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Glasgow City Council

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee

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ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND CARBON REDUCTION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE (AUGUST – DECEMBER 2022) AND ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Purpose of Report:

To provide the final annual assessment of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (ESCR CPC) and first Annual Assessment of the work of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) as required by Standing Order 32.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ✓	consulted: Yes ☐ No ✓

1. Background

1.1 Standing Order No 32 (8) states, in relation to City Policy Committees, that –

"An annual assessment will be carried out in each year to:

- assess the effectiveness of the workings of the committee, and to assess any training needs of members/officers; and
- the effectiveness of the implementation of agreed policies.

The assessment will be carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2, and an independent assessment will be carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter. A report setting out the findings of the annual assessment will be submitted to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee."

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide the final annual assessment of the work of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (ESCR CPC) August-December 2022 and the first annual assessment of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) as required by Standing Order 32.

2 Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (ESCR CPC)

2.1 ESCR CPC was established in September 2017 following the 2017 Local Government Elections.

2.2 The ESCR CPC Terms of Reference are detailed as below:

In addition to the general Terms of Reference for all City Policy Committees:

1) To address the work plan of the proposed Council Plan theme: A Sustainable and Low Carbon City; and

2) To fulfil the functions of policy development (including consideration of equalities issues) as they relate to Council policies and services for environment, sustainability and carbon reduction.

These functions include:

- transport infrastructure;
- active travel strategy;
- transport for Glasgow;
- highway maintenance and improvements;
- sustainability;
- climate change;
- road safety;
- lighting strategy;
- parks regeneration and events;
- street environment;
- waste and recycling;

- energy management;
- environmental health;
- pollution;
- trading standards;
- scientific services;
- Nuclear Free Zones;
- low emission zone;
- flood risk management; and
- partnership engagement.

2.3 The ESCR CPC from August to December 2022 had representation from three political groups on the Council and met every 6 weeks.

2.4 The ESCR CPC agreed a workplan for August to December 2022 on the 23rd August 2022.

2.5 The ESCR CPC considered 14 items in total between August-December 2022 and these are outlined in Appendix 1.

3. Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) (January - October 2023)

3.1 Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) was established in December 2022. The first meeting of the ELN CPC took place in January 2023.

3.2 The ELN CPC Terms of Reference are detailed as below:

In addition to the general Terms of Reference for all City Policy committees:

1.To fulfil the functions of policy development (including consideration of equalities issues) as they relate to Council policies and services for environment, liveable neighbourhoods, and neighbourhood and community services. These functions include:

• liveable neighbourhoods and public realm
• active travel
• transport infrastructure
• highway maintenance and improvements;
• lighting strategy;
• parks maintenance, development, regeneration and events;
• cleansing and street environment;
• waste and recycling
• environmental health;
• trading standards;
• scientific services
• Nuclear Free zones
• Food plan;
• Community safety including Safe Glasgow and Glasgow Violence against Women Partnership;

• estates energy management;
• Property and Land Strategy
• People Make Glasgow Communities;
• Local environmental and neighbourhood infrastructure improvement funds
• Any other issues not within the Terms of Reference of any other Policy Development Committee

3.3 The ELN CPC has representation from three political groups on the Council and meets every 6 weeks.

3.4 The ELN CPC agreed a workplan for January to June 2023 on 31st January 2023 and for August to December 2023 on 22nd August 2023.

3.5 The ELN CPC considered 33 items in total between January to October 2023 and these are outlined in Appendix 2.

4. Workplans

4.1 All members of ESCR CPC and ELN CPC were invited to input into the workplans. Members are welcome at any time to raise suggestions with officers that support the Committee or the Chair.

4.2 Within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability there is a dedicated Governance and Compliance Officer to manage the Committee workplan.

4.3 The focus of the ESCR and ELN CPC workplans has been on reports which review, revise or create new policies and on considering reports for information or to update.

5. Sessions

5.1 Members of ELN CPC were invited to attend a dedicated session on 12th September 2023 on Public Toilet provision within Glasgow.

5.2 This session covered:

- Current public toilet provision
- Challenges in the operation of Public Toilets
- The Planning Context
- Reviewing Public Toilet Provision
- Next Steps

5.3 Officers from Planning, Events, Property Management, Waste Management and Greenspace and Biodiversity contributed to discussions.

5.4 All public toilet locations in Glasgow are now shown on GB public toilet map website - Toilet Map: Home

5.5 A future meeting is being scheduled to update members on progress and next steps.

6. Training Needs

6.1 Mandatory and non-mandatory training sessions are ongoing for Elected Members. There was and is no specific training required to sit on the ESCR or ELN CPC.

6.2 Committee Members are encouraged to raise any areas of training or development that would assist them in their roles on the Committee. This can be done via the Chair, Vice Chair, support officers, or via the Business Bureau for any more generic training.

6.3 The Committee is also keen, where appropriate, for there to be visits relevant to the remit and workplan of the Committee to enable members to gain further insight and understanding into particular issues. Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability is happy to facilitate such visits as requested by members.

