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2024/25 – Print 5

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MINUTES

OF

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL.

Glasgow, 31st October 2024.

Hybrid meeting, Glasgow City Council.

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	AUDREY DEMPSEY	ELAINE McDOUGALL
SUSAN AITKEN	STEPHEN DOCHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD
IMRAN ALAM	LAURA DOHERTY	ELAINE McSPORRAN
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RICHARD BELL	ALAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
DECLAN BLENCH	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
EVA BOLANDER	GREG HEPBURN	JON MOLYNEUX
ABDUL BOSTANI	SEONAD HOY	MARGARET MORGAN
PHILIP BRAAT	RASHID HUSSAIN	EVA MURRAY
JILL BROWN	DAN HUTCHISON	CECILIA O'LONE
HOLLY BRUCE	FYEZA IKHLAQ	JILL PIDGEON
BILL BUTLER	EUNIS JASSEMI	LINDA PIKE
GRAHAM CAMPBELL	ANN JENKINS	HANIF RAJA
CHRISTINA CANNON	LILITH JOHNSTONE	THOMAS RANNACHAN
PAUL CAREY	JIM KAVANAGH	GEORGE REDMOND
ANTHONY CARROLL	RUAIRI KELLY	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
JOHN CARSON	ALEX KERR	ROZA SALIH
ALLAN CASEY	MATT KERR	FRANNY SCALLY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	THOMAS KERR	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	KEVIN LALLEY	KIERAN TURNER
STEPHEN CURRAN	PAUL LEINSTER	CATHERINE VALLIS

LORD DEAN OF GUILD

DEACON CONVENER

Apologies: Stephen Dornan, Sharon Greer and James Scanlon.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Deaths of former First Minister Alex Salmond and Councillor Kenny McLean.

1 The Lord Provost referred to the recent deaths of former First Minister Alex Salmond and Councillor Kenny McLean and extended the House's condolences to their families. The House stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Deacon Convener – Welcome.

2 The Lord Provost congratulated the newly appointed Deacon Convener, Richard Paterson and welcomed him to the Council meeting. Mr Paterson replied in suitable terms.

Minutes approved.

3 The minutes of the Council meeting of 12th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 1 to 50) were submitted and approved.

Minutes of committees submitted and approved.

4 The minutes of the undernoted committees were submitted and approved:-

(1) Appointment of Senior Officers Committee of 10th October 2024 (Print 4, pages 51 to 52);

(2) City Administration Committee of 5th September and 3rd October (Print 4, pages 53 to 62);

(3) City Policy Committees

(a) Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration of 1st October 2024 (Print 4, pages 63 to 68);

(b) Education, Skills and Early Years of 3rd October 2024 (Print 4, pages 69 to 72);

(c) Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods of 8th October 2024 (Print 4, pages 73 to 76);

(d) Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring of 24th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 77 to 82); and

(e) Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement of 26th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 83 to 86).

(4) Contracts and Property Committee of 19th September and 10th October 2024 (Print 4, pages 87 to 96);

(5) Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 4th, 5th, 18th, 19th and 25th September and 2nd, 3rd and 9th October 2024 (Print 4, pages 97 to 130);

(6) Personnel Appeals Committee of 3rd and 24th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 131 to 134);

(7) Planning Applications Committee of 3rd and 17th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 135 to 140);

(8) Planning Local Review Committee of 10th and 24th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 141 to 146);

(9) Scrutiny Committees

(a) Finance and Audit of 18th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 147 to 150); and

(b) Operational Performance and Delivery of 4th September and 2nd October 2024 (Print 4, pages 151 to 154); and

(10) Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee of 11th September 2024 (Print 4, pages 155 to End).

Granting of Freedom of the City of Glasgow agreed.

5 There was submitted a report by the Lord Provost and Councillor Hepburn, Business Manager and City Convener for Open Government intimating that

(1) Glasgow would be celebrating its 850th birthday in 2025 and that to mark this milestone, the Council wished to recognise the outstanding Glaswegians that have contributed greatly to the city;

(2) the greatest tribute of respect that the city could bestow on a citizen was The Freedom of the City of Glasgow which was awarded by the Council to *"persons of distinction or persons who have rendered eminent service to the City";* and

(3) proposing that Elaine C Smith be granted Freedom of the City of Glasgow for her outstanding contribution to the city as one of Scotland's most respected and celebrated performers and for her charity work.

After consideration, the Council agreed to grant Elaine C Smith Freedom of the City of Glasgow.

Council Strategic Plan Review 2022-27 approved - Reference to Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

6 There was submitted a report by Councillor Greg Hepburn, Business Manager and City Convener for Open Government regarding a reviewed Council Strategic Plan 2022-27, advising that

(1) the plan was a key document that set out the priority Grand Challenges, the Missions that were being undertaken to address them, and Commitments that were being delivered by Services and ALEOs and was an essential part of the Council's strategic planning and performance management framework which provided the basis for budget and service planning as well as performance management and reporting;

(2) the Council was committed to reviewing the plan as a 'living document' to ensure strategic priorities and activities continued to reflect the uncertainty, challenges and opportunities the city faced and officers had prioritised measures to help Glasgow's citizens deal with the cost of living crisis, and as a result, a number of emerging Commitments had been added to the Plan to reflect this; and

(3) it was proposed that the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee continued to track and measure performance against the Plan.

After consideration, the Council

(a) approved the reviewed Council Strategic Plan 2022-27;

(b) referred the plan to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee to allow continued monitoring; and

(c) noted that city policy committees had a role to continue to develop and progress the Plan's priorities.

Changes to committees approved.

7 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to committees:-

Committee etc	*Appointment*
City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use	Appoint Ruairi Kelly
City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets	Remove Ruairi Kelly and appoint Laura Doherty

Appointment of Senior Officers Committee	Remove Dan Hutchison and appoint Seonad Hoy
Asset Transfer Review Committee	Appoint Laura Doherty
Contracts and Property Committee	Appoint Laura Doherty
Economy, Housing, Transportation and Regeneration City Policy Committee	Remove Sean Ferguson and Soryia Siddique and appoint Paul Leinster and John Carson
Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee	Remove Ruairi Kelly and appoint Susan Aitken
Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee	Remove Alex Kerr and appoint Greg Hepburn
Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	Remove Paul Leinster and Cecilia O'Lone and appoint Alex Kerr and Catherine Vallis
Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee	Appoint Matt Kerr
Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee	Remove Jim Kavanagh and appoint Catherine Vallis
Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee	Remove Laura Doherty and appoint Linda Pike as Chair

Appointments and representation on outside bodies approved.

8 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to its representation on outside bodies:-

Organisation	*Appointment*
Glasgow City Heritage Trust	Remove Laura Doherty and appoint Eva Bolander
Glasgow City Integrated Joint Board	Appoint Holly Bruce and Dan Hutchison as substitutes
Glasgow City Region Regional Spatial Planning Sub-committee	Appoint Ruairi Kelly
Jobs and Business Glasgow	Remove Sean Ferguson and appoint Declan Blench

Wheatley Homes Glasgow	Appoint Ruairi Kelly

Questions.

9 Answers to the following questions, of which notice had been given under Standing Order No 11, were given as undernoted:-

Question by	*Question*	*Answered by*
Bailie Ann Jenkins	Can the relevant Convenor outline what action has been taken to address the issue of dangerous cladding on some of the city's buildings?	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Bailie Hanif Raja	To ask the relevant Convenor what representation the BAME community has had in the reopening of the People's Palace?	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Councillor Kieran Turner	To ask the relevant Convenor what consideration has been given to reopening an in-person appointment-based service for citizens to engage with council services and what further improvements can be made to improve customer service across council departments?	Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion
Councillor Stephen Docherty	Lord Provost as Glasgow approaches its 850 Celebrations next year why has Glasgow City Council decided to suspend indefinitely the International Rose Trials at Tollcross Park?	Councillor Ruari Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Councillor Blair Anderson	To ask the relevant City Convener what impact they expect Glasgow City Council will face from the Scottish Government's decision to withhold £145 million from local authorities over teacher numbers.	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years

Councillor Jon Molyneux	To ask the relevant City Convener what actions the Council is taking with partner agencies to reassure people that existing fireworks regulations will be properly enforced, following the failure to deliver a lawful Fireworks Control Zone in Pollokshields this year.	Councillor Ruari Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Councillor Stephen Docherty	Can the relevant Convenor confirm how many Heritage and Listed Buildings owned by Glasgow City Council are lying empty in the city?	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Bailie Thomas Kerr	To ask the City Treasurer what work the council financial services team is doing to enable vulnerable Glasgow pensioners to sign up for Pension Credit.	Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion
Bailie Seonad Hoy	To ask the relevant City Convener whether every child currently in a Gaelic Medium Education primary school will be guaranteed a place in a Gaelic Medium Education secondary school when they reach secondary school age.	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years
Councillor Franny Scally	To ask the Leader does she agree with Edinburgh Council Leader Cammy Day that Sir Keir Starmer's snub to Scottish cities to the Council of the Nations and Regions investment summit places whilst inviting English council leaders, places Scotland and its cities at an explicit commercial disadvantage to our city peers in England?	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Bailie Anthony Carroll	To ask the relevant City Convener for an update on Whitehill Pool's options and their timescales for remedial work, following the findings of the most recent RAAC surveys.	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Councillor John Daly	To ask the City Convenor for an update on the city council's "Street Art Pilot Areas".	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Councillor Dan Hutchison	To ask the relevant City Convener for an update on the full enforcement of the Pavement Parking, Dropped Kerb and Double Parking sections of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019?	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery
Councillor Jill Brown	To ask the relevant Convenor if the Council's gully cleaning programme is running on schedule?	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

Variation to order of business agreed.

10 The Council agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Local Government Financing – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

11 Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Alex Kerr, moved that:-

"Council notes the recent report by Unison "Councils on the Brink" which outlines the collective hole in Council financing across the UK of more than £4.3bn for the coming financial year, way beyond any previous estimates, and the cumulative figure will have risen to £8.5bn by 2026/27.

Council agrees that years of sustained austerity from UK Government has led to this financial shortfall and that we need to turn on the page on the destructive cuts and austerity of the past. Council agrees with the Local Government Association that the new UK Government must increase funding to councils to protect vital services and the communities we serve. Council urges the Chancellor to heed these calls.

Council calls on the UK Government to commit to the "significant seven asks" made by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) during the General Election to respect and properly fund local authorities across these islands and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor to outline these asks and seek her commitment to deliver on them".

Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Pidgeon, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) at second paragraph after “austerity from”, insert

“the previous UK Government has been to blame for this along with the mismanagement of local government budgets from the Scottish Government.”;

(2) after this, delete, “led to this financial shortfall”;

(3) after “austerity cuts of the past”, insert:

“as well as Scottish Government not providing adequate money for local authorities.” ;

(4) second paragraph should now read as:

“Council agrees that years of sustained austerity from the previous UK Government has been to blame for this along with the mismanagement of local government budgets from the Scottish Government and that we need to turn on the page on the destructive cuts and austerity of the past, as well as Scottish Government not providing adequate money for local authorities.”;

(5) next paragraph, after “communities we serve” insert:

“and this must be administered correctly at Scottish Government level so that this money comes directly to local communities.”;

(6) on second last paragraph, delete:

“Council urges the Chancellor to heed these calls”. ; and

(7) last paragraph after “Council calls on” insert:

“Both the UK and Scottish Government.”

Councillor Jon Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Hutchison moved as an amendment that the following be added at the end:-

“Glasgow City Council acknowledges the publication of the Accounts Commission’s “Transformation in Councils” report on 1st October 2024, which underscores the urgent need for transformation within local authorities to address current and future challenges. Council recognises the significant financial pressures faced by local authorities, exacerbated by increasing demands and limited resources. Council therefore expresses its support for both the findings and recommendations of the report and the sector-led transformation work which it highlights, which will be vital for the sustainable development and effective functioning of local councils.

Council maintains that adequate funding from the Scottish Government is essential so that local authorities can implement necessary transformations and continue providing high-quality services to their communities. Council notes the Commission's finding that slow progress on the commitments in the Verity House Agreement (VHA) poses a risk to transformation, and that, "several actions, decisions and behaviours have challenged and risked undermining the collaborative vision of the VHA. These include the former First Minister's announcement last October of a Council Tax freeze and the imposition of teacher numbers and learning hours."

Council therefore calls on the Scottish Government to meaningfully recommit to the VHA and to demonstrate that by: (i) ruling out ever again seeking to dictate the setting of local taxes, (ii) dropping threats to impose its will on local decision-making by way of financial punishment or reactive legislation, and (iii) urgently delivering with CoSLA a fiscal framework that ensures fair and sustainable funding for local government.

Council believes that discussions around transformation should be driven by the need for better and more effective powers, as much as they are about being more efficient. Council therefore agrees that devolution of powers, including wide-ranging and generalised revenue-raising powers, and powers of general competence, would empower councils to better manage their resources and address local needs more effectively, and calls on the Scottish Government to take this forward with CoSLA. Council notes with concern that the joint working group on reforming the Council Tax has not met for over six months.

