Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

29th January 2025

Enquiries from Elected Members

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	Responses to Questions
Item 3	Q&A's
Question 1	Common Good Cllr Kavanagh wanted to know how long the cottage at Pollok Park had been empty for?
Answer	City Property have no records of the last tenancy, and believe that when we took on responsibility for the property in 2010, it was recently vacated at that time. We have tried to access previous GCC records, however no information is available. We estimate it has been vacant for circa 14-15 years.
Question 2	Cllr Brown wanted to know how much money had been spent to date in relation to Humbie Farm.
Answer	To date we have not expended any fees in preparing to market the grazing land at Humbie farm. Any future potential expenditure would be at the approval of the Common Good fund.
Item 4	Capital Programme
Question 3	Cllr Kavanagh wanted confirmation with regards to further investment in Health Suites.
Answer	Corporate Governance has now been informed that the project scope at Scotstoun Leisure Centre was revised to align with Glasgow Life's strategic direction on health suite facilities across the city. Instead of refurbishing the existing health suite facilities, these were removed entirely with the changing village expanded to meet the demands of growing membership and swim participation.
Question 4	Cllr Vallis asked for further information with regards to conversations with other Local Authorities in terms of the challenges around inflationary measures.
Answer	Officers from across the Council have continued to engage directly with the supply chain, national procurement forums and construction leadership bodies to share best practice and experience. There is additional engagement

with other local authorities via the following forums, both of which meet on a monthly basis:

- Scottish Heads of Property (SHOPS) which includes representation from 20 of the 32 local authorities
- Improving Construction in Local Authorities (ICALA) which has representation from six authorities (Edinburgh City; Aberdeenshire; Perth & Kinross; East Ayrshire; Glasgow City Council, and Scottish Futures Trust

Best practice and discussion on procurement and construction practice are regular agenda items at both forums.

This paper will be considered at the start of the committee agenda however requests for clarification on the answers can be made via the committee clerk in advance of the committee meeting.