7. Effectiveness of the Working of the Committees

7.1 The meetings of the ESCR and ELN CPC, which have taken place since August 2022, have generally worked well.

7.2 The Committee Chair is supported by the Vice Chair.

7.3 As outlined within the Committee Terms of Reference (December 2022), City Policy Committee's may appoint up to 4 people as non-voting co-optees to bring access to external expertise, knowledge or experience, as necessary. This is an option going forward which will be revisited. Also detailed, it is encouraged to ensure nominations for Committee membership reflect gender balance. This has been considered and will continue to be explored.

7.4 ESCR CPC met on TEAMS in August 2022 but moved to a hybrid format in November 2022 allowing Committee Members, officers, and observers, to attend virtually online or in person. ELN CPC has followed this hybrid format. Generally, this approach has worked well, enabling a broadly high level of attendance by Committee Members.

7.5 The Chair's view is that in person attendance does result in wider contributions and more constructive discussion. Committee Members are always encouraged to attend meetings in person wherever possible.

7.6 Meetings are recorded and webcast, enabling access to the Committee's business by members of the public and other stakeholders.

7.7 Agendas at some meetings can be lengthy however this reflects the Committee's remit, as well as the desire of members for a variety of different policy areas to be considered.

7.8 The quality of reports being brought forward by officers has been generally

very good. Any suggestions on improvements to the reports being presented to Committee are welcome and can be fed back to the Chair or lead officers.

7.9 A number of reports which have been presented to Committee have been accompanied by presentations and this has proven to be an effective format to accompany reports in an interesting and visual way.

7.10 The Committee has considered several policy issues which have generated significant interest and engagement.

7.11 Some notable achievements of the Committee are as follows:

- Considered a report on the progress made to deliver the action plan set out in the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and provide an overview of emerging policy changes within the resource industry.

- Considered updates on the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme.

- Considered report on the work of the (MARAC) as a public protection priority response to high risk victims of domestic abuse.

- Considered an update on the Glasgow Food Growing Strategy and associated Action Plan.

- Considered a report on the Food Standards Scotland Food Law Audit Report and the Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan detailing the food enforcement work planned.

- Considered report on the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.

- Considered update reports to Committee on the progress being made regarding various active travel infrastructure projects and presentation of the Travel Behaviour Change Strategy.

- Considered report on Tobacco Control and the activity of Trading Standards in relation to under age sales of tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products.

- Supported the presentation of reports to the City Administration Committee for Approval in relation to:

  - Bus Governance
  - City Centre Transport Plan
  - Resource and Recycling Policies
  - Travel Behaviour Change Strategy
  - City Network - Final Delivery Plan

8 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None.
Legal:	None.
Personnel:	None.
Procurement:	None.

Council Strategic Plan: The annual assessment of the Committee supports the Council Strategic Plan Grand Challenge 4, Mission 2: Run an open, well governed Council in partnership with all our communities.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	No significant impact identified.
Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.	Not applicable as this is not a policy/proposal.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness
Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	No impact.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.

Appendix 1
ESCR CPC Reports (August -December 2022)

Date	Title	Description
23 August 2022	Proposed Workplan August – December 2022	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for August to December 2022.
23 August 2022	Public Petition - Glasgow's School Crossing Patrol Policy - Request for Service at Crow Road (Ward 12)	To provide information on the Petition requesting a 'Lollipop Person Crow Road /Whittingehame Drive' and considerations relating to the Council's School Crossing Patrol Policy.
23 August 2022	Liveable Neighbourhoods Update	• To present the Dennistoun to Cranhill RIBA Stage 0-1 LNP report • To present the Govan to Kingston RIBA Stage 0-1 LNP report • To present the Yorkhill to Anderston RIBA Stage 1 LNP Report
04 October 2022	Winter Maintenance 2022-2023	The purpose of this report is to advise and update Committee on the winter maintenance policy and how winter maintenance will be undertaken during this forthcoming winter period November 2022 to April 2023.
04 October 2022	Update on Glasgow Bus Partnership and Bus Governance Matters in Glasgow	To update the Committee on progress within the Glasgow Bus Partnership including on Bus Partnership Fund projects, and update on bus governance issues including a bus governance routemap which is also linked to Clyde Metro.
04 October 2022	Glasgow City Council response to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Draft Regional Transport Strategy consultation	To update the Committee on the Council's planned response to the SPT Draft Regional Transport Strategy consultation.