Council recognises the financial pressures facing the Scottish Government and believes that the best way to balance budgets while protecting services is through raising additional income rather than reducing spending. Council agrees that ideally local revenue-raising should provide additionality to local services rather than filling gaps created by reduced budgets, but recognises that following more than a decade of austerity leading to significant real-terms reductions in the value of Scotland's revenue and capital budgets, combined with significant cost pressures arising from the Covid pandemic, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the impact of disastrous UK government budget decisions, Councils need urgent access to new revenue streams in order to maintain financial sustainability. In the immediate term, therefore, Council calls on the Scottish Government to commit to rapid delivery of new revenue-raising options for Councils in the forthcoming Scottish Budget. This should include, as a minimum:

(i) building on the commitment in the 2024-25 Budget "to exploring the reintroduction of a non-domestic rates Public Health Supplement for large retailers" which are licensed to sell alcohol and tobacco. Council notes the research commissioned by Alcohol Focus Scotland, carried out by the Fraser of Allander Institute, which found that £57 million of additional revenue would be raised if the supplement was set at the prior level of 13p per £1 of rateable value, with £8.3 million of that revenue being raised in Glasgow City Council;

(ii) setting out a timeline for implementing demand management measures linked to the national routemap to delivering a 20% reduction in car km. This should

urgently clarify the legislative position for road user charging schemes and deliver whatever new or updated regulations are required to empower councils to implement charging orders, including 'at boundary' congestion charging schemes;

(iii) repeating calls for the UK government to level the playing field for retrofit of existing buildings by scrapping the 20% VAT currently levied, and exploring the potential benefits and challenges of other financial measures which could help protect buildings and encourage refurbishment and development such as land and property-banking levies and a demolition tax;

(iv) supporting the option included in the recent consultation on charging for single use cups to enable those revenues raised to be collected and managed locally by councils, which in the context of there being an estimated 388 million single use cups distributed annually in Scotland could provide substantial revenue to support local environmental improvements; and

(v) enabling Councils to take decisions locally on the use of TIF and other mechanisms to enable the capture of increased value in land or properties following public investment.

Council acknowledges as important that the Accounts Commission makes clear in their report that such transformation in Councils must be part of ongoing engagement with citizens and communities.

Council agrees that the Leader will communicate this motion to relevant Scottish Ministers, CoSLA spokespeople, and other relevant stakeholders, urging them to take immediate action in response to the issues highlighted in Audit Scotland's report and to deliver greater fiscal autonomy to local councils."

During the debate Councillors Bell and Molyneux, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment, resulting in the following adjusted motion:

"Council notes the recent report by Unison "Councils on the Brink" which outlines the collective hole in Council financing across the UK of more than £4.3bn for the coming financial year, way beyond any previous estimates, and the cumulative figure will have risen to £8.5bn by 2026/27.

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 27 members voted for the amendment, 45 for the motion as adjusted, with 3 abstentions.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

12 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1315 hours until 1415 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

13 The meeting resumed at 1415 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: The Deputy Lord Provost, Christie Mearns (Chair).

SAQIB AHMED	STEPHEN DOCHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD
SUSAN AITKEN	LAURA DOHERTY	JACQUELINE McLAREN
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Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; S Millar, Chief Executive; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

2024 Glasgow Household Survey - Motion dealt with, after division.

14 Councillor Jassemi, seconded by Councillor Alam, moved that:-

“The Council notes the findings from the recent 2024 Glasgow Household Survey, which highlight a deeply concerning decline in trust and satisfaction with Glasgow City Council’s services since the City Administration took office in 2017.

Council notes with grave concern that only 35% of respondents trust the Council, a significant drop from 49% in 2019, and further notes that the erosion of trust is a direct consequence of the City Administration's mismanagement and incompetence.

Furthermore, Council expresses alarm that 46% of respondents believe that Glasgow City Council rarely considers residents' views when making decisions that affect them. Council acknowledges that Glasgow City Council has a duty to engage and involve residents in the decision-making process. Council recognises that greater efforts must be made to ensure residents have a meaningful say in shaping the future of our city.

Council notes the 23% rise in complaints about waste management, a clear indication of dissatisfaction with basic services. Additionally, Council acknowledges that satisfaction with refuse collection has dropped to 56%, a significant decline. Council also expresses concern over the sharp decrease in the feeling of being informed, with only 12% of respondents stating they feel well-informed about how the Council is performing. This represents a failure in communication between the City Administration and Glasgow's residents.

Additionally, Council notes that only 46% of residents are aware of the housing emergency declared in Glasgow, reflecting a serious gap in communication on critical issues.

Council further acknowledges the sharp decline in satisfaction with key services since 2017, showing a trend of consistent deterioration under the City Administration. Council highlights worrying decreases in satisfaction with basic services such as cleanliness and road maintenance, leading to dirtier streets and roads riddled with potholes. Council is also alarmed by the significant reduction in satisfaction with nurseries, schools, and home care services, all of which are vital to the wellbeing of families, children, and the elderly in Glasgow.

Council views this as a clear failure of governance under the City Administration, marked by damaging budget cuts and a deterioration in the quality of essential services. Council believes that the citizens of Glasgow deserve better, and that the City Administration mismanagement is leaving Glasgow behind.
Council resolves that:

- The City Administration has failed to provide basic universal services and has no confidence in its ability to deliver key services provided directly by the Council Family.
- Council requests the City Administration to publish an action plan to address the decline in service satisfaction and restore trust in the Council's ability to manage essential services.
- Council requests key performance indicators be established for basic services, with regular updates provided to the public.
- Council asks the Convener and Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration, and Sustainability to formally respond to the findings of the 2024 Household Survey and outline actions to resolve these issues."

Councillor Leinster, seconded by Bailie McCabe moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council notes the results of the most recent Glasgow Household Survey, which shows that satisfaction with Council services was severely impacted during the pandemic and in places it has not yet recovered in line with reports from other local government and related bodies.

Council recognises there is a direct correlation between public satisfaction and the finances available to provide services and that 15 years of UK austerity has starved the public sector of the vital resources required to carry out their functions.

Council further recognises that on top of the Covid-19 pandemic, UK austerity, and the impact of the cost of living crisis, Glasgow has also had to deal with resolving Equal Pay and the legacy of the previous administration implementing a discriminatory pay structure which will cost the people of Glasgow in excess of £30 million per year for the next 30 years to rectify.

Council also notes that while Glasgow has weathered these multiple seismic events, other led councils in England have effectively declared bankruptcy under similar circumstances with 1 in 4 recently highlighting their vulnerability and their likelihood of needing to apply for Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in the next few financial years, if they do not receive additional funding; and that the UK government must commit to a relationship reset with local and devolved government that is founded on fair funding and ends their need to mitigate Westminster austerity.

Council acknowledges that satisfaction with services such as cleansing require whole system change to effectively address multiple issues at once, including, increasing our recycling rates, reducing the volume of wates taken to landfill, reducing fly-tipping, and reducing the abnormally high costs per head of population for statutory cleansing duties so that resources can be directed to areas such as street cleaning.

To tackle all of this Council welcomes the successful introduction of bin hubs in the three pilot areas and the wider roll out underway. Council agrees that this is a

change that is long overdue and notes that performance updates will be reported to the relevant committee at the regularly scheduled time.

Council regrets that a fixed budget, mixed with high inflationary pressures, means that Glasgow's purchasing power has been diminished and that this clearly impacts areas such as road maintenance and infrastructure investment. With that in mind Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council writes to the UK Chancellor urging an end to austerity which has not only been the biggest driver of council dissatisfaction across all local authorities with alarming analysis by the Bennett Institute highlighting English Councils forecasting £9.3bn deficit in three years, underlines scale of strains social care placing on local government financing, but has also been the major factor in the diminishing of the living standards of people across the whole of the UK."

Bailie Wardrop, seconded by Bailie Carroll moved as an amendment that

(1) in paragraph two, after "direct consequence of…", delete remainder of sentence and replace with:

the unprecedented ability and speed to share information as a consequence of the covid-19 pandemic. Social media has enabled an atmosphere of misinformation that has built on, and led to, a corrosion of trust in institutions. Office of National Statistics data from 2023 found that across the UK, 34% of respondents trusted "local government", showing that Glasgow is in line with national averages, and higher than the 27% reporting trust in the then-UK Government. It is recognised that embracing a community resilience approach to pandemic preparedness and our response requires a shift from reactive top-down actions to investment in community engagement before, during, and in the aftermath of health threats.;

(2) in paragraph three, after "…future of our city.", add:

Council recalls its Strategic Plan, set in 2022, particularly the commitment to "explore options to improve citizen engagement, involving citizens, especially those who are currently under-represented, in council decision making, and enable them to directly create city policy including by hosting more Citizen's Assemblies.";

(3) in paragraph four, after "…how the Council is performing.", delete final sentence of paragraph;

(4) insert two new paragraphs between current paragraph four beginning "Council notes the 23%..." and paragraph five beginning "Additionally, Council notes…"

Council notes there is a digital divide which continues to have a negative impact on residents across Glasgow, with digital inclusion being essential to bridging that gap. Council regrets that the Strategic Plan commitment to "Improve service user experience and accessibility of the Council's online and digital services and undertake a full re-design of the Council's website" has not been fully realised. Council recognises the importance of transparency

and notes with disappointment that the Council's performance is inaccessible online, with either broken or outdated webpages regarding Statutory Performance Indicators, Local Government Performance Indicators, and our performance reports.

Communities, particularly marginalised communities, must be early partners in all stages of the design, planning, implementation, and assessment of council services. This requires transparency and accountability, and a sincere appreciation and recognition of the importance of standards for community engagement by the council. Council recognises that communities must help shape how best presented information is for them, and the methods of which it is communicated;

(5) in existing paragraph five, after "…communication on critical issues.", add new additional sentences:

The majority of respondents believed that empty houses should be brought back into use and also, they supported turning empty commercial buildings into homes. Council reiterates its support for a more efficient Compulsory Purchase Order system, and the introduction of Compulsory Sales Orders from the Scottish Government as a matter of priority to help tackle empty homes;

(6) in existing paragraph six, after "…the elderly in Glasgow.", add new sentence:

Although the sample size for this survey response is small, it is recognised that there are significant concerns about the impact of reduced funding on these services; and

(7) remove all from paragraph seven beginning "Council views this…" until end of document, and replace with:

Council believes successful community engagement efforts have to be maintained and this requires clear structures and sustained funding. Council notes the key messages and recommendations of the Audit Scotland's Local government in Scotland Overview 2023 and therefore, Council resolves that:

- the potential of collaboration is maximised by demonstrating partnership work with other councils, the wider public sector and the third sector to redesign and provide services, as well as involving service users and local communities in the redesign of services.

- increased transparency with the public is developed about the scale of service demand, the extent of backlogs and changes to eligibility criteria to gain access to services.

- a clear plan is agreed for strengthening the use of data to understand needs, make decisions and direct resources. This includes equalities data, and learning from those with lived experience.

- a review of information reported publicly online by the Council regarding the performance of Council services and their accessibility online will be undertaken and reported to the Glasgow Digital Board additionally.

- a review of support for the public to sign up to MyGovScot which is required to access key Glasgow City Council Services and if Glasgow Life's Digital Inclusion Support Service may be expanded to assist the public in creating accounts to access these services. This review will be taken to the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture, & Engagement Policy Committee additionally.

Council asks the Convener and Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration, and Sustainability to formally respond to the findings of the 2024 Household Survey and outline actions to resolve these issues.

Council agrees that a report on the Council's response to this survey with an action plan is reported back to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee in the next 6 months."

During the debate Councillor Leinster and Bailie Wardrop, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their amendments resulting in the following adjusted amendment:-

"Council notes the results of the most recent Glasgow Household Survey, which shows that satisfaction with Council services was severely impacted during the pandemic and in places it has not yet recovered in line with reports from other local government and related bodies.

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Council agrees that a report on the Council's response to this survey with an action plan is reported back to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee in the next 6 months."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 45 members voted for the adjusted amendment by Councillor Leinster and Bailie Wardrop and 27 for the motion, with 1 abstention.

The amendment as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Draft Housing Bill – Motion dealt with, after division.

15 Bailie Hoy, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that:-

"Council notes the trade union support for rent controls within the Scottish Government's Housing Bill including from the STUC, UNISON, Unite, GMB, ASLEF, UCU, PCS, NUS and Living Rent. Council also acknowledges the support for rent controls from a variety of Third Sector organisations.

Council recalls the findings of the city's Tenant-Led Housing Commission for the private sector, established in response to a council motion in December 2020 that stated that "Glasgow has a rent crisis for many in the private rented sector". Council notes the recommendation of this commission which stated that the Council will "work in partnership with the Scottish Government to introduce a robust and measured approach to a points-based system of rent controls, based on property standard and/or condition, to incentivise landlords to invest in their properties, as a means of justifying rent levels."

Council also notes that Glasgow City Council's Strategic Plan's Grand Challenge 4, Mission 1, states that as part of "Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods", the Council will "Work with the Scottish Government to ensure that their commitment to a national system of rent controls can be practicably and quickly delivered within the city."

