

Q 1	Asked by: Bailie Jim Kavanagh
Tabled Question	Withdrawn
Responder	

Q 2	Asked by: Councillor Paul Carey
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener to confirm whether they are confident that the proposed plan for developing City Building for the future will secure long-term jobs for current City Building employees? ”
Responder	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services
<p>Both City Building (Glasgow) LLP (CBG) and City Building (Contracts) LLP (CBC) Boards, following consultation and collaboration with both members – GCC and WHG – agreed Business Plans at their meeting on 25 March 2025. For CBG as part of this process, members reinforced their commitment to maintain overall spend levels in line with the approach agreed when CBG was established as a Joint Venture in 2017 and for CBC which includes services to GCC and other Housing Associations, a strong workload to return a level of profit to GCC was also agreed.</p>	

Q 3	Asked by: Councillor Lilith Johnstone
Tabled Question	<p>“To ask the relevant City Convener what actions have Glasgow City Council taken in the year since the Scottish Government reported that 70% of female pupils have experienced gender-based violence, and the subsequent launch of “Responding to and Preventing Gender-Based Violence: A Whole School Framework?”</p>
Responder	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education
<p>Glasgow Education Services Education Equality Working Group have continued to work alongside central officers and schools to support work in relation to gender-based violence through engaging in initiatives with 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations, national projects and providing professional learning opportunities to staff. The working group are now looking at ‘Responding to and Preventing Gender-Based Violence: A Whole School Framework’ to support future planning and action.</p> <p>Most Glasgow’s secondary schools are currently delivering the MVP programme in various formats. The programme is often delivered in partnership with Campus Officers and local Third Sector organisations. The MVP Primary Pilot project is currently being arranged for delivery in June this year.</p> <p>In addition, Education Services has recently facilitated online training for education staff led by partners from Time for Inclusive Education (TIE). This training addresses several issues, including gender-based violence, through the lens of digital communication and social media. This training emphasises the level of harmful online content and provides staff with the skills to support and engage young people in discussions. This professional learning offer will not be delivered to all Child Protection Officers in May 2025.</p> <p>In session 2024 – 25, GCC took part on the Carter project in partnership with Glasgow Girls Club. As part of our secondary PSE Curriculum in secondary schools, Education Services is offering S5 and S6 learners the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops aimed at engaging young women in discussions about friendship, healthy relationships, and recognising signs of coercive control and domestic abuse. Central to these workshops is the short film "Where We Stop," created in collaboration with the Glasgow Girls Club and others, which highlights the warning signs of abusive relationships through authentic stories</p> <p>These activities signpost young women to appropriate resources, such as the newly developed Sophie’s Stop app which has been developed in partnership with Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow Girls Club as part of the Carter project. This app has been made accessible to all learners within Glasgow schools through free access on all school ipads. In preparation for this, school staff have engaged in dialogue around workshop content to ensure prior knowledge of the themes that may be raised allowing staff to continue to provide ongoing support.</p> <p>And finally, Education Services Girls4Equality Group, a legacy of COP 26, also highlighted this resource and this platform was used to further promote the opportunities for additional support for our young people. We had some of the participants in this project at the last Education, Skills and Early Years Committee representing 5 different Secondary Schools and I think the committee learned a lot by hearing directly from the young women on their experiences in school.</p> <p>.../</p>	

From this feedback, Education Services are now working on a plan to expand some form of training and information sessions for pupils from S1-S6, also including young men in the conversation which was an overwhelming bit of feedback we've been getting from the young women who participated in this.

Q 4	Asked by: Councillor Saqib Ahmed
Tabled Question	“To ask given that Medics Against Violence has emphasised that education is key to addressing youth violence, can the relevant City Convener confirm what steps the Education Department is taking to combat the rising rates of youth violence, and how these efforts are designed to prevent further harm to students?”
Responder	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education

Glasgow Education Services’ Social Inclusion Officer continues to work with central offers, school staff and children and young people to ensure schools across the city are supposed to address issues relating to youth violence. Working alongside partner agencies, education officers also continue to plan for and respond to current challenges through inter-agency discussion and action. This work supports the delivery of several national programmes and initiatives with the primary aim of tackling discrimination, sectarianism, youth violence and aggression.

