessment of measured ambient NO_2 concentrations since the declaration of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA in 2007 found a reducing trend in measured annual average concentrations since 2011, such that the annual average concentrations had been below the relevant objective levels for a number of years;

(6) the Scottish Government guidance advised that a minimum of 3 years of compliance with the objectives be achieved before revocation was considered and monitoring had shown that no exceedances had been recorded within the AQMA since 2017, however, due to uncertainty caused by falling pollution levels during the pandemic, an extended period of compliance had been recorded in respect of this AQMA;

(7) based on the continued compliance with air quality objectives for NO_2, and predicted future compliance, it could be concluded that there was no continued requirement for an AQMA in the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road area and that the AQMA be revoked and this recommendation was supported by robust monitoring data as detailed in the report;

(8) the decision to revoke the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA had been included in the conclusions of both the 2022 and 2023 Annual Progress Reports, based on the evidence included in section 5 of the Revocation Report and the independent report appraisers, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) had agreed with the report conclusions and advised the Council to proceed with the revocation as soon as was practicable;

(9) once a revocation of an AQMA had taken place, the order would be submitted to the Scottish Government for information, with SEPA and other relevant parties being notified, and the revocation widely publicised to ensure that the public and local businesses were fully aware of the situation;

(10) the draft Air Quality Action Plan 2024, whilst necessarily focussed on the remaining City Centre AQMA, took a similarly holistic approach to air quality improvements as previous plans and it was therefore expected to continue to provide improvements, including within the area of the revoked AQMA; and

(11) whilst there was a high degree of confidence that the relevant air quality objectives would continue to be met, all current monitoring would continue indefinitely to ensure that compliance continued, with all results being reported within the Air Quality Annual Progress reports.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the improvement in pollution levels monitored within and around the Air Quality Management Area and the longstanding compliance with the statutory air quality objectives; and

(ii) the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA Revocation Report; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the revocation of the Byres Road/Dumbarton Road AQMA.

WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 18th April 2024.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Laura Doherty (Chair), Holly Bruce, Anthony Carroll, Annette Christie, Stephen Dornan, Sharon Greer, Angus Millar, Margaret Morgan, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon, Roza Salih, Ms Martina Johnston-Gray and Ms Irene Loudon.

Apology: Thomas Rannachan.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M McGinty, Head of Corporate Policy and Governance; and A Harvie (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Destination Marketing: Proposed People Make Glasgow brand update noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Gasgow Life regarding a proposed development of the People Make Glasgow (PMG) brand, advising

(1) that since its introduction in 2013, PMG had been the city's primary destination brand and a unique crowdsourced process had identified that visitors and residents alike had both agreed that the city's greatest strength was its people;

(2) that the brand was managed on behalf of this Council by Glasgow Life and was also designed so it could be extended by the addition of a final word such as "cleaner" or "greener" and that during the previous Council term the brand had been extended once again to become the name of Glasgow's Community Asset Transfer process – PMG Communities;

(3) that the brand had been popular with people in the city and it was regularly adopted and adapted by campaign groups;

(4) that in December 2023, Glasgow Life had carried out a review by engaging with people and asking them about the brand, and positively, over 805 Glaswegians were aware of the brand and 94% of people in the Glasgow City Region (GCR) had seen the logo, however, the number of people outside the GCR who were aware of the brand was low and the number of people who would visit the PMG website for tourist information was lower still; and

(5) of a proposal to create a new tourist-focussed web presence based around "visitglasgow.com", which would comprise of a new website and logo, but would be clearly part of the PMG suite of identities.

After consideration, and having heard a presentation by A Harvie, Glasgow Life, the committee noted the proposal to develop the People Make Glasgow brand.

Funding for the establishment of a Health Determinants Research Collaboration in Glasgow noted etc.

2 There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Governance regarding the successful award of National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) funding to this Council and partners to set up a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Glasgow, and outlining the proposed next steps, including governance arrangements, advising

(1) that this Council (GCC), together with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board(NHS GCC) and the University of Glasgow (UoG) had been successfully awarded funding from the NIHR to set up a HDRC in Glasgow, the purpose of which was to develop capability and capacity within the Council to make better use of data and research in decision making on the wider determinants of health, such as employment, housing, education, and the physical environment;

(2) that the overall award had been £5.25m over 6 years starting from 1st January 2024, with the first year funding, approximately £250,000, that focussed on the project set up and onboarding of key partners and stakeholders to develop a shared vision and action plan for the remaining £5m over subsequent years;

(3) that there were substantial health inequalities within Glasgow and it was widely accepted that the key to improving this situation lay in addressing the wider determinants of health and inequality, of the longstanding commitment in Glasgow to act on those determinants and a recognition that integration of research, policy and implementation was key to effective action, and that the opportunity to catalyse greater integration enabled through a Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration (GHDRC) was timely and welcome;

(4) that the GHDRC was a collaboration of 3 organisations, GCC, UoG and NHS GGC, and 2 existing partnerships, namely, the Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership, linking the Council and Health Board, and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, a partnership of all 3 organisations, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the GHDRC would engage with other stakeholders across Glasgow, the wider city region and Scotland, would place emphasis on the inclusion of the public and communities and would add value by significantly increasing the capacity of the Council to impact on place-related determinants where the Council had lead responsibility and to use its convening power to drive change in favour of better and more equal health;

(6) of the focus of the Council's Grand Challenge Mission to "end child poverty using early intervention to support families", as detailed in the report;

(7) that it was intended that the NIHR work would link with the next stage of the Glasgow Child Poverty Pathfinder and other Council initiatives on place and community empowerment that involved person-centred approaches and multi-agency working consistent with implementation of Christie principles, which would foster culture change, combining the experience and expertise of researchers and practitioners to develop policies and implementation approaches that were well-evidenced and robust;

(8) of the proposed key deliverables of the GHDRC in the initial development year and of the 3 workstreams to date that had been established to support the delivery of the GHDRC, as detailed in the report;

(9) that a milestone plan for the development year had been submitted to NIHR and the funding would enable a small multi-agency HDRC team and a limited research capacity over the course of the funding term, however one of the aims of the GHDRC was to enable further research applications to be successful in Glasgow for areas of key priority in the city, and throughout the development year it was proposed to develop a process for receiving and prioritising requests for research support; and

(10) that the GHDRC would report into the existing Public Health Oversight Group (PHOG) ensuring it was well embedded into the Council and key partners existing structures and processes, notably the Community Planning Partnership, since the PHOG itself reported to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the proposed governance arrangements, as detailed in the report.