Council recognises that recent polling from August 2024 shows that 82% of people in Scotland support rent controls.

Council agrees with the concerns around resourcing within Local Authorities to implement rent controls effectively. However, Council also notes the multitude of positive outcomes and community benefits that rent controls will bring for tenants and the Council Family.

Council will continue to work constructively through COSLA and with the Scottish Government to address any concerns about rent controls, whilst remaining steadfast in its support for the introduction of robust rent controls as part of the Housing Bill.

Therefore, the Council agrees:-

(1) To reaffirm its support for rent controls, in advance of stage 2 consideration of the Housing Bill.

(2) To approve a letter from the Leader of the Council to the Scottish Minister for Housing to reaffirm the Council's support for robust rent controls within the Housing Bill.

(3) To approve the Council's consultation response to the Housing Bill, with specific and explicit reference made to the Council's support for rent controls.

(4) To approve further involvement in the development of guidance by the Scottish Government around rent control measures, particularly the local authority role in mandatory assessment of rent control areas, including the power to seek information from landlords and tenants. Therefore, Council agrees to its involvement in a pathfinder to establish realistic and costed processes for assessment of rent conditions and the provision of a recommendation to designate all or any part of the area of the local authority as a rent control area."

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Casey moved as an amendment that:-

(1) insert in paragraph five between first and second sentences:

"Council also agrees that due consideration needs to be given to the concerns raised by our Housing Association partners and the ALACHO on potential impacts on both social and Mixed Market Rent delivery.";

(2) insert after paragraph five three new paragraphs:

"Council recognises that the implementation of rent controls on a temporary basis was of benefit to those who remained in tenancy, however, it also recognises that it has had a significant impact on the delivery of BTR development in the city, with a number of large projects, consisting of many hundreds of units, being put on hold or cancelled, thereby adding to the Housing Emergency.

Council agrees that the best way to address high rents, homelessness, and the wider housing emergency is to ensure that an adequate supply of housing is delivered in the city. This includes the building of social and affordable houses by our RSL partners, bringing the 2850 empty homes in the city back into use, the repurposing of vacant office space in the city centre, supporting the development of private housing, and building on the success over the past few years of providing high quality affordable and sustainable housing in our communities and increasing the city centre population by a third.

Council therefore encourages the Scottish Government to ensure measures are brought forward in a timely manner which can provide security to tenants from unfair rent rises while also providing certainty to those partners we need to work with to deliver housing in the city.";

(3) insert in paragraph six after "Scottish Government.." and before "…"to address any concerns about rent controls,.."

"…,ALACHO and the housing association movement..."; and

(4) delete in bullet b) "rent controls within the Housing Bill" and replace with:

b) "…targeted and sectoral-specific rent controls within the Housing Bill, while also reaffirming the need to give clarity regarding such a mechanism as a matter of urgency."

Bailie Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Turner moved as an amendment to delete all and replace with:-

"Council acknowledges the urgent need for affordable and secure housing across Scotland, as well as the importance of tackling the housing crisis facing the nation. Council supports reshaping housing policies at a national level to achieve these goals.

Council notes our backing for rent controls, provided they are implemented in a manner that is effective, sustainable, and free from unintended market consequences.

Council highlights that the previous rent cap policy led to Scotland experiencing the highest annual rent inflation in the UK, at 11%. This outcome demonstrates the need to reassess policy approaches within the new Housing Bill, learning from past outcomes to avoid similar unintended effects.

Council calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that rent control alone is insufficient to combating the housing crisis, and that increasing Scotland's housing supply is essential.

Therefore, Council calls on the relevant Convenor/Leader of the Council to advocate for provisions within the new Housing Bill to encourage new investment in affordable housing and to support initiatives aimed at expanding supply to meet growing demand.

Council urges the Scottish Government to revise the Housing Bill to incorporate practical, evidence-based rent control mechanisms alongside measures to address Scotland's critical housing shortage."

During the debate Councillor Kelly and Bailie Jenkins, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their amendments resulting in the following adjusted amendment:-

"Council acknowledges the urgent need for affordable and secure housing across Scotland, as well as the importance of tackling the housing crisis facing the nation. Council supports reshaping housing policies at a national level to achieve these goals.

Council notes our backing for rent controls, provided they are implemented in a manner that is effective, sustainable, and free from unintended market consequences.

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Council urges all parties in the Scottish Parliament to work collaboratively to revise the Housing Bill to incorporate practical, evidence-based rent control mechanisms alongside measures to address Scotland's critical housing shortage."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 59 members voted for the amendment as adjusted and 11 for the motion, with 1 abstention.

The amendment as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

North Laurieston Masterplan – Motion as adjusted approved.

16 Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Belic, moved that:-

"Council welcomes the ongoing work on the North Laurieston Masterplan, undertaken by New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) on behalf of, and in conjunction with, Glasgow City Council. It also welcomes the expert input of specialists within structural engineering, traffic management and commercial property fields and those undertaking extensive community engagement.

Council believes the Masterplan can be the catalyst for a new future for Glasgow's South Bank, bringing it together with ongoing City Centre regeneration and delivering the final stage of the wider regeneration of the Gorbals and Laurieston. It further recognises that the 35 year regeneration of Gorbals and Laurieston has required dedication, partnership and perseverance to overcome the scars of what Glasgow's Place Commission called 'shatter zones' of post war urban planning and deindustrialisation.

Council proudly welcomes the recognition of Glasgow as an exemplar of sustainable housing, regeneration, community empowerment and living well locally by the United Nations and the critical role of the New Gorbals Regeneration in securing that status.

Council notes that the North Laurieston area comprises many of the elements which have hindered neighbourhood regeneration including: fragmented and absentee ownership; poor upkeep of listed and heritage buildings; general lack of care towards built heritage; failure to recognise, active travel, public transport and the primacy of people in planning; and a lack of ambition in returning the River Clyde to the centre of Glasgow life.

Council, however, further notes that the routes to overcoming such barriers can act as the catalyst for wider change, making North Laurieston an exemplar in how Local and National Government can leverage new and existing powers alongside immediate incentives and initiatives for housing associations, the private sector and other stakeholders. In doing so, Council believes North Laurieston can become a vibrant and modern waterfront community protective of its world-class built heritage and with additional housing capacity adjacent to the city centre and internationally recognised regeneration across Gorbals and Laurieston.

Council calls on the UK Government to address the VAT imbalance between renovation and new build projects. Council believes that the removal of VAT would support the preservation of heritage assets in the city and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Financial Secretary to the Treasury detailing the impact this can have on the city, its heritage, ambitions and sustainability targets.

Council commits to developing an implementation plan to deliver on the ongoing Masterplan and to highlight this as an area of priority and opportunity with the Scottish and UK Governments and institutional investors."

Bailie Siddique, seconded by Bailie Jenkins moved as an amendment that before the last paragraph, insert new paragraphs as follows:

"The Council must use its existing enforcement powers to prevent any further decay or demolition of listed buildings, including Compulsory Purchase and full recovery of costs for demolition of dangerous buildings. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister to urgently give local authorities powers to order Compulsory Sales of vacant buildings.

Local residents and businesses will expect any implementation plan to be clear on resources. Glasgow City Council should lead the way by identifying potential resources to implement the master plan. This should also include consultation and co production with all stakeholders and should be presented at the Southside Central Area partnership and Council Administration Committee by 2025."

Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Bailie Wardrop moved as an amendment that:-

(1) in paragraph five, after "…Gorbals and Laurieston.", add:

It is recognised that the creation of a Linear Park and a 5 year Arts Strategy will bring significant benefits to community wellbeing;

(2) add new paragraph between existing paragraph five beginning "Council, however, further…" and paragraph six beginning "Council calls on…":

Council further notes that North Laurieston and other TRAs are an unparalleled opportunity to build sustainable communities for the future of Glasgow, with emphasis on a mix of affordable private and social housing for long-term residence and community building. The master planning of the area is ideal to implement progressive principles, of 15-minute neighbourhoods and feminist town planning, and to support active travel and public transit links; and

(3) after existing paragraph seven beginning "Council commits to…", add new paragraph:

Council agrees to bring forward a detailed response to the recommendations of the Place Commission to the relevant policy committee within the next 6 months.

During the debate, Councillor Kelly, with the approval of his seconder, agreed to accept the amendments by Bailie Siddique and Councillor Gallagher resulting in the following adjusted motion.

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conjunction with, Glasgow City Council. It also welcomes the expert input of specialists within structural engineering, traffic management and commercial property fields and those undertaking extensive community engagement.

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Local residents and businesses will expect any implementation plan to be clear on resources. Glasgow City Council should lead the way by identifying potential resources to implement the master plan.

This should also include consultation and co production with all stakeholders and should be presented at the Southside Central Area partnership and Council Administration Committee by 2025.

Council commits to developing an implementation plan to deliver on the ongoing Masterplan and to highlight this as an area of priority and opportunity with the Scottish and UK Governments and institutional investors."

Council agrees to bring forward a detailed response to the recommendations of the Place Commission to the relevant policy committee within the next 6 months."

The motion, as adjusted was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

17 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 9(e), 9(g) and 9(h).

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 24th October 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Richard Bell (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Susan Aitken, Philip Braat, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Greg Hepburn, Ruairi Kelly, Frank McAveety, Paul McCabe (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop and Lorraine Legrix.

Apologies: Chris Cunningham and James Hamilton.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; B Garrett (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life); and F Moss, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board.

Proposals for primary school reserved places for school session 2025/26 approved.

1 Councillor Cannon, Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the proposed number of reserved places for named primary schools for school session 2025/26, advising of

(1) the background and experience to date in utilising the reserved places provision within the Education (Scotland) Act 1991, as amended by the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act 2000, to manage the education estate in a strategic manner and address capacity issues before they developed;

(2) the factors used in determining the number of reserved places for school session 2025/26; and

(3) the list of 68 primary schools and the number of places to be reserved in each school for session 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the successful implementation of the reserved places provision in previous school sessions; and

(ii) the existing factors for determining reserved places for school session 2025/26 based on the experience gained since introduction in 2014/15; and

(b) approved the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2025/26.

Proposed P1 and S1 capping limits for school session 2025/26 approved – Authority to Executive Director of Education Services.

2 Councillor Cannon, Convener for Education and Early Years, presented a report regarding the proposed P1 and S1 capping limits for school session 2025/26, which had been determined in line with Scottish Government guidance, detailing

(1) the factors which had to be considered in planning for the sufficiency of primary and secondary school places across the city on a rolling annual basis;

(2) in Appendix 1 to the report, the proposed caps for P1, which had been calculated based on the actual number of children registered at each school as of September 2024, with these caps being notional and subject to change dependant on the numbers of catchment children finally enrolled; and

(3) in Appendix 2 to the report, the proposed caps for S1, which had been calculated based on the actual number of children registered in P7 in Glasgow Primary Schools as of September 2024, with these caps being notional and subject to change dependant on the numbers of catchment children transferring to S1 in their catchment secondary school finally enrolled.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the P1 maximum intakes in primary schools and the S1 maximum intakes in secondary schools for school session 2025/26, as detailed in the report; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Education Services to amend the P1 and S1 capping limits in the circumstances detailed in the report.

Glasgow's Local Child Poverty Action Report 2023/24 approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee of 26th September 2024 (Print 3, page 84) when it had been agreed to recommend to this committee approval of Glasgow's Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) 2023/24, Councillor Bell,

Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 placed a duty on local authorities and health boards to jointly develop and publish an annual LCPAR;

(2) that the Scottish Government had identified the 3 main drivers to address child poverty against which reporting should be provided namely, income from employment, cost of living and income from social security and benefits in kind;

(3) of the Scottish Government guidance to local authorities and health boards on the completion of the LCPAR and that Glasgow's 6th LCPAR focussed specifically on the significant work undertaken to date to ensure the appropriate strategic alignment of the child poverty agenda in the city and actions undertaken to develop this as well as the next steps to strengthen this further;

(4) that the LCPAR also provided a snapshot of the work undertaken and an overview of the progress made towards child poverty targets provided by the Centre for Civic Innovation and an overview of actions taken in 2023/24; and

(5) that the LCPAR 2023/24 recognised that much still remained to be done to meet the challenging child poverty targets set for 2030 and set out the key priorities for 2024/25, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the Local Child Poverty Action Report 2023/24 and its associated tracker documentation for publication.

Establishment of Social Innovation Challenge Fund approved.