The responsibilities of the Inclusion Officer include:

- Liaising with secondary school campus officers and provides bi-annual training offer.
- Signposts schools to further support resources where appropriate including the “No Knives Better Lives” packages. This supports schools who have an issue with youth violence or the carrying of bladed instruments. These resources are delivered by school staff and Campus Officers.
- Regularly liaises with Police Scotland Community Safety Team to deliver programmes such as the current Community Alcohol Partnership Project in Govan.
- Links with the Violence Reduction Unit

They also partner with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Organisation – FARE – to deliver the Streetwyse Programme in Secondary Schools within the East End of the city.

The Social Inclusion Officer and Child Protection Officer are also both members of the recently formed Glasgow (North East) Violence Prevention Partnership which is a multi-agency working group attended by partners including Health, Social Work and representatives from Medics Against Violence.

Q 5	Asked by: Councillor Dan Hutchison
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what preparations the Council is making to support the enforcement of the ban on single use vapes which comes into force on 1st June this year?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

Thank you for the question, Cllr Hutchison.

The Single Use Vape ban takes effect on 1<sup>st</sup> June this year and will require retailers to clear all their stock in advance of this date. For any remaining stock, the retailer must make arrangements for responsible recycling. They will also be required to separate them from other goods; label them as “not for sale”; and remove them from the shopfloor or online store until they’ve been collected by a registered vape recycling service. Advice and guidance, as well as any enforcement necessary, will be provided by Trading Standards.

A letter will go out to registered sellers over the next couple of weeks, providing advice and examples of what to look out for in their stock if they are unsure which products fall within the ban.

The letters will go out to businesses on the Scottish Government register. Local intelligence will also be used to capture as wide a base as possible for any relevant retailers not currently on the register.

Trading Standards will be reinforcing the guidance already produced by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Our Communications team will issue social media messaging in advance of the legislation coming into force, with reminders of the deadline and information on what retailers should do in preparation.

Q 6	Asked by: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People if they have met with users of services due to cease such as the Sandyford Clinic Counselling and Support Service, Flourish House and the Supported Living Service to hear their concerns over the loss of that service?”
Responder	Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People

Thank you for the question, Cllr Reid-McConnell.

Officers within the HSCP have engaged in relation to all three of the services you have mentioned, and the savings proposals considered in the recent Budget were informed by those discussions.

In relation to Supported Living Service, I have already met with staff, trade unions and campaigners regarding the Supported Living Service and Cllr Reid McConnell will recall that I specifically spoke about those concerns at the Budget meeting. It is the intention of the service to carry out a full care and needs assessment for all 38 service users and to discuss their care and support needs with their families or advocacy before decisions are taken about future care.

On Flourish House the contract for that service is due to end in July 2025 and so engagement has already begun on future support including through the HSCP Restart employability service and third sector community services.

For Sandyford Clinic Counselling and Support Services or SCASS as part of the review of that service; staff and service users were engaged with, and their feedback was reflected in the final review. That review was clear, however, that the current operating model for SCASS has a limited clinical case. Those are recommendations that the Health Board must respond to, to ensure that our services are delivering the best possible care, in the right place, and in the right way. Officers are in the process of developing an implementation plan which will detail how certain aspects of the SCASS service will be appropriately retained and managed as move towards a new future for the service.

Q 7	Asked by: Bailie Margaret Morgan
Tabled Question	“To ask the Leader of the Council for an update on actions since the senior officer exit payments report was taken to Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee?”
Responder	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council
<p>I have had a number of discussions with the Chief Executive and other officers since FASC considered this matter last month. As I said earlier officers have now completed a review of the council's governance in relation to the shortcomings identified by Brodies solicitors and a report on that review, with associated changes, will be taken to WECCE in the coming weeks and thereafter CAC, FASC and Full Council.</p>	



Q 8	Asked by: Councillor John Daly
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets for the number of applications for Firework Control Zones received in 2024 were due to animal welfare concerns, the number of these applications that were refused and the reasons for refusal?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

Thank you for the question, Cllr Daly.

There were seven applications due to animal welfare concerns. Two of those applications were declined as the area they covered fell outside of the Glasgow City Council area. A further application was declined as the area concerned straddled two local authority areas, most of which was outwith Glasgow.