Youth Participation: Engagement in Council Civic and Democratic structures – Proposed approach to youth participation in activities noted etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of 29th February 2024 (Print 7, page 71) noting that proposals for a young person's engagement strategy would be submitted to this committee alongside feedback on the Young Person's Development Day, there was submitted a report by the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance proposing an approach for endorsement to youth participation in the activities of the committee and outlining the current work ongoing to develop youth participation including the ongoing development throughout 2025 of the Council-wide Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy under the Glasgow 850 programme, advising

(1) that there were a number of areas of work underway that had youth participation as a key strand of work, as detailed in the report;

(2) that the Glasgow 850 (G850) Programme, led by the Leader of the Council, had been asked to create a Council family wide year-long Citizen Participation Programme in 2025, a key part of which would be activities to engage with

young people and create ways of doing so that developed and improved for the future, and would act as the catalyst for a new Council family wide Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy which would bring together the new work undertaken as part of G850;

(3) that with regard to the Council's award winning Open Government work, 1 of the key strands of work was around the theme of Including Young People's voices and partnership work had been conducted with the Village Storytelling Centre ensuring marginalised and excluded young people in the Greater Pollok area were involved in and led on the development of their community through the delivery of a pilot project which placed their voices at the centre of change, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI) had been developing a model for participation in local neighbourhoods and had a pipeline of projects from across the Council family that were invested in meaningful and active participation by young people and was currently collaborating with Education Services and multiple teams in Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Services, as detailed in the report;

(5) that Education Services had worked with the Lord Provost's office to welcome primary school pupils into the City Chambers to learn about the architecture of the building and as a place of work, and to complement this, a digital learning resource designed to enable school children to explore architecture, design and social heritage had been developed with Glasgow City Heritage Trust and that feedback from the events had been positive and had demonstrated an appetite by children and young people to learn more about their city and participate in its civic life;

(6) that the Communities Team within the Chief Executive's Department was working to draw together a range of youth focused civic engagement, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and

(7) of an approach, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, to engagement in Council Civic and Democratic structures for young people, including this committee and the provision of an annual scheduled calendar visit to learn how the Council's decision-making structures operated.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report;

(b) the ongoing work to develop youth participation by the Chief Executive's Department, Education Services and the wider Council family;

(c) that further updates would be brought to committee as appropriate, including the ongoing development throughout 2025 of the Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy under the Glasgow 850 Programme; and

(d) the proposed approach to youth participation in the activities of this committee, as detailed in the report.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 11th April 2024.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present: Franny Scally (Chair), Ken Andrew, Philip Braat, Christina Cannon (substitute for Fyeza Ikhlaq), Stephen Curran, Seonad Hoy, Dan Hutchison, Ruairi Kelly, Kenny McLean, Elaine McSporran, Cecilia O'Lone (substitute for Kevin Lalley), Thomas Rannachan and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Fyeza Ikhlaq and Kevin Lalley.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); D Henderson (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Land at Hecla Square (Ward 14) - Off-market disposal approved, in principle – Instruction to Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals for an off-market disposal of vacant land at Hecla Square (Ward 14), to the adjoining owner Antonine Court Limited, advising that

(1) the proposed purchaser, the owner of the adjoining Antonine Court Day Centre, Antonine Court Limited, had approached the Council with a view to acquiring the subject site to facilitate the construction of a new day centre; and

(2) the subject site, as detailed in an appendix to the report, had been declared surplus on 23rd October 2023 with no notes of interest being received.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved in principle the off-market disposal of land at Hecla Square to the adjoining owner Antonine Court Limited;

(b) instructed the Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP to negotiate the terms and conditions of the disposal; and

(c) noted that appropriate authority would be sought for the approval of agreed terms and conditions.

Land at Provanhill Street (Ward 22) – Lease approved – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a 25-year lease of land at Provanhill Street (Ward 22) to Rosemount Development Trust through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, advising

(1) that the entire site was open community space which had been made available to lease under the PMGC programme;

(2) that Rosemount Development Trust planned for the Provanhill Street site to become a thriving community asset with a focus on robust green infrastructure, strong active travel links and create outdoor community social and learning spaces; and

(3) of the provisonally agreed terms of the contract.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the terms provisionally agreed for an off-market lease, for a period of 25 years, of land at Provanhill Street (Ward 22) to Rosemount Development Trust, through the PMGC programme; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to grant a lease to Rosemount Development Trust, that would include as appropriate, terms and conditions that

(i) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the Council-owned facility;

(ii) maintained close alignment with all relevant Council policies, including mechanisms for ‘keeping pace’ with future policy changes; and

(iii) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 2nd May 2024.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present: Franny Scally (Chair), Ken Andrew, Philip Braat, Stephen Curran, Seonad Hoy, Dan Hutchison, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Ruairi Kelly, Kevin Lalley, Kenny McLean, Elaine McSporran, Thomas Rannachan and James Scanlon.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); M Fitzpatrick and D Henderson (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Response to question noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a response to a question raised at the meeting of this committee on 11th April 2024.

Variation in order of business.

2 In terms of Standing Order No 6, the committee agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Provision of consultancy services for the 5G Innovation Region Project – Award of contract approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of consultancy services for the 5G Innovation Region Project, advising that the

(1) budget for the provision of consultancy services for the 5G Innovation Region Project was £1m;

(2) contract would be utilised by the 8 partner Councils that form part of the Glasgow City Region and the duration of the contract was until March 2025; and

(3) 57 consultancies appointed to the Crown Commercial Services Framework registered on Public Contract Scotland were invited to bid, resulting in 2 bids submitted and, following an evaluation, it was recommended the contract be awarded to Jacobs U.K. Limited.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract for the provision of consultancy services for the 5G Innovation Region Project to Jacobs U.K. Limited at a value of £656,979 over the duration of the contract and would be met by the 5G Innovation Regional Capital Fund.