4 Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region and Just Transition presented a report regarding the proposed establishment of a Social Innovation Challenge Fund, advising that

(1) in June 2021, Glasgow was invited to participate in the Harvard Bloomberg City Leadership Initiative, which equips city leaders with tools to tackle longstanding and complex challenges;

(2) a persistent problem that had been identified was the existence of systemic barriers that impacted on underrepresented communities' ability to access support that would encourage and empower entrepreneurship and a desk-based research and face to face and group interviews with members of these communities had identified that these barriers were a particular problem for women, minority ethnic communities, and younger and older people from areas where there were high levels of social deprivation;

(3) a key proposal to build on this engagement, to ensure a long lasting and impactful response, was the creation of a Social Innovation Challenge Fund,

which would empower organisations to create and develop new services or broaden existing services to new beneficiaries, as detailed in the report;

(4) this committee on 13th June 2019 (Print 2, page 162) had approved an amendment of the Articles of Association for the Business Loans Scotland (BSL) Ltd to enable the Council and other members to withdraw the funds they had transferred to BSL Ltd following the winding-up of the West of Scotland Loan Fund Ltd and it was proposed that £250,000 of this funding be allocated to the Social Innovation Challenge Fund programme until March 2026, as detailed in the report;

(5) applications in the regions of £50,000 that could demonstrate clear strategic economic importance and impact would be invited to receive funding from the Social Innovation Challenge Fund, however consideration would be given to other sums with a minimum application cost of £30,000 and a maximum of £100,000 being applied;

(6) a panel comprising of officers and partners connected to the Innovation Track programme, including the Glasgow City and Glasgow Riverside Innovation Districts would work with prospective providers at the Expression of Interest phase to help shape applications with the final decisions on eligible shortlisted applications being made by the Economic Development Funding Panel; and

(7) it was proposed that 40% of funding be awarded up front, 40% after 3 months upon meeting the initial project milestones and 20% after 6 months provided that milestones had been met and all proposed activity delivered and all project costs incurred by 31st March 2026.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the programme, as detailed in the report; and

(b) noted that annual progress reports on the programme would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee.

City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme - Revision 10 programme approved - Instruction to officers.

5 Councillor Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding an update on the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, advising

(1) that the Council was delivering a £385.91m Infrastructure Investment Programme, funded through the Glasgow City Region: City Deal and the programme was made up of 5 separate but interconnected sub-programmes that were being delivered across the city, as detailed in the report;

(2) of the challenges impacting the construction sector and City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, as detailed in the report, and that

progress was being achieved at a higher cost than originally anticipated which impacted on the capacity to deliver the remainder of the programme within the original budget allocation;

(3) that officers had carried out work to re-appraise and re-prioritise the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, based on the parameters of affordability and deliverability, as detailed in the report;

(4) that as part of the exercise to produce an updated programme (Revision 10), the Glasgow City Region Cabinet had invited its member authorities to request additional Infrastructure Grant Funds for existing City Deal projects to deal with inflationary pressures and each member authority had been provisionally allocated additional funding based on a percentage split of £64m funding previously profiled for the delivery of the Glasgow Airport Access project;

(5) that Glasgow had been given an additional provisional allocation of up to £25m from the Infrastructure Grant Funds, however this could only be used to address inflationary pressures that had impacted on the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme and following assessment by officers of the 5 City Deal Infrastructure sub-programmes, it had been determined that Canal and North Gateway, Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter and Enabling Infrastructure: Integrated Public Realm City Centre Avenues projects had incurred the greatest impact from inflationary driven pressures since the onset of the Pandemic;

(6) of the level of additional funding that had been identified through this process were assumed within the Revision 10 Programme tables, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 to the report which also included additional commentary on the Revision 10 position for each of the 5 sub-programmes; and

(7) that to ensure that the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme could continue to be progressed and contained within the limits of the approved City Deal grant funding allocation, it was proposed that the sub-programmes, as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report be deferred and although these projects would not be supported through City Deal grant funding, officers would continue to explore alternative funding opportunities for development and delivery.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the Revision 10 Programme, inclusive of the additional Infrastructure Grant Funds identified for inflationary pressures, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5, subject to final approval by Glasgow City Region Cabinet;

(b) instructed officers to continue to support the development and delivery of the deferred sub-projects, as detailed in Appendix 6 by exploring alternative funding sources;

(c) noted

(i) the additional allocations to deal with inflationary pressures that had been identified for Canal and North Gateway, Clyde Waterfront and West End Innovation Quarter and Enabling Infrastructure: Integrated Public Realm City Centre Avenues projects; and

(ii) with disappointment the proposals to defer several sub-projects which would support sustainable travel whilst other projects across the City Region were expected to increase capacity for private car travel through road widening, dualling and new road building, which was inconsistent with national and regional transport policy to deliver a 20% reduction in car km; and

(d) agreed to write to the Chair asking that the matter at (c)(ii) be tabled at a meeting of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet with a proposal that demand reduction and sustainable transport were priorities for any successor infrastructure programme and that as part of the Gateway 3 review there was a specific focus on transport projects and their alignment with national and regional transport policy and with overarching climate objectives.

Greater Pollok Local Development Framework (Ward 3) approved.

6 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 1st October 2024 (Print 4, page 66) noting the intention to seek approval of the Greater Pollok Local Development Framework (LDF) (Ward 3) and to notify the Scottish Government prior to its adoption as Supplementary Guidance to the City Development Plan (CDP), Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, presented a report regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the CDP had been adopted in March 2017 and provided the spatial strategy for development and regeneration across the city and sought to deliver 2 key aims, namely a healthy, high quality place and a compact city form that supported sustainable development;

(2) that the CDP was supported by 2 overarching policies, namely CDP1 – The Placemaking Principle and CDP2 – Sustainable Spatial Strategy and that 1 of the key elements of CDP2 was the identification of spatial priority areas across the city where additional guidance was required;

(3) that the draft Greater Pollok LDF

(a) had been published on the Council's consultation hub between 24th November 2023 and 5th February 2024 and individual comments had been received from 88 respondents and following the consultation, the comments received had been collated and had informed the production of the final draft, as detailed in the report; and

(b) set out the vision and key outcomes for the final draft Greater Pollok LDF, as detailed in the report; and

(4) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(i) approved the adoption of the Greater Pollok Local Development Framework as Supplementary Guidance to the City Development Plan unless Scottish Ministers directed otherwise; and

(ii) noted that the final draft of the Greater Pollok Local Development Framework, together with details of the consultation process would be sent to Scottish Ministers for consideration.

Glasgow Events Strategy 2035 and Action Plan approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee of 26th September 2024 (Print 4, page 84) noting the draft Glasgow Events Strategy 2035 and Action Plan and consultation process, Bailie Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations, presented a report on the strategy, advising

(1) that Glasgow Life facilitated the strategic review of events and the development of the draft Glasgow Events Strategy with the aim of building a unifying vision and direction for events in the city over the next decade and had appointed external consultants to support the development of the strategy and a detailed consultation and engagement process had been developed to support this work;

(2) that a project group had been established to support the development of the strategy and action plan which comprised representatives from Glasgow Life, the Council, EventScotland/VisitScotland and the consultants;

(3) of the scope of the consultation process and that the draft strategy and action plan had built on the learnings and insights from recent strategies that had been launched;

(4) of the consultation feedback, as detailed in the report, and the draft Glasgow Events Strategy and Action Plan, as detailed in an Appendix to the report; and

(5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the contents of the Glasgow Events Strategy 2035 and Action Plan; and

(ii) the proposal to review the Events Board and agree that this should include cross-party political representation; and

(b) approved and adopted the Glasgow Events Strategy 2035 and Action Plan, subject to ongoing review and iteration by the widened Events Board.

Commonwealth Games 2026 – Arrangements noted - Creation of Political Oversight group approved – Authority to Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance.

8 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding proposed arrangements for the city's assistance in hosting the Commonwealth Games 2026, advising

(1) that following the announcement by the Premier of Victoria, Australia that as a result of projected cost overruns the state was withdrawing from hosting the Commonwealth Games 2026, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) began to look for a new host;

(2) that in October 2023 Glasgow Life had been contacted by Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) who was developing a new delivery model for the Games which would cost substantially less to deliver and consist of fewer events and all of the funding for this new delivery model was proposed to come from the CGF and commercial arrangements;

(3) that Glasgow Life had been supporting the CGS in developing the costings for the new model for the Games and together with the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance had been regularly engaging with the Scottish and UK Governments and the CGF;

(4) of the proposed new delivery model and key points for the Games;

(5) that although the organising structure for the Games had not been established, the Council would be required to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Games Organising Company, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the benefits to Glasgow in hosting the Games; and

(7) of the Governance arrangements which included the establishment of a Glasgow 2026 Programme Board.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report, including the governance arrangements proposed to support the planning and delivery of the city's role in the hosting of the Commonwealth Games 2026;

(b) authorised the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Finance to negotiate and conclude all legal and financial agreements associated with the city's role in hosting of the Games; and

(c) approved the creation of a Political Oversight Group with cross-party representation to ensure ongoing oversight of the opportunities and risks associated with Glasgow hosting the Games.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 7th November 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Philip Braat, Jill Brown, Christina Cannon, John Carson (substitute for Frank McAveety), Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Laura Doherty (substitute for Allan Casey), Sharon Greer (substitute for Jill Pidgeon), Greg Hepburn, Seonad Hoy (substitute for Jon Molyneux), Eunis Jassemi (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Elaine McDougall, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Allan Casey, Frank McAveety, Jon Molyneux, Cecilia O'Lone and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; J O'Hagan, Director of Service Delivery, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Budget monitoring reports noted and budget adjustments approved.

1 Councillor Bell, Depute Leader of the Council, City Treasurer and City Convener for Financial Inclusion, presented reports on the 2024/25 revenue budget and on the investment programme, both for the period from 1st April to 20th September 2024.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the reports and that they, together with detailed service reports, would be considered by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee in due course; and

(2) approved the detailed budget adjustments relating to the revenue budget and the investment programme, as detailed in the reports.

International Strategy 2025-30 approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 1st October 2024 (Print 4, page 67) when it was agreed to recommend approval of the International Strategy 2025-30, Councillor

Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition, presented a report regarding the strategy, advising

(1) that the Economic Strategy had made a specific commitment to the development of a new international strategy for Glasgow as there had not been such a startegy for a while, although some of the principle instutions, such as the universities had produced versions for their own use;

(2) that a number of other cities in the UK and around the world had published statements and strategies to guide their work on international connections, and a review of these approaches had been undertaken to inform the development of Glasgow's new International Strategy;

(3) that existing policies in the city which had a clear international element, had been assessed and work on those policies had already drawn upon a range of activities to guage stakeholders views across both agencies and residents and that the new International Strategy had been able to benefit from the information which such work had generated;

(4) that key city partners had came together as a working group to provide their own views and share their experiences and this ensured that the International Strategy already had a high degree of credibility with partners, a sense of collective preparedness from them to deliver on its actions and a platform for progress in discussion with the 2 national governments;

(5) of the development of 5 key pillars for the strategy, underpinned by 3 enabling themes, as detailed in the report recognising that successful delivery of the strategy required a whole system approach;

(6) that the strategy, as detailed in an appendix to the report would help to guide the city's progress in and around the world over the period to 2030; and

(7) of the proposed next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report, including the proposed next steps; and

(b) approved Glasgow's International Strategy 2025–30, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 approved.

3 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding Glasgow's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2025/26 to 2029/30, advising

(1) that the Scottish Government's Strategic Housing Investment Framework guided the allocation of the Affordable Housing Supply Programme to local

authorities in Scotland and as part of this framework, local authorities were required to submit a SHIP annually to the Scottish Government;

(2) that the Scottish Government long-term strategy, “Housing to 2040” had been published in March 2023 and set out the national housing priorities including a target for delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032;

(3) that the SHIP 2025/26 to 2029/30 had been prepared in the context of the Council’s declaration of its own housing emergency in November 2023, thus the SHIP was critical in responding to pressures associated with the housing emergency;

(4) that the SHIP 2025/26 to 2029/30 had considered the impact of the reduced Affordable Supply Programme 2024/25 budget in relation to programme delivery and funding allocations going forward;

(5) that the SHIP 2025/26 and 2029/30 delivery programme provided a summary of the projects included in the plan; and

(6) of the housing supply targets, the strategic housing investment priorities and the scaling up of affordable housing and the delivery of affordable housing in Glasgow.

After consideration, the committee approved the Glasgow Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 and its submission to the Scottish Government.

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 21st November 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Philip Braat, Jill Brown, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Laura Doherty (substitute for Christina Cannon), Allan Gow (substitute for Anne McTaggart), Greg Hepburn, Paul Leinster (substitute for Ruairi Kelly), Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Angus Millar, Robert Mooney (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Christina Cannon, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Anne McTaggart, Jon Molyneux and Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services, G Gilliespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; and J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Development of City Centre Rapid Repairs project approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 19th November 2024 (page 50 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the development of a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project, Councillor Miller, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report on the matter, advising

(1) that the City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30 had incorporated findings from several post-pandemic reports commissioned by the Council and the City Centre Task Force and these findings had informed the development of the CCS priority actions;

(2) that the CCS priority action 2.3 related to the establishment of a Development Team, with a number of objectives to support development, including a focus on blighted land and property in the city centre and the CCS 2024-30 had introduced a range of new measures to support this, as detailed in the report;

(3) that to directly target the issue of poor quality public realm out-with funded programmes such as the Avenues and Bus Partnership projects, a more innovative approach was required to enable a relatively rapid response to smaller-scale but higher-impact streetscape issues and it was proposed that a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project be developed;

(4) of the scope of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be trialled as a 1 year pilot with a total of £400,000 of funding which would comprise of £200,000 from the CCS capital funding and it was proposed that the remaining £200,000 be met from Developer contributions for the maintenance and provision of public realm generated in the city centre;

(5) that the pilot project would be co-ordinated by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) City Centre Regeneration Group with the support of the NRS Roads Operations who would manage the implementation of all improvements whether undertaken by internal services or external contractors, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved

(i) the development of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be delivered as a 1year pilot from January 2025; and

(ii) the use of up to £200,000 from Developer Contributions generated through the planning process for the maintenance and provision of public realm; and

(b) noted that a progress report would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee at the end of the pilot year to report on outcomes and proposed next steps.

