



**Glasgow City Council**

**Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration  
City Policy Committee**

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**Item 1**

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**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND  
REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Purpose of Report:**

To receive responses to the questions raised at the Economy, Housing,  
Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 19th August 2025

**Recommendations:**

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐

consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions from Elected Members at meeting held on 3rd June 2025</b></p>		
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>Building Standards Annual Performance Report</b></p> <p>Bailie Jenkins:</p> <p>How many buildings in Glasgow are currently classed as dangerous?</p> <p>How often does the department undertake inspections?</p> <p>How many enforcement notices have been issued in the past 3 years?</p> <p>How many have resulted in full remediation?</p>	<p>NRS</p> <p>Raymond Barlow</p>
<b>Answer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Including the recent 2 arising from the demolition at Albert Cross there are 8 in total. These are at different stages of progress in terms of bringing forward schemes of repair.</li> <li>2. Inspections of dangerous buildings vary according to the need, circumstances and stage they are at in relation to organising repairs</li> <li>3. Going back to 2022 there have been 6 dangerous building notices issued. For a number of incidents notices are still pending. There is a period of exploration and discussion with owners before notices are issued. This period involves engaging with owners and their ability to fund repairs, which in turn often leads them to seek grant funding or other sources. That often elongates matters considerably until the Council are clear on the owners position and ability or not to undertake works.</li> <li>4. Of the 6, 3 resulted in repairs by the owners to meet the notices. Another 2 were withdrawn as the owners carried out sufficient repairs under a building warrant they had for the property and the remaining notice was for a demolition.</li> </ol>	
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>Building Standards Annual Performance Report</b></p> <p>Councillor John Carson:</p>	<p>NRS</p>

	<p>In relation to failure to meet criteria in sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the report, are there other factors other than staffing levels and vacancies that have contributed to this?</p> <p>Are there any reasons why the department are failing to prevent people leaving?</p> <p>Is there an estimation of the loss of staff and experience over the last few years?</p> <p>Can figures be provided?</p>	Raymond Barlow
<b>Answer</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service capacity has predominantly been the issue as our systems and processes are well refined and tested. Other factors in this are matters such as absences and where unfortunately ill health retirements occur, these staff are also usually absent for a year or more prior to leaving. Against that background it is fair to say that over time we have also had extra demands. For instance research and assistance on tall, flat buildings and cladding for the Scottish Ministers over many months - where other authorities have considerably less numbers of such properties - and very high profile and intense workload events such as COP 26 along with the burgeoning all year round concerts and events scene. Where public safety dangerous building issues occur these also gain immediate priority over all other work. So where there is a high involvement either with many smaller one off incidents or larger scale works such as evacuations or emergency demolitions, these add to the time and capacity pressures on verification work.</li> <li>2. People leaving the service has been a combination of retirements, ill health retirements and leavers going to other employers. There is always expected to be some element of staff turnover as people's circumstances change over time, but the combination of circumstances has resulted in high numbers when considering the size of the service. The leavers have sought different career opportunities sometimes closer to home, different routes to career progression or for a greater salary. Recruitment is in a very challenging market where all local authorities are employing from mostly the same pool of staff in the profession. Additionally where we successfully recruit new managers internally the consequential backfill of frontline vacancies also then come into this same area of difficulty.</li> <li>3. From Apr 2020 we had had 20 staff depart our service: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Grade 8 &amp; 9 Managers – 3 ill health retirements, 2 retirements and 1 leaver.</li> <li>b. Grade 7 staff – 4 retirements and 5 leavers</li> <li>c. Grade 6 staff – 4 leavers and 1 ill health retirement</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Building Standards Annual Performance Report</b>  Councillor Robert Mooney:  At point 2.2 of the report it stated that there were 7 key performances however only 6 indicators had been listed. Is one missing or is there an error in the number of indicators?	Raymond Barlow
<b>Answer</b>	Section 2.2 of the Report notes 10 items - 7 KPO's and 3 associated targets.  The 9 bullet points listed in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 cover the 10 items as the last bullet point in 2.2 combines 2 of them.	
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Workplace Parking Levy</b>  Councillor Declan Blench:  Can information be provided on who had participated in the consultation?	NRS  Chris Paterson
<b>Answer</b>	The following stakeholders participated across the WPL non-statutory engagement process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Enterprise</li> <li>• Glasgow School of Art</li> <li>• Fire Scotland</li> <li>• West Dunbartonshire Council</li> <li>• Silverburn</li> <li>• ScotRail</li> <li>• Scottish Association for Public Transport</li> <li>• Glasgow City Council – City Deal</li> <li>• Glasgow City Council – Facilities/ Depots</li> <li>• City Parking</li> <li>• City Property</li> <li>• Glasgow City Region</li> <li>• Clyde Gateway</li> <li>• Glasgow Life</li> <li>• Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership</li> <li>• Glasgow City Council - Education Services</li> <li>• Glasgow City Council - Human Resources</li> <li>• University of Glasgow</li> <li>• University of Strathclyde</li> <li>• Glasgow Caledonian University</li> <li>• City of Glasgow College</li> <li>• Police Scotland</li> <li>• Logistics UK</li> <li>• NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Lanarkshire Council</li><li>• North Lanarkshire Council</li><li>• East Renfrewshire Council</li><li>• Renfrewshire Council</li><li>• Buchanan Galleries</li><li>• Glasgow Fort</li><li>• Strathclyde Partnership for Transport</li><li>• McGill's Buses</li><li>• Glasgow Bus Partnership</li><li>• Stagecoach</li><li>• First Bus Glasgow</li><li>• West Coast Motors</li><li>• Federation of Small Businesses</li></ul> <p>Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (including a representation of Chamber members).</p>	
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