Barlia Sports Complex, 60 Glenwood Path (Ward 1) – Lease approved – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a 25-year lease of premises at Barlia Sports Complex (Barlia), 60 Glenwood Path (Ward 1) to Castlemilk Community Football Trust through the People Make Glasgow Communites programme, advising

(1) that Barlia had opened in 1992 and was leased to Glasgow Life until 31st March 2032, who operated it until its closure in March 2020, as part of the lockdown prompted by COVID-19 pandemic, although subsequent to the pandemic, Glasgow Life confirmed that it had no immediate plans to reopen Barlia;

(2) that Castlemilk Community Football Trust (CCFT) had been established in September 2022 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and, under a Licence to Occupy, had been in occupation of Barlia in its entirety from 7th October 2022; and

(3) of the provisionally agreed terms of the contract.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the terms provisionally agreed for a 25-year lease of Barlia Sports Complex to Castlemilk Community Football Trust through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to grant a lease to Castlemilk Community Football Trust, to cover the

(i) consenting of a sub-lease from Glasgow Life up to 31st March 2032;

(ii) granting of a lease beyond 31st March 2032, for the remainder of the 25-year term; and

(iii) inclusion of appropriate terms and conditions that

(A) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the Council-owned facility;

(B) maintained close alignment with all relevant Council policies, including mechanisms for 'keeping pace' with future policy changes; and

(C) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.

The collection and disposal of landfill leachate at Cathkin and Summerston landfill – Award of contract approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate at Cathkin and Summerston landfill, advising that the

(1) annual budget for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate at Cathkin and Summerston landfill was £1.56m;

(2) contract would be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and that the duration of the contract was for a 24-month period from 9th May 2024 with the option to extend for a further period of 12 months; and

(3) 14 suppliers appointed to Lot 18 of the Scotland Excel's Dynamic Purchasing System Framework had been invited to bid for the contract, resulting in 5 bids submitted and following an evaluation it was recommended that the contract be awarded to Clearwater D C 2001 Limited.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate at Cathkin and Summerston landfill to Clearwater D C 2001 Limited at an estimated value of £1,375,426 per annum.

Supply and delivery of spare parts and services for plant equipment framework – Award of contract approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the supply and delivery of spare parts and services for plant equipment framework, advising that

(1) the Council's annual spend on the supply and delivery of plant spares and services was approximately £300,000;

(2) the framework would be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and the duration of the framework agreement was for 3 years with the option to extend for 1 period of up to 12 months;

(3) of the 17 suppliers who had expressed an interest, with 8 of those having submitted a bid and following an evaluation it was recommended that the contract be awarded to the providers, as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and

(4) no award had been given for Lot 4, spare parts and services for pressure washers, of the framework.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a framework for the supply and delivery of spare parts and services for plant equipment, at an estimated annual spend of £390,000 to:-

(a) Lot 1 - Ground Maintenance - Spare parts and services to Briggs Equipment UK Limited, Fairway (GM) Ltd, Fraser C Robb Limited, Garden Machinery & Small Engine Services, Hamilton Bros (Engineering) Limited and The Double A Trading Company Limited

(b) Lot 2 – Building and Construction Machinery and Accessories – Spare parts and services to Briggs Equipment UK Limited, Hamilton Bros (Engineering) Limited and Vantech Engineering Services Limited;

(c) Lot 3 – Trailer Road – Spare parts and service to Briggs Equipment UK Limited, Fraser C Robb Limited and Hamilton Bros (Engineering) Limited;

(d) Lot 5 – Ground Maintenance – Spare parts only to Fraser C Robb Limited, Garden Machinery & Small Engine Services and Hamilton Bros (Engineering) Limited; and

(e) Lot 6 - Gritting – Spare parts only to Fraser C Robb Limited and Hamilton Bros (Engineering) Limited.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 20th March 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi, Leòdhas Massie, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Sean Ferguson.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D Anderson and S Dickson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Exclusion of public.

1 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh (PD29279) – Consideration continued.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh (PD29279), in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a complaint from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh was suspended on 27th February 2024 with immediate effect for a period of 6 weeks; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching correspondence from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, detailing the terms of the said complaint.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the matter at the request of the licence holder.

Applications for various types of licences dealt with - Dissent.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 22 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (NEW)			
MacColl Properties Ltd (HMO06949)	71 Acre Road (Ward 15)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (VARIATION)			
Russell Hyslop (VHMO06569)	1/1, 23 Kersland Street (Ward 11)	n/a	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE (NEW)			
Byres Fast Foods Ltd (LHC00522)	20 Byres Road (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted
Wai Lee (LHC00523)	101 Byres Road (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted
John Sommerville Services Ltd (LHC00526)	231 Thornliebank Road (Ward 2)	3 years	Granted
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE (NEW)			
Iqbal Akhtar (PV24093)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

Muzamal Chaudhry (PV23799)	n/a	3 years	Noted the withdrawal of application
Muhammad Afzal (PV23896)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Mohammad Amini (PV23904)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Yasir Mahmood (PV23905)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Imran Butt (PV23907)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Rustam Amarov (PV23910)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Farhad Ahmed (PV23922)	n/a	3 years	Refused

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Arif Ashraf (PD30560)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct, Councillor Wilson dissenting
Babaker Adam (PD31029)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct, Councillor Wilson dissenting
Waheed Ur Rehman Chaudhry (PD31485)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Mohammed Asif (PD30957)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

Rashid Rezayee (PD31726)	n/a	3 years	Granted

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Munir Ahmed (PD31807)	n/a	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Michael Aid (GL00144N)	2/1, 250 Paisley Road West (Ward 5)	3 years	Granted
Simon Morris (GL00162P)	6 Myrtle Park (Ward 8)	3 years	Granted

SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE (NEW)

Cal Vello Ltd (SPT863)	310 Clyde Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Complaint regarding private hire car licence of Donald Hall (PV23058) – Action agreed - Dissent.

4 With reference to the minutes of 21st February 2024 (Print 7, page 91) when consideration of a complaint regarding the private hire car licence of Donald Hall (PV23058) had been continued for further information, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the matter.

After consideration, the committee agreed to take no action regarding the complaint, Councillor Ghani dissenting.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Private hire car licence (PV23058) - Request by Donald Hall for retrospective approval of modification to private hire car agreed - Dissent.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding a request by Donald Hall, holder of a private hire car licence (PV23058), for retrospective approval of a modification to his private hire car (Vehicle: Renault Traffic/Registration Number: YF22 ZCT), advising

(1) that it was a condition of a private hire car licence that the holder of the licence must only use a private hire car that had been approved by this authority;

(2) of correspondence received from Donald Hall regarding the matter;

(3) that the private hire car had been modified to have rearward facing seats installed, which was supplied and fitted by Scots Seats Direct Ltd; and

(4) that a certificate of conformity and a copy of the Seat Belt Anchorage Test Summary had been provided.

After consideration, the committee, Councillor Ghani dissenting, approved retrospectively the modification to Donald Hall's private hire car, as detailed in the report.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 10th April 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Eunis Jassemi and Jill Pidgeon.

Apologies: Zen Ghani and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and Sergeant L Brown, Police Scotland.