This was further reviewed and was subsequently accepted for consultation on an amended area which related to Glasgow City Council area.

A total of five such applications went forward to consultation though none were approved for a Firework Control Zone. Assessment of each application included discussion of the consultation findings, crime data, and intelligence from the Firework Control Zone panel members, which includes representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services and the Council's Trading Standards Service and Performance and Information Management Unit.

Of the five applications, the review of all relevant information showed that for two of them, there had been only one recorded incident over the last three years for Police Scotland. No issues or intelligence were reported by either Scottish Fire & Rescue Services or Trading Standards.

Of the three remaining applications, there had been no recorded incidents over the last three years for Police Scotland and no issues or intelligence reported by either Scottish Fire & Rescue Services or Trading Standards.

While the evidence to support these progressing to implementation of a Firework Control Zone was insufficient at the time of the assessment, on reviewing lessons learned, it was decided to consider a wider evidence base for animal welfare applications. This includes an exploration of complaints and incidents recorded from animal protection related groups, as these may not be reported to Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services or Glasgow City Council.

Q 9	Asked by: Councillor Holly Bruce
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what work the Glasgow Bus Partnership, SPT and Scotrail have done since the publishing of figures by the British Transport Police that indicates that violence against women and girls has risen by 21% since November 2024?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery

Thank you Cllr Bruce. These figures from British Transport Police should give us all some cause for concern.

I can advise the Chamber that the Chamber that the Glasgow Bus Partnership has established a dedicated group to address the wider issue of Anti-Social Behaviour but also Violence Against Women & Girls. This group will be led by one of the bus operators and will focus on ensuring bus services are safe and secure for all passengers and engaging with police and other stakeholders to address violence against women and girls on buses. It's proposed that the Council's Violence Against Women Coordinator will be invited to join the Group.

As part of the Bus Partnership group, which includes SPT, the Council also has the opportunity to promote the “Where's Your Stop” campaign, which was launched in Glasgow by our Lord Provost and is part of The Carter Centre's *Inform Women, Transform Lives* initiative and provides information about available support services in Glasgow..

It's also my understanding that once the group has identified them, bus operators have may be willing to fund some passenger related anti-violence initiatives.

Unfortunately at this stage we have no information on how ScotRail are responding to the recorded spike in gender violence but as Transport Convenor I am more than happy to write to them requesting information on the actions they are taking.

Q 10	Asked by: Councillor Mhairi Hunter
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets does she agree with me that gambling does untold harms in our communities, and will she join me in congratulating Greater Govanhill magazine for highlighting this?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

I would like to congratulate Councillor Hunter on her re-election. I also welcome this question as in the previous term I am aware that you worked with Bailie Christie to develop Glasgow's response to gambling harms, meeting with the Gambling Commission, Gamble Aware and others.

I absolutely agree on the importance of taking a local approach to gambling harms. Some members may recall that the work of the Council was focused at a Wellbeing Committee development day in my own Ward Shettleston, in August 2019, ensuring that we recognised the negative impact of gambling as one of the recognised “environmental bads” in our communities.

In the last report to the WECCE Committee in August 2023 we heard of the work of Parkhead CAB, The North West Women's Centre, and others and how gambling harms relationship with other social issues must be recognised e.g. suicide/suicidal ideation; homelessness; the cost-of-living crisis; illegal money lending; and domestic abuse.

Greater Govanhill CIC was one of the many groups highlighted in the report. Gambling Harms is too often a hidden issue, affecting the lives of so many in our community and the Greater Govanhill magazine has uncovered its impact on the local area.

I was delighted to be the keynote speaker at their recent event last month “Driving Change Together - Govanhill and Gambling Harm” hosted in conjunction with Simon Community Scotland and Fast Forward. I spoke of the work that I and others have been doing to influence change at a local – and also UK level.

I was even more delighted to be joined with women from Greater Govanhill magazine's community reporter programme who have experienced gambling harm and who have written some incredible articles. We also heard about a new support website for women and resources developed by and for the Roma community.

I have no hesitation in commending and congratulating Greater Govanhill CIC and groups like Fuse Youth Café in my own ward who are holding the gambling industry and the UK Government into account with their calls for action.