Glasgow Transport Strategy - Delivery focus areas approved.

2 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 19th November 2024 (page 53 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the delivery focus for the Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), Councillor Miller, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report on the matter, advising

(1) that the delivery focus report would guide the work plan of delivery for the Glasgow Transport Strategy to Spring 2027 and this would be crucial as priorities for transport planning and delivery were agreed upon moving forward;

(2) that this committee on 10th March 2022 (Print 7, page 509) had approved the GTS which was the Council's overarching policy document on transport issues and aimed to guide and inform decision-making regarding transport in the city and all local authorities in Scotland were expected to produce and regularly update their GTS;

(3) of the key outputs that had been developed as part of, and to inform, the GTS; and

(4) that the delivery focus areas for the GTS broadly represented a range of activity underway and planned by the Council and the proposed updated delivery focus areas, as detailed in the report demonstrated that much progress was being made against each of the listed work categories with the Council having a significant programme of work to focus on up to 2027;

After consideration, the committee approved the delivery focus areas for the Glasgow Transport Strategy.

Green Action Trust – Award of grant approved – Declaration of interest.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 12th November 2024 (page 69 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee consideration of grant funding of Green Action Trust to deliver works in support of the Glasgow Tree Plan, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report on the matter, advising

(1) that the Glasgow Tree Plan contributed to the development of the Forestry and Woodland Strategy, the city's Climate Plan and sought to build on activity being taken across the operational estate to deliver increased canopy cover across the city;

(2) of the approval of the Forestry and Woodland Strategy by this committee on 6th June 2024 (Print 2, page 45), which was the primary policy document relating to woodland and tree planting in the city; and

(3) of various specific initiatives in support of the delivery of the Glasgow Tree Plan and of funding considerations, as detailed in the report and proposing that an additional £34,287 of funding be granted to the Green Action Trust to deliver works at Cadder Woods and that grant funding of £471,000 together with an additional £24,000, a total of £495,000 be granted to the Trust for the Baldragon Road Greenspace project.

After consideration, the committee approved

(a) an additional £34,287 of funding to the Green Action Trust to deliver works at Cadder Woods; and

(b) £495,000 grant funding to the Green Action Trust for the Baldragon Road Greenspace project.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Bailie Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Endorsement of Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty Initiative approved.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of 12th November 2024 (page 71 hereof) when it agreed to refer consideration of the endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative to this committee for approval, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the matter, advising that

(1) the Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty Initiative was a global effort to foster international cooperation to accelerate a transition to renewable energy for everyone, end the expansion of coal, oil and gas, and equitably phase out existing production in keeping with what science showed was needed to address the climate crisis;

(2) the treaty initiative was designed to complement the Paris Agreement which had set a crucial global climate target, however many governments had continued to approve new coal, oil and gas projects even though burning the world's current fossil fuel reserves would result in 7 times more emissions than what was compatible with keeping warming below 1.5ºC;

(3) in order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, international cooperation was needed to explicitly stop the expansion of fossil fuels and manage a global just transition away from coal, oil and gas in a manner that was both fast and fair, so that no worker, community or country was left behind and the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative was building momentum with other cities such as Brussels, Copenhagen, Paris, Edinburgh, Rome, Barcelona, and London having endorsed the call for a treaty; and

(4) the aims and objectives of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty were closely aligned with existing Council policy and strategies, including that of prioritising a fair phase out of fossil fuel use and a just transition to Net Zero by 2030.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the Council's endorsement of the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

National Care Home Contract - Increase Agenda for Change 2024/25 approved.

5 Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People, presented a report regarding an increase to the National Care Home Contact (NCHC) fee rate for 2024/25, advising that

(1) the NCHC was subject to national negotiations which sets the rates that would apply for 2024/25 and the expectations in relation to the payment of the Adult Social Care pay rate by providers;

(2) the Scottish Government on 28th October 2024 had advised local authorities that the final settlement for 2024/25 had now been concluded and that a rate of 7.71% be applied to nursing care and 8.3% for residential care from 8th April 2024, with these rates being applied to the NCHC and other commissioned services and that domestic and catering support staff be paid the minimum wage of £11.44 per hour;

(3) the cost of this uplift was £1.216m taking the total cost of the uplift for 2024/25 to £9.102m and provision had been made in the Integration Joint Board's 2024/25 budget to meet this commitment;

(4) the NCHC would be varied to ensure that any provider delivering publicly funded care must pay all direct care workers a minimum of £12 per hour and, agree that remuneration could be periodically monitored by the commissioning authority, including direct verification with employees of the provider and that there would be no displacement of any other costs onto staff by the employer; and

(5) an increase in pay of 5.5% for nurses had been included within the settlement in line with the agreed Agenda for Change pay increase.

After consideration, the committee

(a) agreed to

(i) vary the National Care Home contract to reflect the National Health Service pay uplift, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) apply the National Care Home contract uplift to commissioned Services, as detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(b) noted the additional increase to Social Work Services expenditure of £1.216m.

ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 19th November 2024.

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee.

Present: Martha Wardrop (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Graham Campbell, Anthony Carroll, John Carson, Allan Casey, Laura Doherty, Ann Jenkins, Ruairi Kelly (substitute for Eva Bolander), Paul Leinster, Robert Mooney, Linda Pike and Kieran Turner.

Also present: Angus Millar.

Apology: Eva Bolander.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); B Wilson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted etc.

1 There was submitted a list of responses to the questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 1st October 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the responses; and

(2) that responses to any questions raised at this meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of this committee.

City Centre Strategy 2024-30 – Progress noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024 (Print 1, page 42) approving the final draft of the City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress made on the CCS, advising

(1) that the vision for the CCS 2024-30 had been developed around the 3 guiding Pillars of Magnetic Experience, Front Door to Innovation and A Place to Live, as detailed in the report;

(2) that the City Centre Task Force (CCTF), co-chaired by Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery and Mr Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce was the strategic body which had oversight of the CCS and was

supported by 4 thematic sub-groups, as detailed in the report which were responsible for developing the thematic action plans in collaboration with key partners;

(3) of the progress of the projects within the 3 guiding pillars;

(4) that whilst individual projects were in development, the approach for the CCS 2024-30 was to engage as widely as possible with the public and business stakeholders, prior to firming up delivery plans, and the CCTF regularly submitted updates to the 6 community councils in the city centre and that work was also ongoing to improve the CCS communications plan, to ensure that progress was widely communicated; and

(5) the city centre performance monitoring was assessed at macro level through an open dashboard which tracked a range of quantifiable indicators that provided an ongoing record on the 3 themes of people movement, tourism and employment and in addition, each priority action within the CCS would be delivering outputs and outcomes.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress made on the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 from March to November 2024; and

(b) that 6-monthly updates on the City Centre Strategy 2024-30 would be submitted to this committee.

Development of City Centre Rapid Repairs project noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the development of a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project, advising

(1) that the City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30 had incorporated findings from several post-pandemic reports commissioned by the Council and the City Centre Task Force and these findings had informed the development of the CCS priority actions;

(2) that one of the CCS priority actions related to the establishment of a Development Team, with a number of objectives to support development, including a focus on blighted land and property in the city centre and the CCS 2024-30 had introduced a range of new measures to support this, as detailed in the report;

(3) that to directly target the issue of poor quality public realm out-with funded programmes such as the Avenues and Bus Partnership projects, a more innovative approach was required to enable a relatively rapid response to

smaller-scale but higher-impact streetscape issues and it was proposed that a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project be developed;

(4) of the scope of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be trialled as a 1 year pilot with a total of £400,000 of funding which would comprise of £200,000 from the CCS capital funding and it was proposed that the remaining £200,000 be met from Developer contributions generated through the planning process for the maintenance and provision of public realm generated in the city centre;

(5) that the pilot project would be co-ordinated by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) City Centre Regeneration Group with the support of NRS Roads Operations who would manage the implementation of all improvements whether undertaken by internal services or external contractors, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ms Jane Laiola, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the presentation;

(ii) the development of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be delivered as a 1 year pilot from January 2025; and

(iii) that a progress report would be submitted to this committee at the end of the pilot on outcomes and next steps; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be trialled as a 1 year pilot.

City Deal Avenues programme - Progress noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 24th October 2024 (page 32 hereof) approving a Revision 10 Programme for the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, inclusive of additional Infrastructure Grant Funds identified for inflationary pressures, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the City Deal funded Avenues programme, advising

(1) that the Glasgow City Region City Deal was investing approximately £115m within Glasgow city centre to deliver the Enabling Infrastructure Integrated Public Realm programme also and that in addition to this the Council had secured an additional £21m of funding from SUSTRANS to enable the delivery of an additional 4 Avenues projects, known as the Avenues Plus Project;

(2) that as part of the Revision 10 Programme for the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, a number of Avenues projects had had reduced funding, which resulted in several of the Avenues projects being placed on a deferred list and whlist these streets would not see construction activity progressed as part of the current programme, other funding opportunites were continually being explored;

(3) of the progress of the 5 blocks of activity within the City Centre Avenues programme; and

(4) of the extensive public engagement which had been undertaken for the City Centre Avenues programme and the future engagement that would take place.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ms Jane Laiola, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee noted

(a) the report and presentation;

(b) the progress of the City Centre Avenues programme; and

(c) that further reports on the progress of the City Centre Avenues programme would be submitted annually.

Glasgow's Affordable Warmth programme - Delivery of 2023/24 and 2024/25 programmes noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding projects delivered through Glasgow's Affordable Warmth programme which delivered energy efficiency measures to owner-occupied and private landlord properties funded through the Scottish Government's Energy Efficient Scotland programme: Area-Based Schemes (EES:ABS) funding during 2023/24 and 2024/25, advising

(1) that the EES:ABS was an area-based approach to deliver energy efficient measures, mainly external wall insulation, to owner-occupied and private landlord properties, which was supported by funding from the Scottish Government and delivered by local authorities;

(2) that projects had been identified by the Council through analysing data such as house construction type, profiling by area and reviewing previous measures undertaken and this enabled viable projects, which met the criteria outlined in the Scottish Government's guidance to be developed at a scale;

(3) of Glasgow's EES:ABS 2023/24 programme out-turn;

(4) of the issues and challenges in delivering the Glasgow's Affordable Warmth Programme and highlighting the key additional activities which had been

undertaken, or were in progress to accelerate delivery of the programme, increase the number of eligible households choosing to participate, maximise the draw down of available funding, and address some of the challenges, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the City Administration Committee on 6th June 2024 (Print 2, page 44) had accepted the Scottish Government's "Offer of Grant" of £6,845,491 from the Heat in Buildings: Area Based Schemes Programme 2024/25 and that all projects were required to be completed by 31st May 2025, with final drawdown of funding being submitted before 27th June 2025;

(6) that the project areas had the capacity to spend the 2024/25 allocation of £6,845,491, however this was dependent on the participation of owners in the scheme during the 2024/25 programme period and the ability for contractors to progress works on site;

(7) that work was currently on site at Kempsthorn (Pollok), Craigend (Easterhouse), Barmulloch and Balornock (Swedish timbers and BISF houses pilot) areas and was scheduled for delivery during 2024/25 and that officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability were working with the Corporate Procurement Unit to prepare tender documentation for projects at Househillmuir (Pollok), Cleeves Road (Priesthill) and Penilee; and

(8) of the work going forward for the delivery of Glasgow's Affordable Warmth Programme of works for 2024/25.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the projects delivered through Glasgow's Affordable Warmth Programme during 2023/24; and

(b) Glasgow's Affordable Warmth Programme of works for 2024/25.

Glasgow Transport Strategy - Delivery focus areas noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress on the delivery of key transport focus areas for the Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), advising

(1) that the City Administration Committee on 10th March 2022 (Print 7, page 509) had approved the GTS which was the Council's overarching policy document on transport issues and aimed to guide and inform decision-making regarding transport in the city and that all local authorities in Scotland were expected to produce and regularly update their GTS;

(2) of the key outputs that had been developed as part of, and to inform, the GTS; and

(3) that the delivery focus areas for the GTS broadly represented a range of activity underway and planned by the Council and demonstrated that much progress was being made against each of the listed work categories with the Council having a significant programme of work to focus on up to 2027.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mr Chris Paterson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the report and presentation; and

(ii) the progress on the delivery of key transport focus areas for the Glasgow Transport Strategy; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of the delivery focus areas for the Glasgow Transport Strategy.