Exclusion of public.

1 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following 2 items of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of Mohammad Hosseini (PD30129) with immediate effect agreed.

2 With reference to the minutes of 6th March 2024 (Print 7, page 97) continuing consideration of a request to consider the suspension or revocation of the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammad Hosseini (PD30129), there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a complaint from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammad Hosseini was suspended on 16th February and again on 28th March 2024 with immediate effect, each for a period of 6 weeks, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammad Hosseini, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching correspondence from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, detailing the terms of the said complaint.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of Mohammad Hosseini for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

Application by Mohammad Hosseini (PV24270) for private hire car licence (New) – Consideration continued.

3 In terms of Standing Order No 6, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Mohammad Hosseini (PV24270) for a private hire car licence (New) for 3 years.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the application for vehicle details, vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Reconsideration of complaint regarding private hire car driver's licence of Imran Lal (PD29563) – Suspension of licence with immediate effect agreed.

4 With reference to the minutes of 6th December 2023 (Print 6, page 81) when, following consideration of a complaint by the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, regarding the private hire car driver's licence of Imran Lal (PD29563), the committee had suspended the said licence for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising that following an appeal by Imran Lal to the Sheriff Court at Glasgow, the matter had been referred back to this committee for reconsideration.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of Imran Lal for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect.

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 20 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE (NEW)			
Iqbal Akhtar (PV24093)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle details, vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation

Maqsood Ahmed (PV23919)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle details, vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Mohammad Barat (PV24013)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Khorsheduz Zaman (PV24030)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Rashaid Ali (PV24033)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Kashif Akhtar (PV24063)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Nasar Ullah Khan (PV24072)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Faisal Khan (PV24082)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
HS & A Hires Ltd (PV24098)	n/a	3 years	Continued for production of requisite documentation
Gurdett Singh (PV24130)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Sufyan Ishtiaq (PV24137)	n/a	Temporary for 6 weeks	Continued for vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Gabriel Bogdan Sarma (PV24142)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Mohammed Asif (PD30957)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Khalid Khawaja (PD31690)	n/a	3 years	Refused

Natnael Esayas (PD31803)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Sabad Mehmood (PD31600)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Sattar Abdollahi (PD31790)	n/a	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Calum Barclay (GL00177P)	1/1, 20 Charing Cross Mansions, 28 St Georges Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (SECONDARY LETTING) (NEW)

Goldberg Development Ltd (GL00230N)	35 Shawholm Crescent (Ward 2)	3 years	Granted

TAXI LICENCE (RENEWAL)

H & J Taxi Service (TV09368)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation

Application by Hailmeskel Tadesee (PD31733) for private hire car driver's licence (New) refused, after division.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Hailmeskel Tadesee (PD31733) for a private hire car driver's licence (New) for 3 years.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Jassemi, moved that the application be refused.

Councillor Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Sean Ferguson, moved as an amendment that the application be granted for a restricted period of 1 year and a severe warning issued regarding the applicant's future conduct.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 2 members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried and the application was refused.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 17th April 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Sean Ferguson, Zen Ghani, Leòdhas Massie, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Eunis Jassemi.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and Sergeant L Brown, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of taxi driver's licence of George McCamley (TD16479) with immediate effect agreed.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of the taxi driver's licence of George McCamley (TD16479), in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a report from People Asset Management (PAM), the taxi driver's licence of George McCamley had been suspended on 15th March 2024 with immediate effect for a period of 6 weeks; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the taxi driver's licence of George McCamley, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching the said report from PAM.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the taxi driver's licence of George McCamley for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Amendment to application fee for the grant and renewal of a sex shop licence agreed.

2 In terms of Standing Order No 6, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding a proposed amendment to the application fee for the grant and separately the renewal of a sex shop licence for a period of 1 year, advising

(1) that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a sex shop required a licence, with such a licence only being granted for a maximum period of 1 year;

(2) of background information in relation to the setting of the current application fee for the grant and separately the renewal of a sex shop licence, which was currently £15,373;

(3) of a review undertaken by the Council's Licensing Section regarding the application fee charged by this authority and of a proposal that the application fee for the grant and separately the renewal of a sex shop licence be amended to £1,882, subject to any future agreed increases in fees and charges; and

(4) that the statutory consultation process for a sex shop licence was similar to the consultation process for a sexual entertainment venue licence, in terms of the said Act, and the proposed amended application fee was commensurate with the fee charged for a sexual entertainment venue licence.

After consideration, the committee agreed that the application fee for the grant and separately the renewal of a sex shop licence be amended to £1,882, subject to any future agreed increases in fees and charges.

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 5 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises/stance*	*Duration*	*Decision*
LATE HOURS CATERING LICENCE (NEW)			
AMB Eatery Ltd (LHC00524)	Unit 3A, 16 High Street (Ward 9)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE (NEW)			
Maqsood Ahmed (PV23919)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Barry McGill (ST01401)	East side of Evanton Drive, 35 metres south of Evanton	3 years	Continued for vehicle details and production of certificate of

	Place (Ward 2)		compliance
Elaine Martin (ST01422)	East side of Evanton Drive, 35 metres south of Evanton Place (Ward 2)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Karis Tulloch (ST01403)	(1) South side of Harrison Drive, 50 metres west of Copland Road (Ward 5); (2) East side of Broomloan Road, 100 metres south of Woodville Street (Ward 5); (3) North side of Woodville Street, 60 metres east of Copland Road (Ward 5); (4) East side of Nuneaton Street, 56 metres south of London Road (Ward 9); (5) West side of Springfield Road, 230 metres north of London Road (Ward 9); and (6) North side of MacLellan Street, 90 metres west of entrance to 55 MacLellan Street (Ward 5)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Continued at request of applicant

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Amendment to minimum criteria for vehicles to be licensed as private hire cars in relation to windows – Item withdrawn.

4 This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 24th April 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Zen Ghani, Eunis Jassemi and Hanif Raja.

Apologies: Sean Ferguson, Leòdhas Massie and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); K A Harkins (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and Sergeant L Brown, Police Scotland.

Application by Sohail Nasir (TD17189) for taxi driver's licence (New) – Consideration continued.

1 In terms of Standing Order No 6, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Sohail Nasir (TD17189) for a taxi driver's licence (New) for 3 years.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the application for further information.

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh (PD29279) with immediate effect agreed.