Q 11	Asked by: Councillor Jill Brown
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener if they can provide a figure for the additional costs incurred by the council as a result of human errors and scheduling inefficiencies made by the roads department?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>The scale and diverse nature of road maintenance activities undertaken by the Council’s Roads service operations, in managing and maintaining the city’s 1,924km of carriageways and 3,124km of footways, as well as 77000 drains and 74000 streetlights requires substantial investment, and this is recognised in the SNPs commitment of an additional £20m for 2025/26. Being responsible for such an expansive range of roads assets, with an estimated value of £4.57bn, requires preparation of complex and inter-dependant plans and programmes for asset maintenance and repair.</p> <p>Despite the majority of works programmes running according to plan, with systems and processes in place (some of which are statutory) to notify those affected, there are a wide range of issues that can arise and will influence normal, day-to-day service operations and, as a consequence, management of these issues can result in situations where plans and schedules need to be changed, to maintain appropriate levels of service delivery.</p> <p>Such issues can typically include seasonal factors, such as adverse weather, especially during winter months when surface water and icy roads can create new risks and call for urgent scheduling responses, placing additional demands on available resources and calling for adjustments to working crews, available plant and vehicles and the types of works, that may need to be completed as a greater priority.</p> <p>It is inherent, in such a diverse operation, that there will be instances where human error and service inefficiencies arise and, whilst the financial costs of these are not routinely calculated, as our systems do not accommodate this, the construction industry as a whole acknowledges that factors such as human error, changes to project scope and works scheduling inefficiencies can account for anything up to 25% of initial project costs.</p> <p>We acknowledge that errors can arise, and additional costs can sometimes occur, so staff carry out lessons learned exercises, following these situations, to minimise future disruption where possible.</p>	

Q 12	Asked by: Bailie Ann Jenkins
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant City Convener advise whether Glasgow City Council has engaged with the Scottish Government regarding the implementation of Awaab's Law, and whether any preparatory work is underway locally?"
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

Thank you for the question, Bailie Jenkins.

In February of this year, the UK Government confirmed the timelines for the implementation of Awaab's Law in England and Wales. This legislation will introduce time limits for social landlords to respond to potential hazards in residents' homes.

From October 2025 social landlords will be required to address damp and mould hazards that present a significant risk of harm to tenants within fixed timescales.

From this same point, they will also have to address all emergency repairs whether they relate to damp and mould or not, as soon as possible and within no longer than 24 hours.

The Scottish Government has recently advised that in response to Awaab's Law and issues of damp and mould in the social housing stock, that they propose to make amendments to the new Housing Bill.

This is currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament at Stage 2, with a view to regulating the timescales for carrying out property inspections and any remedial works which may result.

In terms of preparatory work, last Tuesday four councils - Edinburgh, Dundee, Angus, and Clackmannanshire - gave evidence to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on mould and damp in social housing. They advised that 3% to 5% of social housing stock in these councils is currently being treated for damp and mould.

Here in Glasgow the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee considered a report updating members on "Dampness, Condensation and Mould and its Impact on the Housing Stock" last October.

This was an update on a report considered by the same Committee in September 2023. The 2024 report outlines service requests to Environmental Health, key actions to prevent and tackle cases including actions by social landlords, and sets out the current arrangement for social landlords and the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Once there are more details on the proposed legislation and we have timescales for implementation, officers will engage with the Housing Regulator to see what support and assistance the Council can offer to the RSL sector in general to combat this serious issue.

Q 13	Asked by: Councillor Jon Molyneux
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener how many responses were received to the public consultation on a city-wide Fireworks Control Zone and what proportion of these were in support of the proposal?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>Thank you for the question, Cllr Molyneux.</p> <p>A total of 2,692 people responded to the consultation, 2,437 of whom were residents of Glasgow. Of these 86% of respondents were supportive, while 11% were opposed.</p> <p>As I'm sure Cllr Molyneux is aware, the consultation element of the process has now been completed. However, the remainder of the process which involves analysis of the responses, as well as considering evidence including crime statistics, recorded complaints, and all relevant intelligence has still to be concluded.</p> <p>The process also involves whether such a zone could be enforceable. Though it should be noted that a citywide firework control zone would not be within the scope of the Scottish Government legislation. The guidelines within the relevant Act have not been designed to cover a whole local authority area, or, indeed, to cover extensive parts of a local authority area due to enforcement challenges. The geographic size or area covered by a Firework Control Zone must be evidence-based and proportionate.</p> <p>Few younger (under 35 years) and older (75+ years) respondents took part in the survey and</p> <p>By way of additional information, most respondents were women (68% versus 29% being men), with fewer younger and older respondents. So we can say that the results can be read as being indicative but not representative of the views of Glaswegians.</p>	