City Development Plan 2 – Gate Check, Development Plan Scheme and proposed plan noted – Deputation noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the production of City Development Plan (CDP) 2 and the Development Plan Scheme for 2024, advising

(1) that the current CDP had been adopted in 2017 and work had commenced in 2023 on producing CDP2 which was anticipated to be adopted in 2027, depending on external factors;

(2) that a new Planning Act introduced in 2019 altered the position on many aspects of the various planning procedures including the preparation of a new CDP and the Scottish Government had set out the requirements for Local Development Plans, as detailed in the report;

(3) that the City Administration Committee on 6th June 2024 (Print 2, page 41) had approved the CDP2 Evidence Report and the Report of Engagement and their submission to Scottish Ministers for the Gatecheck process and the Gateway Decision by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals on 19th September 2024 had requested that the Reporter be provided with further information and clarification on a number of matters;

(4) that the Council was required to publish an annual Development Plan Scheme to ensure that communities and stakeholders were aware of the process and a storymap version had been created to sit as a live, visual document that could form the basis for future communication and interaction with the plan process;

(5) of the key stages in the Development Plan process;

(6) that the timetable for the production of the CDP2 had been amended to reflect the additional work and additional edits required to update the Development Plan Scheme for 2024, as detailed in the report;

(7) that as part of the preparatory stages for the development plan, a Call for Ideas and Sites had commenced from 2nd September to 11th November 2024 to inform the contents of the CDP2 and a range of activities, as detailed in the report had been completed to publicise the launch; and

(8) that were a number of policy areas where decisions would be required as to the final policy content of the CDP2 and these would be made taking into account the Evidence Report, following the Gatecheck process, the Call for Ideas and Sites, ongoing collaboration working with stakeholders in line with the Development Plan Scheme Participation Statement and through discussion with the City Development Plan Working Group.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Ms Alison Laurence, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and, in terms of Standing Order No 10, a deputation by Ms Bianco Lopez, Chair of the Living Rent Glasgow in relation to the implementation of the National Planning Framework 4, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the presentation;

(ii) the deputation by Ms Lopez; and

(iii) the report and the updated Development Plan Scheme for 2024;

(b) agreed to refer the Development Plan Scheme, subject to minor amendment to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter for publication on the Council's website; and

(c) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to report back to this committee on the implementation of the National Planning Framework 4 since February 2023.

Councillor Campbell noted his interest in this matter.

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee – Annual Assessment noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Bailie Martha Wardrop, Chair of this committee regarding an annual assessment of the work of the committee,

(1) advising that

(a) Council Standing Order No 32 required that an annual assessment of the work of each City Policy Committee should be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the working of the committee and to assess any training needs of members and officers, with the assessment being carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2 and an independent assessment being carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter; and

(b) this committee was established in May 2022 following the Local Government Elections with its Terms of Reference having been approved by Council on 19th May 2022 (Print 1, page 23); and

(2) highlighting

(a) that workplans for the committee had been agreed on 15th August 2023 (Print 3, page 47), 23rd January 2024 (Print 6, page 37) and 20th August 2024 (Print 3, page 97);

(b) that all members had been invited to input into the workplans with the focus being on reports which reviewed, revised or created new policies and on considering reports for information or update;

(c) that to date 46 items had been considered by committee, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(d) the development needs of members, training updates and of workshops undertaken by members; and

(e) the effectiveness of the working of the committee including the committee's notable achievements, together with the supported presentation of 12 reports to the City Administration Committee for approval, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the annual assessment of the work of the committee.

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 21st November 2024.

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present: Graham Campbell (Chair), Lord Provost (substitute for Malcolm Mitchell), Blair Anderson, Eva Bolander (substitute for Fyeza Ikhlaq), Stephen Curran, Stephen Dornan, Fiona Higgins, Lilith Johnstone, Norman MacLeod (substitute for Zen Ghani), Jill Pidgeon and Roza Salih (substitute for Susan Aitken), Catherine Vallis and David McIlmoyle and Karen Ross.

Also present: Christina Cannon.

Apologies: Susan Aitken, Zen Ghani, Fyeza Ikhlaq and Malcolm Mitchell and Alison McIntyre.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; and F Ross (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25 noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25, as detailed in the appendices to the report, advising that

(1) regional improvement collaboratives had been established as part of a joint agreement between the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in 2017 and that their purpose was to bring about improvement across a regional area through better co-operation between peers, schools and local authorities;

(2) the West Partnership was the largest collaborative and included Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council;

(3) the West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25 had been approved by the Glasgow City Region Education Committee on 17th September 2024 but also required to be submitted to each individual Council for noting as legal responsibility for education remained with each local authority; and

(4) in November 2023, the Scottish Government had announced that it would no longer fund regional improvement collaboratives but given the strong impact

of partnership working, it was the intention of the West Partnership to continue to collaborate beyond 2025 and to jointly resource some region wide improvement actions.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the West Partnership Evaluation Report 2023/24 and West Partnership Improvement Plan 2024/25.

Activities to support development of equalities agenda across Education Services – Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 22nd August 2024 (Print 3, page 104) noting an update on activities to support the development of the equalities agenda across Education Services, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing a further update regarding the matter, advising

(1) that the update focussed on equalities work in relation to race and anti-racism, supporting inclusive practice and challenging disability discrimination;

(2) that whilst many of the work headings in the report related to individual protected characteristics, the outcome of many of the activities were often intersectional;

(3) of the work being undertaken in relation to the following, as detailed in the report:-

(a) Race and Anti-racism;

(b) Inclusive Practice/Disability Discrimination;

(c) Additional Support for Learning - Digital and Assistive Technology; and

(d) Additional Support for Learning - Pupil Voice; and

(4) of ongoing work in relation to the planning of Equality Impact Assessment Training for a pilot group of headteachers and that once the pilot had been completed and evaluated, it was intended to extend the training offer wider.

English as an Additional Language Service – Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 20th April 2023 (Print 1, page 63) noting progress in taking forward thematic review actions within the English as an Additional Language (EAL) Service, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing an update on progress within the EAL Service, advising

(1) that in Glasgow, 30.2% of the school population had a home language which was not English, Scots or Gaelic, with those officially recorded as having English as an additional language being 26.2%;

(2) of various statistical information in relation EAL learners, as detailed in the report, and highlighting that across Glasgow schools, 160 different languages were spoken with the 5 main languages spoken after English being Urdu, Arabic, Polish, Punjabi and Chinese (Modern Standard, Mandarin);

(3) that as part of Education Services' ongoing self-evaluation, a thematic review of the EAL Service had been published in January 2020, which had focused on improving learning, wellbeing and equity for learners with English as an additional language;

(4) of progress in relation to the following agreed aspects for development in relation to the thematic review:-

(a) review the roles, remits, responsibilities and professional learning needs across the service in order to build capacity across the city;

(b) use data more effectively to focus on planning and impact of service delivery;

(c) consistently deliver high quality professional learning for staff across all establishments; and

(d) embed support similar to the approach taken in the development of the Nurturing City and Glasgow's Improvement Challenge;

(5) of a review of the overseas enrolment processes across the city, which had been part of the follow up to the thematic review; and

(6) of the next steps.

School attendance and exclusions data 2023/24 noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing detailed statistics on school attendance and exclusions for the academic year 2023/24, advising

(1) that the data for 2023/24 had been calculated using information collected in the summer of 2024 from all primary, secondary and Additional Support for Learning schools in Glasgow;

(2) that schools had not closed during sessions 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, attendance of both pupils and staff continued to be affected;

(3) of various information on school attendance data, as detailed in the report, and highlighting that the data for 2019/20 and 2020/21 could not be used for comparison purposes due to the impact of school closures throughout those 2 years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(4) that over the last 5 years there had been an improvement in attendance in primary schools but a continued decline for secondary schools and that all schools across the city had been working hard to improve attendance, working with third sector partners and families to stress the importance of education and consistent attendance at school;

(5) of information on the spread of the attendance data in relation to both primary and secondary attendance over the last 5 years and of a comparison with national data which was published by the Scottish Government every 2 years, as detailed in the report;

(6) of various information with regards to exclusions, as detailed in the report, and highlighting that overall exclusion incidents broadly remained the same in 2023/24 with the number of incidents broadly equivalent to session 2019/20; and

(7) that on a school by school basis, there was a need to work with staff, parents and young people to explore the causes of exclusion and the ways in which schools could avoid using this option.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that the data for 2019/20 and 2020/21 could not be directly compared due to the school closures which had taken place in both years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scottish Qualifications Authority Awards 2023/24 – Attainment performance noted etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing information on the attainment performance of pupils in the senior phase in relation to the Scottish Qualifications Authority Awards 2023/24, advising

(1) that Insight was the analytical tool available for all schools across Scotland and that a number of new indicators had been included which allowed attainment data at school level and at city level to be viewed in different ways;

(2) that most of the data presented on Insight was single year data but that this report had used data taken from Insight and presented it in ways which showed year-on-year progression, which was critical for performance analysis;

(3) that the analysis had been based on cumulative data by the end of S5 and S6 over the last 5 years but that it would be inappropriate to draw significant conclusions from trends which included 2020 and 2021 data as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(4) of Glasgow's performance against its virtual comparator and national figures using various filters, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the full Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and the positive outcomes for young people across the city and the focus on improving further.

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 26th November 2024.

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee.

Present: Elaine McSporran (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Holly Bruce, Anthony Carroll, John Carson, Stephen Curran, Stephen Docherty, Allan Gow, Greg Hepburn, Kevin Lalley, Paul McCabe and Franny Scally.

Also present: Laura Doherty, Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar and Mr Martin Raymond, Managing Director, British Toilet Association.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); J O'Hagan, Director of Service Delivery, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Glasgow's Public Toilet Strategy – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

1 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 26th October 2023 (Print 5, page 21) approving a motion regarding the development of a public toilet strategy within the next 12 months, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

(1) of the actions that had been agreed as part of the Council motion, together with a summary of how the actions were being responded to;

(2) of the importance of public toilet services and highlighting that there was an opportunity for the Council's public toilet services to promote improved health, social inclusion and economic value to the city;

(3) of a summary of the planning context in relation to public toilet services and of the current public toilet model, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the preparation of a 6-week consultation exercise in relation to public toilets, which would be published online and advising of the key stakeholder groups who would be consulted as part of the consultation and that its key findings would be published within the finalised public toilet strategy report;

(5) that it was recognised that there was a need to engage with external experts to support the development of the strategy and the British Toilet Association (BTA) had been selected as a partner to develop the strategy due to its experience in providing similar services to other local authorities and a working group comprising officers from across the Council family and external organisations had been established to support the BTA, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of a summary of the current budget position in relation to the provision of public toilets, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the progress report and supported the approach taken in developing Glasgow's Public Toilet Strategy which would be submitted to this committee on 18th March 2025 for consideration; and

(b) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to

(i) consider amending the questionnaire on public toilets to ensure that it could not be perceived as being too focussed on the city centre; and

(ii) look at whether or not the option of "Atheist" could be included within the questionnaire on public toilets in relation to the question on current religion, denomination, body or faith.

Roads Infrastructure Annual Status and Options Report 2024 noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the status of Glasgow's roads infrastructure, together with investment requirements and scenarios, advising

(1) that the Council was responsible for the operation and maintenance of a significant road network and associated infrastructure and the effective management of this asset was of vital importance as the transport of people and goods was essential to the economic and social wellbeing of the city and its citizens;

(2) that as part of the management of the roads infrastructure, an annual review had been undertaken in line with the national best practice produced by the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland;

(3) that the Annual Status and Options Report, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, set out the condition of the city's road related assets and provided a means of identifying and prioritising the overall funding needs of each of the asset categories;

(4) that the cost of replacing all road infrastructure assets was currently estimated at £4.57bn and the level of investment required to maintain the roads infrastructure in its current condition was estimated at £31.4m per year, which equated to an annual investment of 0.69% of the total asset value;

(5) of a summary of the current condition indicators and preferred investment options for each of the main asset categories, as detailed in the report, including information on carbon reduction benefits in relation to several investment options and initiatives and on climate adaptations; and

(6) of the issues and investment options and that the Annual Status and Options Report 2024 would feed into the Council's budget setting process and programme monitoring.

Our Dear Green Place – A vision for Glasgow's Parks and Greenspaces – Progress noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee of 2nd February 2021 (Print 4, page 230) noting the outcomes to date for Our Dear Green Place – a vision for Glasgow's parks and greenspaces, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of the Parks and Greenspaces Vision and the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund, advising

(1) of the background to the development of the vision and the subsequent approval of various related strategies, including the Open Space Strategy, the Ecological and Climate Emergencies and the Food Growing Strategy;

(2) that the actions of the Parks and Greenspaces Vision had been delivered by a range of services within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability with input across a wide range of stakeholders, including Friends of Groups, local schools and community groups and organisations such as the Conservation Volunteers;

(3) of the key achievements from the actions associated with the Parks and Greenspaces Vision;

(4) that as part of the Scottish Government's commitment to play, the Council had been allocated £1,542,000 of funding for 2024/25 from the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund, as detailed in the report;

(5) of engagement with the Glasgow Schools Forum in relation to the Glasgow Play Sufficiency Assessment, as detailed in the report;

(6) of the Council's approach to delivering Child Poverty, with the goal of strategic alignment which places eradicating family poverty and there had been an opportunity to align the Council's data for play area investment against that held in relation to Child Poverty, which ensured that the play areas serving higher numbers of children in poverty were prioritised and refurbished first; and

(7) of the programmed delivery for play areas and park pilot projects.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the outcomes to date for Our Dear Green Place–a vision for Glasgow's parks and greenspaces;

(b) the updated consultation methodology for the roll-out of the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund;

(c) the order of delivery of individual projects to reflect the approach to Child Poverty; and

(d) the initiatives currently being developed to enhance the parks estate.