3 With reference to the minutes of 20th March 2024 (page 105 hereof) continuing consideration of a request to consider the suspension or revocation of the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh (PD29279), there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a complaint from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh was suspended on 27th February and again on 10th April 2024 with immediate effect, each for a period of 6 weeks, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching correspondence from the Chief Constable, Police Scotland, detailing the terms of the said complaint.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of Thomas Tosh for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Reconsideration of application by Efrem Gebrekristos (PD30668) for private hire car driver's licence (New) – Consideration continued.

4 With reference to the minutes of 1st November 2023 (Print 5, page 101) refusing an application by Efrem Gebrekristos (PD30668) for a private hire car driver's licence (New) for 3 years, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising that following an appeal by Efrem Gebrekristos to the Sheriff Court at Glasgow, the matter had been referred back to this committee for reconsideration.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the application for further information to be issued to the applicant.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Reconsideration of application by Khorsheduz Zaman (PV24030) for private hire car licence (New) – Consideration continued.

5 With reference to the minutes of 10th April 2024 (page 113 hereof) refusing an application by Khorsheduz Zaman (PV24030) for a private hire car licence (New) for 3 years, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising that as a result of an administrative error in the processing of the application, the matter had been referred back to this committee for reconsideration.

After consideration, the committee continued consideration of the application for the production of requisite documentation.

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 17 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises/stance*	*Duration*	*Decision*
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE (NEW)			
Lukasz Barbchowski (PV24044)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Aqueel Mughal (PV24084)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Altayb Adam (PV24102)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Muhammad Salman (PV24127)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Muhammad Alam (PV24139)	n/a	3 years	Continued for production of requisite documentation
Kuldeep Kumar (PV24165)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle details, vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Maria Raja (PV24202)	n/a	3 years	Continued for vehicle details, vehicle inspection and production of requisite documentation
Mohammed Ajaz (PV24205)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Ameer Hamza (PV24208)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Ali Afsen (PV24209)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Ashfaq Muhammad (PV24217)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

Tawas Kharoti (PV24218)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Jasbir Athwal (PV24223)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Adam Ali Hussain (PD31843)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Colin MacPherson (PD31847)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year and severe warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Barry McGill (ST01401)	East side of Evanton Drive, 35 metres south of Evanton Place (Ward 2)	3 years	Refused
TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)			
Waqar Ahmed (TD17251)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 19th March 2024.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Eva Bolander.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Briggs, S Connelly and A Dale (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road (Ward 10) - 23/02287/FUL - Demolition of vacant building with erection of mixed use development etc - Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Davidson Kempner C/o Global Mutual for planning permission for the demolition of a vacant building, with the erection of a mixed use development consisting of residential flats (Sui generis) including amenity and ancillary uses, a community facility (Class 10), retail (Class 1A), food and drink/cafe (Class 3) and assembly (Class 11), access, parking, landscaping and associated works at Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road (Ward 10) - 23/02287/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

178-186 Trongate/11 Hutcheson Street (Ward 10) - 23/00406/FUL - Erection of student accommodation - Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Caledon Properties Ltd for planning permission for the erection of student accommodation (Sui generis) with amenity, a ground floor food and drink unit (Class 3) - restricted cooking only, including installation of plant and associated works at 178-186 Trongate/11 Hutcheson Street (Ward 10) – 23/00406/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Site adjacent to railway line on Boghall Road (Ward 20) - 22/02409/FUL - Erection of retail unit (Class 1) – Planning permission conditionally granted - Dissent.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Aldi Stores Ltd and Dawn Developments Ltd for planning permission for the erection of a retail unit (Class 1) with associated car parking, access, landscaping and associated works at a site adjacent to the railway line on Boghall Road (Ward 20) – 22/02409/FUL.

The committee, Councillor Wardrop dissenting, conditionally granted planning permission, subject to an additional condition to read:-

“Pedestrian crossing facility(ies) shall be installed on Boghall Road to promote safe and convenient pedestrian access to the development. Details of the design and location(s) of the crossing facility(ies) shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority, in discussion with NRS TRAFFCOM, prior to their installation. Thereafter the approved crossing facilities shall be installed prior to occupation of the development.

Reason: To promote safe and convenient pedestrian access to the development, in the interests of pedestrian safety”.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 9th April 2024.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja and James Scanlon.

Also present: Stephen Docherty and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); I Briggs (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

32 Mansionhouse Road (Ward 7) - 22/00294/FUL - Erection of residential development (16 units) with car parking, amenity space, landscaping and associated works – Planning permission conditionally granted, after division.

1 With reference to the minutes of 18th April 2023 (Print 1, page 113) the committee resumed consideration of a hearing for an application by Surplus Property Investments Ltd for planning permission for the erection of a residential development (16 units) with car parking, amenity space, landscaping and associated works at 32 Mansionhouse Road (Ward 7) – 22/00294/FUL.

The committee, having heard representations from Councillor Stephen Docherty, local ward member, the applicant's representatives and 5 objectors, Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that the application be refused.

Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Bailie Raja, moved as an amendment that planning permission be conditionally granted, subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 7 members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. The amendment, was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

2 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1200 hours until 1210 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

3 The meeting resumed at 1210 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Saqib Ahmed, Eva Bolander and Elaine Gallagher.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); R Middleton (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

2 Camphill Avenue (Ward 7) - 23/01352/FUL – Conversion, part demolition and extension to hotel restaurant to form 16 flatted dwellings (sui generis) with parking – Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Ola Properties Ltd for planning permission for the conversion, part demolition and extension to a hotel and restaurant to form 16 flatted dwellings (sui generis) with parking at 2 Camphill Avenue (Ward 7) – 23/01352/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to

(1) the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;

(2) an amended condition No 27 to read:-

"Prior to the commencement of development details of the proposed lighting arrangements within the pend and section of lane that passes through the site shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority. The details shall include any existing street lighting to be removed as well as the design and siting of new lighting. The lighting shall be designed so as to not impact on the amenity of residents by way of glare or light spill and the cost of lighting and maintenance will be the responsibility of the occupants of the new development. If agreed the development shall be completed in compliance with these details.

Reason – To enhance the security during hours of darkness."

(3) an amended condition No 32 to read:-

"For the avoidance of doubt the bathrooms and utility rooms contained within flats 14 and 15, as identified in the approved plans and the lobby windows, facing south, and providing access to flats 11, 14 and 15 shall be fitted with obscure glass prior to the occupation of the building. The obscure glazing shall be maintained in perpetuity.

Reason – To protect the privacy of neighbours."; and

(4) an additional condition No 37 to read:-

"Before any work on the site is begun, a detailed plan which shows the root protection area (RPA), the location and details of a method of tree protection and temporary works, including scaffolding and access routes, to comply with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority. The approved protection shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work on the site and shall be retained in place until completion of the development.

