

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

7th May 2025

Response to Questions by Elected Members

Bailie Wardrop	<p>Grand Challenge 4 – Mission 1</p> <p>The report indicates that an Environmental Newsletter had been issued to private landlords in March 2025, is this Newsletter on the Council’s website for others to view?</p>
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	<p>The Environmental Newsletter has been published on GCC website and can be accessed via this link - Private Landlords Newsletter.</p>
Bailie Wardrop	<p>Grand Challenge 4 – Mission 1</p> <p>Can more detail be provided on the Private Lane Improvement Fund, in particular related to who has benefited thus far, what targeted work is on-going and the next steps.</p> <p>Furthermore, in relation to Factors – Has promotion of the Fund been shared with local Factors to allow them to access it?</p>
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	<p>Since the fund commenced a total of 26 private lanes have received funding totaling £497,419.40 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMW Association• Woodlands Community Development• Kew Terrace Proprietors Association• Niddrie Square Residents Group• Strathbungo Society• Association of Proprietors of Great Western Terrace• Glencairn Lane Action Project• Denmilne Community Action Group• Princes Terrace Residents• Kingarth Lane Community Group• East Ancaster Residents Association• Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel Community Council• Walmer Crescent Residents Association• Govanhill Baths Back Lane Funding• Berkeley Terrace Back Lanes Funding

- Dundonald Road Residents Association
- Cleveden Crescent Back Lanes Funding
- Waverley Park Collective - Project No.3
- Clouston Lanes Neighbourhood Association
- Copeland Gardens Association
- Lanes And Streets Improvements Project
- Kilmaurs Community Garden
- Crow Lane Initiative
- Airlie Lane Project No.16 Back Lanes
- Dryburgh Gardens Backcourt Association
- Cathkin Carmichael Residents Association

An evaluation was completed in May 2024 for year 1 and 2 which included 15 participants which feedback as follows:

All groups said that the lane now looks better (100%), while 71% of respondents commented that more people now use the lane. Almost two thirds of all groups said that drainage had improved in the lane and there is less surface water accumulating (64%). Other improvements in the lanes were that there is less flytipping (43%), there are more trees and vegetation (36%), and there is enhanced biodiversity (29%). Three groups had created food growing spaces in the lane (21%).

A third of all groups faced difficulties with contractors not getting back to them for quotes or taking a long time to get quotes. Furthermore, the planning application process for some projects took significantly longer than expected. Many lanes within Conservation areas are subject to planning consent dependent on the types of work proposed.

Since the evaluation the self-help [Private Lane Toolkit](#) has been updated to address some of these challenges and speed up the process, particularly around planning the requirements. Residents are now directed to real planning examples from groups who have gone through the process.

The toolkit has also lots of examples where groups have used the funding to make these improvements as well as advice on who to get together as a group.

The new look toolkit and fund were relaunched in April 2025 with messaging going out on our social media platforms.

	<p>Our Neighbourhood Coordinators work closely with factors and Housing Associations in their wards and signpost them to the toolkit and fund. We will circulate this information as part of a wider distribution for awareness.</p>
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