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee – Annual Assessment noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Councillor Elaine McSporran, Chair of this committee regarding an annual assessment of the work of the committee,

(1) advising that

(a) Council Standing Order No 32 required that an annual assessment of the work of each City Policy Committee should be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the working of the committee and to assess any training needs of members and officers, with the assessment being carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2 and an independent assessment being carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter; and

(b) this committee was established in May 2022 following the Local Government Elections with its Terms of Reference having been approved by Council on 19th May 2022 (Print 1, page 23); and

(2) highlighting

(a) that workplans for the committee had been agreed on 22nd August 2023 (Print 3, page 59), 30th January 2024 (Print 6, page 49) and 27th August 2024 (Print 3, page107);

(b) that all members had been invited to input into the workplans with the focus being on reports which reviewed, revised or created new policies and on considering reports for information or update;

(c) that the cancelled visit to the Glasgow Recycling and Renewable Centre would be re-arranged in 2025 and a visit to the areas where the bin hubs were being implemented would also be arranged;

(d) that to date 33 items had been considered by committee, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(e) the development needs of members and training updates; and

(f) the effectiveness of the working of the committee including the committee's notable achievements together with the supported presentation of 3 reports to the City Administration Committee for approval, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the annual assessment of the work of the committee.

NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 12th November 2024.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present:	Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Christina Cannon, Chris Cunningham, Stephen Docherty, Rashid Hussain, Malcolm Mitchell, Robert Mooney and Eva Murray.
Also present:	Angus Millar.
Attending:	M Hughes (Clerk); G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Glasgow Tree Plan – Update noted etc – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

1 With reference to the minutes of 7th November 2023 (Print 5, page 66) noting the progress towards the development of a Forestry and Woodland Strategy and the Glasgow Tree Plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the actions to deliver the Glasgow Tree Plan, advising

(1) that the Tree Plan contributed to the development of the Forestry and Woodland Strategy, the city's Climate Plan and sought to build on activity being taken across the operational estate to deliver increased canopy cover across the city;

(2) of the approval of the Forestry and Woodland Strategy by the City Administration Committee on 6th June 2024 (Print 2, page 45), which was the primary policy document relating to woodland and tree planting in the city;

(3) of the numbers of trees planted from 2018/19 to 2023/24 in conjunction with partner organisations and volunteers, as detailed in the report;

(4) of various specific initiatives in support of the delivery of the Tree Plan and of funding considerations, as detailed in the report, including a proposal for grant funding of Green Action Trust to deliver works at Cadder, Hapland Road and Cathkin Quarry;

(5) of sites identified as potentially suitable for tree and woodland planting over the 10-year period of the Tree Plan and of a summary of actions taken in 2022/23 and 2023/24 and of those planned for 2024/25, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and

(6) of the 20 high level actions being taken towards increasing the tree canopy cover across the city and of the next steps. as detailed in the report.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Rachel Smith, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the potential that tree and woodland planting across the operational estate had to contribute towards increased canopy cover, the Forestry and Woodland Strategy and the city's Glasgow Climate Plan;

(ii) the operational delivery of trees planted during 2022/23 and 2023/24 and that planned for winter 2024/25; and

(iii) progress made as a result of a short life working group, with representatives from across Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability brought together to take forward opportunities such as the Cite Centre Planter and Individual Giving Projects; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee, consideration of the grant funding of Green Action Trust to deliver works in support of the Tree Plan at Cadder, Hapland Road and Cathin Quarry.

Public bodies duties on climate change – 2023/24 annual report noted etc.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Council's 2023/24 annual report on action taken to combat climate change, advising

(1) that between 2009 and 2015, all local authorities had signed up to the Scottish Climate Change Declaration and submitted a voluntary annual report to the Scottish Government via the Sustainable Scotland Network;

(2) that in 2016, it had become mandatory for all public sector bodies to provide an annual report on their actions in support of the Scottish Government's public bodies climate change duties, in terms of Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(3) that the mandatory report aimed to encourage continuous improvement and enabled consistent information to be collected across public sector organisations;

(4) of the 2023/24 annual report in response to public bodies duties, in terms of Part 4 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, which provided

(a) detail on how Glasgow's climate mitigation action was progressing and how the city was adapting to the challenge of local climate impacts brought about by global climate change; and

(b) updates on key action taken by the Council to reduce emissions from its own estate, efforts to make the Council's procurement activity more sustainable and of work to support a reduction in city wide carbon emissions; and

(5) of the report findings and of the next steps to ensure submission of the annual report by 30th November 20224.

Net Zero Routemap noted etc – Reference to City Administration Committee, after division.

3 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 17th June 2021 (Print 3, page 174) approving Glasgow's Climate Plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Glasgow's Net Zero Routemap, advising

(1) that Glasgow's Climate Plan outlined the city's approach and strategic actions towards net zero carbon emissions, healthy biodiversity and climate resilience;

(2) that the Climate Plan included a target for the city to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030, with action 6 within the plan for the Council to develop a first of its kind Net Zero Plan for the city to achieve its net zero carbon emissions target;

(3) of background information regarding the development of the Net Zero Routemap, as detailed in the report, which provided the scientific evidence to underpin the ambition set out in the Climate Plan and established a scientific basis for scenario planning that was both rigorous and flexible;

(4) that the approach to the development and delivery of the routemap had followed a structured and inherently collaborative process and that detailed information on the key steps was provided in the Integrated Net Zero Routemap for Glasgow: Executive Summary, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

(5) that critical to the success of the work had been the approach to engagement both internally and with key external stakeholders, with a Net Zero Routemap Working Group having being established comprising of staff from every specialist area needed to input into the technical aspects of the routemap development; and

(6) of the key routemap outcomes, conclusions and of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Charlotte Wallace, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Councillor Reid-McConnell, seconded by Councillor Anderson moved that committee

(a) note the report and the next steps outlined for integration of the Routemap outcomes;

(b) acknowledge that the reduction of fossil fuels and their ultimate phase out had to underpin the city's journey to Net Zero, and that the continuous burning of fossils fuels was the main driver for the consistent global climate catastrophes we had seen and would continue to see in years to come;

(c) reaffirm its ambition and commitment to reaching Glasgow's 2030 Net Zero targets by giving its backing to the proposal from some of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty;

(d) note that the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty aims and targets were already closely aligned with existing Glasgow City Council policy and strategies, including that of prioritising a fair phase out and a just transition and therefore, committee recommends that Glasgow City Council publicly endorses the treaty, joining the voices of many others globally, and calls on the Scottish Government to do the same; and

(e) refer consideration of the endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative to the City Administration Committee.

Councillor Docherty, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment that consideration of the matter be continued and that a further report be submitted to a future meeting.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 4 members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion, with 1 abstention.

The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

Glasgow's Climate Plan and Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan - Annual Review noted etc.

4 With reference to minutes of the City Administration Committee of 17th June 2021 (Print 3, page 174) approving Glasgow's Climate Plan and of 22nd June 2022 (Print 2, page 276) approving Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising of

(1) the progress towards the City's 2030 net zero targets and the 59 actions and 5 key themes included in the Climate Plan as well as a summary of progress of the actions included in the Adaptation Plan, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

(2) Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan which included 50 actions across 13 key interventions, highlighting the status for each action, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report;

(3) a summary of key highlights achieved in implementing the Climate Plan in the last year broadly split into the Climate Plan Themes, as detailed in appendix 3 to the report;

(4) a summary of key highlights achieved in implementing the Adaptation Plan in the last year, as detailed in appendix 4 to the report; and

(5) the key challenges in delivery of the Climate Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan, as detailed in appendix 5 to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the progress regarding Glasgow's Climate Plan and Glasgow's Climate Adaptation Plan; and

(b) that a further update would be submitted to this committee in 12 months.

Just Transition Implementation Plan – Annual update noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 27th February 2024 (Print 7, page 66) noting the Just Transition Working Group's Implementation Plan and proposals for reporting back on progress, there was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth, advising

(1) of the actions which had been undertaken by the Council family services and partners in support of each of the 18 recommendations made by the Just Transition Working Group;

(2) of progress towards the implementation plan which had both sought to influence policies as well as determine where a more applied focus needed to be placed and additional work undertaken;

(3) that a significant priority had been on engagement with Glaswegian communities to gauge their own sense of what a just transition looked like and to support their own agency in determining how a just future would be brought about;

(4) that the jobs and skills agenda had a clear and strong significance in ensuring a just transition and giving a tangible sense of the benefits of a greener economy and as such an update on the Just Transition Skills Action Plan be submitted to a future meeting; and

(5) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the update on the implementation plan for the Just Transition Working Group's recommendations; and

(b) that an update report on the Just Transition Skills Action Plan would be submitted to a future meeting.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee – Annual Assessment noted etc.

6 There was submitted a report by Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Chair of this committee regarding an annual assessment of the work of the committee,

(1) advising that

(a) Council Standing Order No 32 required that an annual assessment of the work of each City Policy Committee should be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the working of the committee and to assess any training needs of members and officers, with the assessment being carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2 and an independent assessment being carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter; and

(b) this committee was established in May 2022 following the Local Government Elections with its Terms of Reference having been approved by Council on 19th May 2022 (Print 1, page 23); and

(2) highlighting

(a) that workplans for the committee had been agreed on 8th August 2023 (Print 3, page 65), 16th January 2024 (Print 6, page 53) and 13th August 2024 (Print 3, page 111);

(b) that all members had been invited to input into the workplans with the focus being on reports which reviewed, revised or created new policies and on considering reports for information or update;

(c) that to date 41 items had been considered by committee, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(d) the development needs of members, training updates and a proposal that members take or refresh their climate literacy training; and

(e) the effectiveness of the working of the committee including the committee's notable achievements together with the supported presentation of 8 reports to the City Administration Committee for approval, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted the annual assessment of the work of the committee; and

(ii) requested members to take or refresh their climate literacy training.

WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 14th November 2024.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Linda Pike (Chair), Holly Bruce, Annette Christie, Fiona Higgins, Seonad Hoy, Angus Millar, Robert Mooney, Margaret Morgan, Eva Murray and Roza Salih and Martina Johnston-Gray.

Apology: John Carson.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; K Gaffney (for the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and K Garrett and A Olney (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee annual assessment noted - Request to Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

1 There was submitted a report by Bailie Linda Pike, Chair of this committee regarding an annual assessment of the work of the committee,

(1) advising that Council Standing Order No 32 (8) required that an annual assessment of the work of each City Policy Committee should be carried out each year to assess the effectiveness of the working of the committee and to assess any training needs of members and officers and the effectiveness of the implementation of agreed policies; and

(2) highlighting

(a) that the committee's work programme had been agreed on 18th January 2024 (Print 6, page 62) and anticipated that an updated work programme would be submitted to committee on 23rd January 2025;

(b) the committee's contribution to the development of Council policy, as detailed in the report and that a Public Petitions Working Group had been established to review the Council's petitions process and of the recommendations and actions that had been agreed on 29th February 2024 (Print 7, page 74);

(c) the effectiveness of the committee that had worked constructively on a cross-party basis, demonstrating a wide understanding of the business of the committee in the past 12 months;

(d) the valued input by appointed Co-optees over the past 12 months, providing the Committee with the desired relevant external expertise, knowledge and experience;

(e) members' mandatory and non-mandatory training sessions; and

(f) that next year an independent assessment would be carried out.

After consideration, the committee

(i) noted

(A) the year 2 annual assessment;

(B) that members would take or refresh their Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) training, if they had not done so since May 2023; and

(C) that members would take or refresh their Public Processions training, if they had not done so since May 2023, within the next 6 months; and

(ii) requested that the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance explore the possibility of voluntary Public Processions training to be made mandatory for those members of this committee.

Chief Social Work Officer annual report 2023/24 noted.