Reason - To maintain the contribution of existing trees to the landscape quality and biodiversity of the area."

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 23rd April 2024.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Eva Bolander, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Thomas Kerr and Hanif Raja.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Robertson, Director of City Development; A Dale, R Middleton, M Thomson and T Trotter (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

223 Anniesland Road (Ward 12) - 23/01304/FUL - Erection of residential care home etc – Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Morrison Community Care (Anniesland) Devco Ltd for planning permission for the erection of a residential care home with associated car parking, infrastructure, landscaping and community open space at 223 Anniesland Road (Ward 12) – 23/01304/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to

(1) the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and

(2) an additional condition No 31 to read:-

"Final details of the management, maintenance, hours of operation for the front garden including further details of the water feature and methods for the safety of children and public shall be submitted for the written approval of the planning authority prior to the occupation of the building and thereafter maintained in the agreed manner. For the avoidance of doubt the front garden shall be available for the use of the public.

Reason - To enable the planning authority to consider this/these aspect(s) in detail."

125 Dumbarton Road (Ward 23) - 23/01486/FUL - Installation of 2 condenser units to rear elevation (retrospective) – Planning permission conditionally granted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Shanhe Seafood Ltd for planning permisison for the installation of 2 condenser units to the rear elevation (retrospective) at 125 Dumbarton Road (Ward 23) – 23/01486/FUL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

41 Aytoun Road (Ward 6) - 23/01741/FUL - External alterations including increasing the roof height of dwellinghouse – Planning permission refused.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainabiltiy regarding an application by Mr and Mrs U Rehman for external alterations including increasing the roof height of a dwellinghouse at 41 Aytoun Road (Ward 6) – 23/01741/FUL.

After consideration, the committee refused the application.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 26th March 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present:	Paul Leinster (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Ken Andrew, Declan Blench, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja and James Scanlon.
Apologies:	Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Thomas Kerr and Martha Wardrop.
Attending:	L Sclater (Clerk); C Hunt, F Milne and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Strategic Partnerships).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Leinster to chair the meeting.

48 Melville Street (Ward 6) - 23/00091/LOCAL - Use of house in multiple occupancy (sui generis) as short term let accommodation (sui generis) (Retrospective) – Planning permission refused, after division.

2 There was submitted a request by MH Planning Associates for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a house in multiple occupancy (sui generis) as a short-term let accommodation (sui generis) (Retrospective) at 48 Melville Street (Ward 6) - 23/00091/LOCAL.

Councillor Leinster, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that planning permission be refused.

Councillor Alam, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved as an amendment that planning permission be conditionally granted.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 4 members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

The Mews, 4 Claremont Place (Ward 11) - 24/00003/LOCAL - Sub-division of office with part use as flatted dwelling and external alterations - Planning permission conditionally granted.

3 There was submitted a request by North Planning Development for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the sub-division of an office with part use as a flatted dwelling and external alterations at The Mews, 4 Claremont Place (Ward 11) – 24/00003/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

49 Hillhead Street (Ward 11) - 24/00005/LOCAL - Use of main door flatted dwelling (sui generis) as short term let (sui generis) – Planning permission refused.

4 There was submitted a request by Mr Ethan Smith for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a main door flatted dwelling (sui generis) as a short-term let (sui generis) at 49 Hillhead Street (Ward 11) – 24/00005/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 16th April 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Eva Bolander, Maureen Burke, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Kenny McLean, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Declan Blench and James Scanlon.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); C Hunt, F Milne and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew to chair the meeting.

Site at Tollcross Road/Killin Street (Ward 19) – 24/00007/LOCAL – Erection of single storey commercial development (in principle) etc - Planning permission refused, after division.

2 There was submitted a request by Montgomery Marshall Developments for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a single storey commercial development (in principle), with Class 1a (shops, financial, professional and other services), Class 3 (food and drink) and Class 4 (business) uses, including access, parking and landscaping at a site at Tollcross Road/Killin Street (Ward 19) – 24/00007/LOCAL.

Councillor Andrew, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that planning permission be refused.

Bailie Thomas Kerr, seconded by Bailie Raja, moved as an amendment that consideration of the matter be continued for a site visit and hearing and for the applicant to provide a coal mining risk assessment and a flood risk assessment.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 6 members voted for the amendment and 6 for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

181 Byres Road (Ward 23) - 24/00009/LOCAL – Use of shop (Class 1a) as mixed use comprising shop (Class 1a) and café (Class 3) (sui generis) (retrospective) - Planning permission conditionally granted – Declaration of interest.

3 There was submitted a request by Mr Mariano Strazzullo (Santa Lucia) for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a shop (Class 1a) as a mixed use comprising a shop (Class 1a) and a café (Class 3) (sui generis) (retrospective) at 181 Byres Road (Ward 23) – 24/00009/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 30th April 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Eva Bolander, Paul Leinster, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Declan Blench, Maureen Burke, Kenny McLean and James Scanlon.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); C Hunt and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew to chair the meeting.

33 Smithycroft Road (Ward 18) – 21/00032/LOCAL – Erection of garage to front of dwellinghouse (retrospective) - Planning permission conditionally granted.

2 There was submitted a request by Ms Natalie Phillips for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a garage to the front of a dwellinghouse (retrospective) at 33 Smithycroft Road (Ward 18) – 21/00032/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission, subject to 2 additional conditions to read:-

(1) "02 A scheme of planting to screen the garage from the street on its southern and western aspects shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority.

Reason: In order to protect the visual amenity of the surrounding area."; and

(2) "03 The garage roof shall be painted dark grey, the shade of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority, prior to works taking place.

Reason: In order to protect the appearance of both the property itself and the surrounding area."

Site adjacent to 143 Springburn Way (Ward 17) – 24/00008/LOCAL – Erection of residential development (4 units) and associated works – Planning permission refused.

3 There was submitted a request by Severino Design Ltd for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a residential development of 4 units and associated works at a site adjacent to 143 Springburn Way (Ward 17) – 24/00008/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission.

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 20th March 2024.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Frank McAveety (Chair), Alexander Belic, Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn, Jim Kavanagh, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Margaret Morgan and Cecilia O'Lone.

Also present: Maureen Burke, Elaine McDougall and Soryia Siddique.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); and S Reid and R Wynne, EY.

Responses to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 21st February 2024.

Annual accounts 2022/23 noted – Ernst and Young LLP report accepted etc.