Q 14	Asked by: Bailie Anthony Carroll
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener if they agree that it is shameful that elected members representing this city have actively sought to sow division regarding the potential use of care homes for temporary accommodation, especially given the temporary accommodation and homelessness crisis we are in?”
Responder	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services

Yes, I agree that the behaviour that we have seen from members of this Council has been shameful. Anyone who seeks to divide us should be utterly ashamed of themselves.

Racist, right-wing Reform rhetoric is stoking tensions within communities. Divisive language and fear mongering around asylum seekers is not only harmful, it undermines the solidarity that our city is known for.

Let me be clear to this Chamber. Glasgow has a long and proud history of standing up and fighting against fascism and discrimination. Our city has always been a place where people of different backgrounds, cultures, and nationalities come together to build strong integrated communities. Glasgow’s commitment to integration has always been a point of pride. Rather than allow fear and hatred to dictate our actions we must continue to embrace and support asylum seekers and refugees. They enrich our communities and contribute to the vibrant, diverse society we all cherish.

I urge all elected members here today, regardless of political affiliation, to call out these divisive tactics when we see them. Now more than ever, we must come together to uphold the values of inclusivity, compassion, and solidarity that Glasgow is proud to represent.

Q 15	Asked by: Councillor Blair Anderson
Tabled Question	“Given that the Staff Travel Plan recently agreed at the WECCE Committee specifically excluded teachers and academic staff during its consultation stages, and given the commitment to revising School Travel Plans within the Air Quality Action Plan agreed at CAC in April 2024, to ask the relevant City Convener for their response to concerns raised by school and nursery staff that travel costs are forcing them to consider looking for alternative work?”
Responder	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education

Thanks for the question, Cllr Anderson.

Given there are so many educational establishments in Glasgow – about 300 in total – most neighbourhoods would have one and therefore the staff travel plans are not entirely the same as those for other Council services. Should staff working in schools want to stay local to their school – and I understand that that is not something that all staff want to do – then for many that would be an option available to them given the sheer number of schools that Glasgow has. However, although they were not part of the consultation, teaching and academic staff are eligible to use all benefits made available through the Staff Travel Plan including for example the cycle-to-work scheme, discounts on bus travel, and the regional car sharing scheme run by SPT. They would also be able to take advantage of any future benefits which are currently being considered including, for example discounts to the City Bikes, or interest free loans for public transport.

One of the other aspects that is being looked at is how to refresh staff facilities at locations, and I am happy to speak to the Executive Director of Education to ensure as far as possible that our schools have facilities for staff which might enable different travel to work choices to be made such as access to showering facilities.



Q 16	Asked by: Bailie Hanif Raja
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener to confirm how much land in Glasgow is currently vacant, along with the number of vacant buildings across all Council and Council family estates?”
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

Thank you for the question, Bailie Raja.

A map of vacant and derelict land is available on the Council's website and statistics are reported to CAC on an annual basis as part of the acceptance of grant from the Scottish Government. The latest information from the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey shows that there are 599 sites comprising of 834 ha of vacant and derelict land in the city.

In terms of the number of vacant properties in GCC ownership, not being used in the delivery of council services or otherwise, fluctuates from month to month.

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> March this year, the number of properties recorded as not being in use was 77. As members will be aware, once a property becomes vacant a communication is issued to the relevant ward member noting that the property has been declared surplus and noting the proposed disposal process. After this, the property is passed to City Property, who market the property on behalf of the council. Members will also be aware that properties can be, and are, on occasion transitioned to third-sector organisations via the council's successful PMGC programme.

In relation to land, currently we have 164 sites noted as surplus and ranging in size. These are also sitting with City Property and those sites that are in a position to be marketed are at various stages in that process. Staff within the council's property team meet regularly with City Property LLP to ensure both surplus property and land is being monitored.