



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

Item 3

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Report by Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition

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CITY DEAL: COLLEGELANDS CALTON BARRAS – HIGH STREET: PUBLIC REALM AND CONNECTIVITY GRANT AGREEMENT

Purpose of Report:

To seek Committee approval to award £120,000 of City Deal funding by way of a Grant Agreement to Network Rail. The City Deal funding will support technical and design costs associated with Network Rail undertaking the full design of a new High Street Railway Station entrance façade.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- a. Notes the content of the report.
- b. Authorises a maximum grant of £120,000 to Network Rail for technical and design fees.
- c. Instructs the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to agree detailed terms and conditions in relation to the Grant Agreement.

Ward No(s): 9 Calton

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes x No ☐

consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The City Deal: Collegelands Calton Barras (CCB) project is one of 5 major infrastructure sub-programmes, being delivered as part of the City Deal Programme.
- 1.2 City Deal infrastructure investment of £27M has been committed to the CCB sub-programme to support the following objectives:
- Unlock the development potential for sustainable regeneration;
 - Attract and enable the take up of high quality jobs in growth sectors/clusters to create an economically successful place;
 - Create a better connected place – enhancing the project area’s internal and external connections; and
 - Facilitate the continuation of economic activity from the City Centre to the Inner East End; and through this, support an attractive living and working environment and enhance resilience.
- 1.3 Since 2019, City Deal funding has supported a number of interventions within the CCB area, which are noted as follows:
- Calton Barras Action Plan – Barras Public Realm – Phase 1;
 - Meat Market - site remediation works;
 - Calton Barras Action Plan – Junction Improvements; and
 - Meat Market Roads & Infrastructure (Wellpark Link).
 - Meat Market Public Realm and Listed Structures – approved by [City Administration Committee on 27th February 2025](#).
- 1.4 This report provides an update upon the status of the proposed City Deal funded intervention at High Street Railway Station; and seeks approval to progress with an initial award of grant funding to enable Network Rail to undertake a redesign of the station’s entrance and façade.

2. HIGH STREET: PUBLIC REALM AND CONNECTIVITY

- 2.1 Following approval of the current City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme (Revision 10), by [City Administration Committee on 24th October 2024](#) and [Glasgow City Region Cabinet on 5th November 2024](#), engagement has continued between Council officers and Network Rail regarding a range of improvements to High Street Railway Station including the entrance and façade.
- 2.2 Early aspirations to undertake a full redevelopment of the station are not able to be delivered as a result of funding from Transport Scotland no longer being available, and a new scope of works including only the entrance and façade is now being taken forward.

- 2.3 Within the City Deal Infrastructure Programme this project resides within the Collegelands Calton Barras sub-programme, titled as High Street: Public Realm & Connectivity. This project comprises of 2 elements:
- Entrance and Façade treatment of High Street Station; and
 - Avenues public realm and active travel interventions on High Street, which are also currently in design.
- 2.4 The façade treatment project will seek to significantly improve the appearance of the station and respect the high-quality surrounding architecture, creating more appropriate scale within the cityscape and improving the station's presence on High Street to both complement existing development and encourage future investment and development of the area. As the station is an asset that is in the ownership of Network Rail, it is appropriate that Network Rail oversee the development of the façade treatment in conjunction with Council officers and Planning, acting as the appointed delivery partner and recipient of the City Deal grant funding.
- 2.5 Both elements are: compliant with the City Deal Collegelands Calton Barras Outline Business Case – as referenced in appendix 2 of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme Revision 10 report which was approved by [City Administration Committee on 24th October 2024](#); and align with strategic plans and outcomes of Glasgow City Council and Network Rail.
- 2.6 The broad intention is that the station entrance and façade treatments would be completed in advance of the High Street 'Avenue' proposal (currently in design).

3. OBSERVATIONS

- 3.1 Key factors that have determined the best option for the development and delivery of the station façade treatments are noted as follows:
- Ownership and Risk: the station and related infrastructure are owned by Network Rail.
 - Regulatory: the operation, planning, maintenance of the station and related assets, including rail infrastructure are subject to specific regulations and statute.
 - Experience: Network Rail has extensive experience in delivering new stations and investment projects in existing stations with a range of partners.
- 3.2 This report seeks Committee approval to award a maximum of £120,000 of City Deal funding by way of a grant agreement to Network Rail to undertake all required design work. This would be in advance of a subsequent City Deal construction capital grant award, which will require submission and approval of a Full Business Case (FBC), in line with the Glasgow City Region: City Deal Programme Assurance Framework.

- 3.3 Officers are satisfied that a grant agreement is the most appropriate mechanism for this funding as it provides a practical means of developing the project, which is being led by a third party, also ensuring that Glasgow City Council's Strategic Plan and City Deal objectives are being met. The grant agreement will be monitored through the existing City Deal governance and release of grant funding will be linked to contractual milestones.

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	The funding proposed in this report will be met through funds secured via the Glasgow City Region: City Deal.
<i>Legal:</i>	Dedicated Legal resources are already in place to support this work
<i>Personnel:</i>	There are no direct personnel issues
<i>Procurement:</i>	There are no direct procurement issues

Council Strategic Plan:	Specify which Grand Challenge (s) and Mission (s) the proposal supports. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.
	Grand Challenge 3 - Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow
	Mission – Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region
	Grand Challenge 4 – Deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities
	Mission 1 – Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	Delivery of the project will support people with protected characteristics by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling poverty; • Reducing health inequality; and • Empowering communities
<i>What are the potential equality</i>	The project will have a positive impact on improving equality.

impacts as a result of this report?

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

The project will support inclusive economic growth by improving access to employment and training opportunities for the local community located in an area of multiple deprivation. The project has been developed based on significant consultation and stakeholder engagement.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

The project will contribute to Climate Plan actions: 22; 53; 56

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

The project will have positive climate impact and it will address three of the five Climate Plan's themes:

- Theme 3 – Well Connected and Thriving City
- Theme 4- Health and Wellbeing

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Delivery of the project will contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon targets by upgrading an existing public transport asset by enhancing its appearance, making it more attractive to use and improving its presence on High Street; it will support it will support the use of public transport and will the High Street Avenues project; and regeneration of the adjacent areas

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

No - there are no Privacy or Data Protection matters associated with this report.

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

5. Recommendations

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