2 With reference to the minutes of 2nd August 2023 (Print 3, page 127) accepting the unaudited annual accounts for 2022/23 and noting that the unaudited accounts would be submitted to Ernst and Young LLP (EY), who upon completion of the audit would report its findings to this committee, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Finance, advising that the audit of the accounts was now substantially complete and the Council must now consider the audited annual accounts.

After consideration and having heard S Reid and R Wynne, EY, the committee noted

(1) the annual audit report by EY in respect of the 2022/23 annual accounts; and

(2) that the 2022/23 annual accounts together with the associated annual report from EY would be submitted to the City Administration Committee for approval and signature.

Internal audits noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

3 There were submitted reports by the Head of Audit and Inspection advising of the findings of the following audits carried out:-

(1) Chief Executive's Department and Financial Services – Shared Prosperity Fund – Project Compliance;

(2) Corporate Review:-

(a) Information Security Risk Management;

(b) Procurement – Non-capital spend;

(c) Strategic Risk Mitigation; and

(d) Use of Agency Workers; and

(3) Financial Services:-

(a) Assessors – Revised Valuation Process;

(b) Council Tax Discounts, Exemptions and Premiums; and

(c) School Crossing Patrols.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the contents of the reports; and

(ii) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit follow up reports showing progress towards achievement of the action plans arising from the audits undertaken.

Audit recommendations - Progress noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection providing an update on the status of audit recommendations agreed previously with services,

(1) advising that since the last report to this committee on 24th January 2024 (Print 6, page 123), services had been responsible for following up recommendations that were due to have been implemented, with 43 remaining outstanding as at 23rd February 2024 split across each service area, as detailed in the report;

(2) intimating that during the period from 8th December 2023 to 23rd February 2024 services had satisfactorily implemented 36 recommendations, as detailed in the report; and

(3) detailing a summary of outstanding recommendations by service area and priority, together with a register of all recommendations that had still to be implemented, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress made in terms of the recommendations implemented; and

(b) that further reports advising of the implementation of outstanding recommendations would be submitted in due course.

Internal Audit – Audit Plan 2024/25 approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the Audit Plan 2024/25, detailing the outputs that members and senior officials could expect from Internal Audit in 2024/25, advising of

(1) the key system areas and control risks on services across the Council;

(2) other assurance activities;

(3) internal audit outputs in 2024/25 including areas of work not directly contributing to the Annual Governance Statement; and

(4) updates on the work of the Corporate Fraud and Investigations Team and Audit Glasgow.

After consideration, the committee approved the implementation of the Audit Plan for 2024/25.

Internal Audit – ALEO update – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection advising of the findings of the internal audit work undertaken at the Arm's Length External Organisations within the Council group during the period from September 2023 to February 2024.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the report; and

(2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit a further report to this committee, including an update on the implementation of actions arising from the audits undertaken.

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 24th April 2024.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present:	Frank McAveety (Chair), Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Sharon Greer, Fyeza Ikhlaq (substitute for Greg Hepburn), Jim Kavanagh, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Margaret Morgan and Cecilia O'Lone.
Also present:	Richard Bell.
Apology:	Greg Hepburn.
Attending:	C Birrell (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 20th March 2024.

Financial monitoring reports 2023/24 noted.

2 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of Revenues, the General Fund, Services, Related Companies and Joint Boards and the Common Good Fund, for the period from 1st April 2023 to 9th February 2024, including details of Civic Hospitality commitments for 2023/24 – 2026/27.

Investment Programme 2023/24 - Monitoring reports noted.

3 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of the Investment Programme and Transformation Programme and receipts from Asset Sales for the period from 1st April 2023 to 9th February 2024**.**

Arms Length External Organisations - Quarterly performance report 2023/24 noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Finance providing financial and other operating information on the Council's Arms Length External Organisations for the period from 1st April 2023 to 9th February 2024.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 10th April 2024.

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Maureen Burke (Chair), Richard Bell, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, John Daly, Patricia Ferguson, Elaine Gallagher, William Graham, Jill Pidgeon, Roza Salih, Catherine Vallis and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Imran Alam.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; M McGinty, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; D Dowling (for the Director of Regional Economic Growth); J O'Hagan, E Parkes, J Sheddan, S Shaw and G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Strategic Plan Performance - Grand Challenge 3 - Fight the climate emergency in just transition to a net zero Glasgow, Missions 1 and 2 - Service commitments noted.

1 With reference to the minutes of 16th November 2022 (Print 4, page 414) noting a performance toolkit that would capture the actions and underpin the Grand Challenges and Missions contained within the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the commitments that would fight the climate emergency in just transition to a net zero Glasgow,

(1) advising that services had been requested to report on areas within the Strategic Plan with a wider lens than the Cost of Living focus and to now reflect on the wider commitments within the Plan, whilst keeping track of commitments that emerged through the Cost of Living lens; and

(2) detailing in an appendix to the report

(a) the progress made on previously reported Cost of Living commitments relating to Grand Challenge 3 - Fight the climate emergency in just transition to a net zero Glasgow;

(b) newly incorporated commitments and the work currently underway to support those commitments across key areas that had a particular focus on Grand Challenge 3 - Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region and Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030; and

(c) an update on Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability's Carbon Management Plan that had been subject to an Internal Audit Review.

After consideration, the committee noted the Grand Challenges, Missions and Commitments within the Strategic Plan in respect of Grand Challenge 3 - Missions 1 and 2.

Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2022/23 noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2022/23, advising that

(1) the LGBF indicators formed part of a suite of Statutory Performance measures used by the Council to consider how it was performing in its duty to deliver value for money and were used by Audit Scotland to assess how the Council was performing in its duty to deliver best value;

(2) the LGBF provided benchmark comparisons across 8 key headings of Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Culture and Leisure, Environmental Services, Corporate Services, Housing, Economic Development and Planning and Financial Sustainability;

(3) to facilitate comparisons within the LGBF, local authorities were grouped into 2 sets of benchmarking families with the groupings reflecting either similar social or environmental characteristics, depending on the measure being considered;

(4) a full set of charts of the distinct indicators, derived from and reflective of, a range of key areas that were relevant to Glasgow, together with benchmarking family group members and all other local authorities was detailed in the appendix to the report;

(5) the distinct indicators had been derived from, and reflective of, a range of key areas, with some being reflective of cost, customer satisfaction and some directly relevant to the Council's strategic commitments;

(6) Council services continued to look at outlying areas of performance and had been using this work to provide policy context to those areas of interest, whilst looking at outlying indicators within the LGBF to better understand some of the potential operational and strategic issues that could underpin performance; and

(7) Council services were required to produce Annual Business Plans that set out current year priorities, and guidance around the development of those plans recognised the importance of benchmarking for achieving and demonstrating best value.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) that the Local Government Benchmarking Framework would be reported to this committee on an annual basis when figures had been updated; and

(b) the ongoing programme of benchmarking work being undertaken.