04 October 2022	Active Travel Infrastructure Delivery Update	To update Committee of the progress made regarding various active travel infrastructure projects being delivered this financial year.
22 November 2022	City Centre Transport Plan	• To present the Glasgow City Centre Transport Plan • To present the CCTP Consultation Feedback Report • To present the Interim Delivery Plan • To present the initial Strategic Business Case
22 November 2022	Clean Glasgow Programme 2021 to 2026 Update	To update Committee with regard to progress on the Clean Glasgow Programme of Activity and the Litter Prevention Action Plan from 2021 to 2026.
22 November 2022	School Streets Programme	To update Committee on the current School Streets Programme and inform about future works.
22 November 2022	Roads Infrastructure Status and Options Report	To advise Committee of the status of Glasgow's roads infrastructure and present investment requirements and scenarios.
22 November 2022	Resource and Recycling Policies	To advise members on the requirement to review existing and develop new policies to assist with the management of the Council's waste management & recycling collection services.
22 November 2022	Lighting in Parks	To provide committee with an update on the engagement process undertaken in relation to parks lighting and to provide timescales for the next steps in the process.
22 November 2022	Proposed Work Programme 2023	Verbal Update

Appendix 2
ELN CPC Reports (January-October 2023)

31 January 2023	Proposed Workplan January - June 2023	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for January to June 2023.
31 January 2023	City Wide Mandatory 20mph Speed Limit	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the Council's commitment with regards to the implementation of a citywide mandatory 20mph speed limit
31 January 2023	Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme	To provide an update on the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme.
31 January 2023	Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Update	To provide Committee with an update on the council's public Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure.
14 March 2023	Parking Services – Overview of Service and Update of Work Programmes	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the services delivered by the Parking Services team and update on the programme of major parking schemes in the city.
14 March 2023	Food Growing Strategy Update	To update Committee on the Glasgow Food Growing Strategy and Action Plan.
14 March 2023	Bereavement Services	To provide the Committee with an update on the current status of the Bereavement Service.
14 March 2023	Resource & Recycling Strategy 2020-30 Update	To update Committee on the progress made to deliver the action plan set out in the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and provide an overview of emerging policy changes within the resource industry.
14 March 2023	Tobacco Control Report	To report on the activity of Trading Standards in relation to under age sales of tobacco and Nicotine Vapor Products products and update the Committee on Operation CeCe which is the joint project with HMRC in relation to illicit tobacco.

14 March 2023	Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)	Report on the work of the (MARAC) as a public protection priority response to high risk victims of domestic abuse.
25 April 2023	City Network – Final Delivery Plan	To present the City Network Final Delivery Plan.
25 April 2023	Travel Behaviour Change Strategy	To present the Travel Behaviour Change Strategy.
25 April 2023	Environmental Health Annual Update Report 2022/23	To report on the activity of Environmental Health.
25 April 2023	Development of the Glasgow City Food Plan Update	To outline the background and context to the development of the Glasgow City Food Plan and provide an indicative map of actions being undertaken by Glasgow City Council and partners.
25 April 2023	Introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff	To provide Committee with an update on the introduction of a tariff for charging on the council's public Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure.
25 April 2023	Park Lighting	To provide committee with an update on the Parks Lighting Review following conclusion of the consultation process.
25 April 2023	Public Toilet Provision Update	To provide an update regarding public toilet provision within Glasgow.

06 June 2023	Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy	To present the draft Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy ahead of public engagement.
06 June 2023	Expansion of ASSIST (Advocacy, Support, Safety, Information Services Together)	To provide the committee with an update on the expansion of ASSIST.
06 June 2023	People Make Glasgow Communities Programme Update	To provide the Committee with an update on the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.
06 June 2023	Changes to Fireworks Legislation	To update Committee on changes to fireworks legislation.
06 June 2023	Annual Business Plan 2023-24	The report presents the 2023-24 Annual Business Plan (ABP) for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS).
22 August 2023	Committee Workplan August - December 2023	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for August to December 2023.
22 August 2023	Fleet Strategy 2020-30	The purpose of this report is to provide committee with an update on the progress of the Fleet Strategy 2020 – 2030 and present some amendments to our approach in fleet procurement.
22 August 2023	Play Area Renewal	To update committee in relation to Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Funding, and to provide details of citywide allocations.

22 August 2023	Ash Dieback Update	To provide an update on the actions to address and mitigate Ash dieback affecting trees across Glasgow.
22 August 2023	Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme	• To present the Yoker to Whiteinch LN RIBA Stage 1 report • To present the Royston to Hogganfield LN RIBA Stage 1 report • To present the Mansewood to Shawlands LN RIBA Stage 1 Report • To present the Pollokshields East to Gorbals LN RIBA Stage 1 Report
22 August 2023	NRS Depot Strategy Update	To provide the Committee with an update on the Depot Strategy.
03 October 2023	Winter Maintenance 2023/24	To advise and update Committee on the winter maintenance policy and how winter maintenance will be undertaken during this forthcoming winter period November 2023 to April 2024.
03 October 2023	Street Play 2024	To update Committee on the proposal for Street Play in 2024.
03 October 2023	Legal Wall Pilot and Glasgow City Council Approach to Graffiti and Street Art	To present the proposed legal wall pilot and the development of the GCC approach to graffiti and street art across the city.

03 October 2023	Food Standards Scotland Food Law Audit Report and the Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan	1. To present the findings of Food Standards Scotland's Audit of Glasgow City Council's implementation of the Interventions Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) Food Law Enforcement Services. 2. For the Committee to note the annual Food Law Service Plan which details the food enforcement work planned.
03 October 2023	Waste and Recycling Collections	To provide an update to committee on the Options Appraisal (OA) undertaken in conjunction with Zero Waste Scotland to assess future waste and recycling collections from flatted properties.