Conference attendance approved under delegated authority noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing conference attendance by elected members, which had been approved in terms of the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

STRATHCLYDE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 19th March 2024.

Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee.

Present: Richard Bell (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Allan Gow and Jim Kavanagh.

Apologies: Ruairi Kelly and Martha Wardrop and Darren Paterson, Scotland Police Authority and Alistair Sutherland, Investment Advisory Panel.

Also present: Councillor Ian Davis, South Ayrshire Council; Scott Donohoe, UNISON; Thomas Glavin, UNITE; Stephen Kelly, UNISON; Andy Thompson, GMB and Councillor Sandy Watson, North Lanarkshire Council.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); R McIndoe, Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); I Beattie and G Wood, Investment Advisory Panel; C Alexander and D Walker, Hymans Robertson; and O Potapova and H Rohimun, EY.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Actuarial valuation report noted – Publication of Funding Strategy statement approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of 13th September 2023 (Print 4, page 138) noting the preliminary results of an actuarial valuation for Strathclyde Pension Fund as at 31st March 2023 and approving the Funding Strategy, there was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the conclusion of the actuarial valuation for Strathclyde Pension Fund as at 31st March 2023, which had been carried out by the Fund's consulting actuaries, Hymans Robertson.

After consideration and having heard Mr Craig Alexander, Hymans Robertson, the committee

(1) noted

(i) the actuary's draft report for the 2023 actuarial valuation; and

(ii) Hymans Robertson's actuarial valuation updated report as at 29th February 2024; and

(2) approved the publication of the Funding Strategy statement, as detailed in the report.

Review of investment strategy and structure approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding a review of the Pension Administration Strategy.

After consideration, the committee

(1) approved

(a) the strategic allocation, as detailed in the report;

(b) the Equity mandate structure, as detailed in report;

(c) that the Fund switch the passive market cap equity allocation to LGIM's lower;

(d) the carbon transition index series, as detailed at Appendix B of the report;

(e) the proposed emerging market equity allocation;

(f) the changes proposed to the LTEY mandate structure which included an increase from 3.5% to 4.5% in the allocation to JP Morgan Infrastructure;

(g) the proposed changes to the STEY mandate structure which included the addition of a 0.75% allocation to private debt secondaries;

(h) the changes to the Hedging and Insurance and Credit mandate structures, including a review of Credit mandates to consider ESG tilted alternatives and the introduction of Buy and Maintain Credit allocation; and

(i) the revised Statement of Investment Principles, as detailed at Appendix G of the report; and

(2) noted the update on the implementation of Strathclyde Pension Fund Climate Action Plan.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Revised communication policy approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding a review of Strathclyde Pension Fund's communication policy, advising

(1) that the Pension Fund scheme required each administering authority to prepare and publish a communications policy;

(2) that Strathclyde Pension Fund's current policy had been agreed in 2021 and a number of operational, system and scheme changes, as detailed in the report had occurred since then;

(3) of the proposed revised policy, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;

(4) that Strathclyde Pension Fund would be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025 and the preparation and planning for this would be included as a business priority in the 2024/25 business plan and some form of re-branding was envisaged as part of that process as well as presenting a significant opportunity to reinforce and develop the key messages, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the revised communication policy, as detailed in the report.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Business plan 2024/25 approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the proposed terms of a business plan for Strathclyde Pension Fund Office for 2024/25, detailing performance objectives and development priorities together with the draft budget to deliver the plan.

After consideration, the committee approved the 2024/25 business plan for Strathclyde Pension Fund Office, including the proposed budget.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Extension of lease of office accommodation Capella Building, York Street (Ward 10) approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the proposed extension to the lease of Strathclyde Pension Fund office accommodation at Capella House, York Street (Ward 10), advising

(1) that Strathclyde Pension Fund office had been based in the Capella Building, York Street within Glasgow's International Financial Services District since 2010 on a 15-year lease which would expire on 15th July 2025;

(2) that the Property and Consultancy Services team within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had negotiated an extension of the lease; and

(3) of the provisionally agreed Heads of Terms.

After consideration, the committee approved a 5-year extension of the lease of Strathclyde Pension Fund office accommodation at Capella House, York Street, on the Heads of Terms and conditions, as detailed in the report.

Internal Audit - Annual audit plan 2024/25 approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the annual audit plan for 2024/25 for Strathclyde Pension Fund.

After consideration, the committee approved the annual audit plan for 2024/25 for Strathclyde Pension Fund, as detailed in an Appendix to the report.

EY – Audit plan 2023/24 for Strathclyde Pension Fund noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding EY's audit plan for 2023/24 for Strathclyde Pension Fund, as detailed in an Appendix to the report.

After consideration and having heard Ms Olga Potapora and Mr Hassan Rohimun, EY, the committee noted the report.

Adjournment.

8 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1500 hours until 1510 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

9 The meeting resumed at 1510 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Richard Bell (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Allan Gow and Jim Kavanagh.

Apologies: Ruairi Kelly and Martha Wardrop and Darren Paterson, Scotland Police Authority and Alistair Sutherland, Investment Advisory Panel.

Also present: Councillor Ian Davis, South Ayrshire Council; Scott Donohoe, UNISON; Thomas Glavin, UNITE; Stephen Kelly, UNISON; Andy Thompson, GMB and Councillor Sandy Watson, North Lanarkshire Council.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); R McIndoe, Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; I Beattie and G Wood, Investment Advisory Panel; D Walker, Hymans Robertson; and O Potapova, EY.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Administration performance – Position noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund advising of performance and current issues within the benefits administration area of Strathclyde Pension Fund Office as at 31st December 2023.

Financial statements – Current position noted.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding financial statements for the administration of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing the monitoring and cash flow statements for period 12 from 1st April 2023 to 9th February 2024.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Investment performance noted.

12 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding

(1) the investment performance to 31st December 2023;

(2) a summary of the portfolios and DIP investment as at 31st December 2023;

(3) the outcome of the Investment Advisory Panel meeting of 14th February 2024; and

(4) stewardship activity during Quarter 4.

Risk Register – Position noted.

13 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing the risk register for Strathclyde Pension Fund Office.