2 There was submitted and noted report by the Glasgow City Interim Chief Social Work Officer, regarding the annual report for the year 2023/24, advising

(1) of the role of the Chief Social Work Officer and that the Scottish Government had preserved the statutory role of the Chief Social Work Officer within the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014;

(2) that the overall objective of the post was to ensure the provision of effective, professional advice to local authorities in relation to the provision of Social Work Services and to ensure the delivery of safe, effective and innovative practice;

(3) of the governance and accountability arrangements where Social Work Services was engaged in a number of strategic partnerships to support the development and delivery of effective services across Glasgow and also the work of the Social Work Professional Governance Board, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(4) of the service quality and performance/challenges and improvements across the city, as detailed in the report;

(5) that the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board (IJB) delivered a range of services to its citizens and operated in an increasingly challenging

environment with funding not keeping pace with increased demand for services and that the increased costs linked to delivery, in addition to a range of pressures and uncertainties had contributed to this challenging environment and that the next 3 years would be the greatest financial challenge for the IJB since its inception;

(6) of a breakdown of the workforce by service area, the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan 2022-25 and Action Plan update, the workforce challenges, training, learning and development; and

(7) that the annual report had been submitted to the Scottish Government.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership - Annual Business Plan 2024 noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), regarding the Annual Business Plan 2024 for the Glasgow City HSCP, which provided an overview of the partnership's priorities for 2024 and the resources available to deliver those priorities, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

Glasgow's Physical Activity and Sports Strategy 2025-35 - Progress noted - Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a programme to develop Glasgow's Physical Activity and Sports Strategy 2025-35, advising

(1) that as a result of the city hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games there had been significant changes in the city and lives of its citizens that had been recognised and that a new strategy would be developed to identify the priorities for physical activity and sport which would contribute to addressing the city's wider priorities;

(2) that a Glasgow Physical and Sport Strategy Working and Steering Group had been created to support the development of the strategy and build the will to work collectively in its delivery and that initial work had focused on desk research that included a review of data and evidence of 28 city and major relevant strategy/policy/plans linked to physical activity identified by the working group, as detailed in an appendix to the report;

(3) of the stakeholder engagement process that involved a 'deep dive' into the local physical activity and sport 'system' in the city, assessing existing actions (policy and practice) against the evidence that worked to increase population levels of physical activity and reduce inactivity;

(4) of the public engagement and consultation process and its findings; and

(5) that the draft strategy would be submitted to Glasgow Life's Board in November 2024, to the City Administration Committee for approval and thereafter to the Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board in early 2025.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the current activity and timescales to deliver the Glasgow Physical Activity and Sport Strategy 2025-35; and

(b) agreed to recommend to the City Administration Committee approval of Glasgow's Physical Activity and Sport Strategy 2025-35.

Human rights due diligence in procurement - Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

5 With reference to the minutes of Glasgow City Council of 28th March 2024 (Print 1, page 24) approving a motion in relation to 'Solidarity with Palestine', there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the result of an initial assessment of currently procured Council contracts with reference to businesses operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the actions that could be taken as part of the human rights due diligence process in the procurement of public contracts to be awarded by the Council, advising

(1) that since the approval of the motion, officers within Legal Services and the Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) had carried out work to determine what measures could lawfully be taken in order to respond to the terms of the motion in relation to the Council's procurement practices;

(2) that the initial assessment of currently procured Council contracts had found that the Council did not have a currently procured contract with any of the organisations shown on the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights' database of business enterprises in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territories but that it was intended to maintain dialogue with the Scottish Government regarding the organisations listed on the database and to monitor any changes to the list;

(3) of the relevant legislation and statutory guidance applicable to the Council when making procurement decisions in relation to the potential exclusion of bidders or termination of contracts, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that to enable the Council to obtain evidence of best practice in relation to human rights, it was entitled to ask questions and request information from potential bidders about their conduct regarding human rights and on that basis the CPU and the Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP's) Commissioning Team were developing a Professional Integrity Certificate (PIC) which bidders applying for the award of a Council contract would be required to complete, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee recommended to the City Administration Committee that it

(a) approve the

(i) adaptation of a PIC to include assurances that bidders for Council procured contracts

(A) did not exploit assets in the Occupied Palestinian Territories or any other illegal settlement in the world;

(B) complied with all international humanitarian obligations in accordance with international law; and

(C) gave similar assurances regarding their supply chain; and

(ii) issue of the PIC to all existing suppliers with whom the Council had a procured contract; and

(b) agree that the Council's CPU and HSCP's Commissioning Team

(i) continued to follow the Scottish Government's Scottish Procurement Policy Note 4/2014 guidance, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) maintained dialogue with the Scottish Government regarding the organisations listed on the UN database of business enterprises operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and monitor any changes to the list.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 7th November 2024.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present: Franny Scally (Chair), Ken Andrew, Philip Braat, John Carson (substitute for Kevin Lalley), Stephen Curran, Greg Hepburn (subsitute for Laura Doherty), Seonad Hoy, Dan Hutchison, Ruairi Kelly, Paul Leinster (subsitute for Fyeza Ikhlaq), Elaine McSporran, Thomas Rannachan and James Scanlon.

Apologies: Laura Doherty, Fyeza Ikhlaq and Kevin Lalley.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); G Stewart (for the Director of Legal and Administration); D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Response to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administation providing a response to the questions raised at the meeting of this committee on 10th October 2024.

Former site at Howford Primary School and school house at 487 Crookston Road (Ward 3) – Disposal approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals by City Property (Glasgow) LLP in relation to the disposal of the site of the former Howford Primary School and school house at 487 Crookston Road (Ward 3) advising

(1) that the subject comprised the site of the former Howford Primary School and school house, as detailed in an appendix to the report, had been declared surplus on 30th March 2019 and 23rd October 2019 respectively, and that both buildings had been subject to emergency demolition following fires that had left the site cleared;

(2) that Bellway Homes Limited proposed to build a residential development of up to 57 units; and

(3) of the terms and conditions of the proposed sale.

After consideration, the committee approved the disposal of the site at the former Howford Primary School and school house at 478 Crookston Road to Bellway Homes Limited, subject to the terms and conditions, as detailed in the report.

Linn Park Adventure Playground, 145 Netherlee Road (Ward 1) - Sub-lease and lease approved etc – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability in consulatation with Director of Legal and Administration – Dissent.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a sub-lease and lease at Linn Park Adventure Playground, 145 Netherlee Road (Ward 1), advising

(1) that Glasgow Life had a 25-year lease at the subject site, as detailed in an appendix to the report, which required landlord approval in writing to grant consent for a sub-lease and that this lease would come to an end in 2032;

(2) that Scotland Yard Adventure Centre (The Yard) supported disabled children, young people and their families through adventure play and wished to secure a 20-year lease of Linn Park Adventure Playground; and

(3) of the provisonally agreed terms and conditions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, Bailie Scalon dissenting, the committee

(a) approved

(i) the Council permitting Glasgow Life to grant a sub-lease at Linn Park Adventure Playground, 145 Netherlee Road to Scotland Yard Adventure Centre (The Yard); and

(ii) the Council granting a lease at Linn Park Adventure Playground, 145 Netherlee Road to Scotland Yard Adventure Centre (The Yard) when Glasgow Life's lease expired; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in consulatation with the Director of Legal and Administration to conclude all other matter pertaining to the lease agreements.

Provision of consultancy services - Citywide mandatory 20 miles per hour implementation – Award of contract approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of consultancy services for citywide mandatory 20 miles per hour implementation, advising

(1) that the Council's budget for the provision of consultancy services for citywide mandatory 20 miles per hour implementation was £525,000, which had been secured by funding from Transport Scotland;

(2) that the initial duration of the contract was 18 months commencing November 2024 and would cover the next stages of the implementation process, building

upon the initial Roads Assessment phase of work completed in March 2024, and would focus on the phased delivery plan for rolling out new 20 miles per hour zones across the city; and

(3) of a summary of the framework supplier evaluation scores and rankings, as detailed in an appendix to the report, and that the supplier Stantec UK Limited had been identified and recommended for the award.

After consideration the committee approved the award of the contract for the provision of consultancy services for citywide mandatory 20 miles per hour implementation to Stantec UK Limited.

CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 28th November 2024.

Contracts and Property Committee.

Present:	Franny Scally (Chair), Ken Andrew, Philip Braat, Laura Doherty, Sean Ferguson (substitute for Elaine McSporran), Sharon Greer (substitute for Kevin Lalley), Seonad Hoy, Dan Hutchison, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Ruairi Kelly and Thomas Rannachan.
Also present:	Jacqueline McLaren.
Apologies:	Kevin Lalley, Elaine McSporran and James Scanlon.
Attending:	L Sclater (Clerk); D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; G Stewart (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Goverance).

Contracts approved in terms of Scheme of Delegated Functions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing contracts approved, in terms of the Scheme of Delegated Functions, during the period from 1st July to 30th September 2024, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

Collection and treatment of commingled food and garden waste - Award of contract approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an open tender process via UK Find a Tender Service and Public Contracts Scotland for the collection and treatment of commingled food and garden waste, advising that

(1) the current annual budget for the collection and treatment of commingled food and garden waste was £2,115,000;

(2) the contract would contribute towards the Council’s commitment to increasing the level of recycling in the city and driving waste products away from landfill and energy recovery; and

(3) the contract, to be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, would be for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend for a further period of up to 12 months, commencing on 16th December 2024.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract to Ryedale Organics Limited, at a total estimated annual cost of £1,560,000.

Provision of bus shelter cleaning, maintenance, repair and advertising services - Award of contract approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an open tender process via UK Find a Tender Service and Public Contracts Scotland to appoint a concessionaire for the provision of bus shelter cleaning, maintenance, repair and advertising services, advising that

(1) the Council's portfolio consisted of 676 bus shelters, 89 non-advertising and 587 advertising;

(2) the recommended supplier would be responsible for the cleaning, maintenance and repair of all shelters within the portfolio that would include regular cleaning of the shelters and inspections of the structures and surrounding footways;

(3) the contract would be a service concession contract undertaken between the Council and an economic operator and as a result, the Council would not incur any costs and would receive guaranteed revenue from the appointed concessionaire over the duration of the contract based on the existing portfolio; and

(4) the contract, to be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, would be for a period of 10 years, with the option to extend for a further period of up to 5 years, commencing on 3rd January 2025.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract to Clear Channel UK Limited.

Provision of construction works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan (Ward 10) public realm - Award of contract approved.

4 There was submitted a report by Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of construction works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan (Ward 10) public realm, via a mini-competition through the Council's Civil and Infrastructure Framework, advising that

(1) the Council's budget for the provision of works for Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan public realm was £6.5m and was fully funded by Sustrans;

(2) the contract, to be utilised by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, would be for a period of 71 weeks from the date of award and was due to commence around 17th February 2025; and

(3) of the 10 contractors who had been invited to participate in the mini-competition, 5 had submitted a bid, with 1 contractor's bid failing to meet the minimum quality threshold and following an evaluation it was recommended the contract be awarded to Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of a contract for the provision of construction works for the Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan public realm to Will Bros Civil Engineering Ltd, in the sum of £6,475,364.

Land at Kennisholm Avenue (Ward 2) - Off-market disposal approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 With reference to the minutes of 5th August 2021 (Print 3, page 205) approving the principle of an off-market disposal of land at Kennisholm Avenue (Ward 2) to Glen Oaks Housing Association Limited, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the off-market disposal to Glen Oaks Housing Association Limited,

(1) advising that the subject site comprised of 4 plots of vacant, grassed land surrounding Kennisholm Avenue, Kennishead Place, Kennishead Path and Hopeman Drive and was declared surplus in June 2021 with no notes of interest having been received; and

(2) detailing the terms and conditions.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the off-market disposal of land at Kennisholm Avenue to Glen Oaks Housing Association Limited, subject to terms and conditions outlined in the report; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to progress the disposal.

Councillor Ferguson noted his interest in this matter.

Transactions approved in terms of Scheme of Delegated Functions noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability detailing those transactions approved, in terms of the Scheme of Delegated Functions, during the period from 1st July to 30th September 2024, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

Land at Farnell Street forming part of the yard of 37-39 Farnell Street (Ward 11) - Off-market disposal approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 With reference to the minutes of 1st February 2024 (Print 6, page 69) approving the principle of an off-market disposal of land at Farnell Street forming part of the yard of 37-39 Farnell Street (Ward 11) to the adjoining owner Chan's Limited, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the off-market disposal to Chan's Limited,

(1) advising that the subject site formed part of the site occupied by Chan's Cash and Carry at 37-39 Farnell Street and was declared surplus on 11th August 2023 with no notes of interest having been received; and

(2) detailing the terms and conditions.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the off-market disposal of land at Farnell Street forming part of the yard of 37-39 Farnell Street to Chan's Limited, subject to terms and conditions outlined in the report; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to progress the disposal.

Ground at Oran Gardens (Ward 15) - Off-market disposal approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 With reference to the minutes of 1st February 2024 (Print 6, page 71) approving the principle of an off-market disposal of ground at Oran Gardens (Ward 15) to Maryhill Housing Association Limited, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the off-market disposal to Maryhill Housing Association Limited,

(1) advising that the subject site comprised of a single-storey building formerly occupied by Social Work Services and was declared surplus on 21st March 2019, with no notes of interest having been received; and

(2) detailing the terms and conditions.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the off-market disposal of ground at Oran Gardens to Maryhill Housing Association Limited, subject to terms and conditions outlined in the report; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to progress the disposal.

Inclusion of additional land to off-market disposal of land at Kenmuir Road (Ward 19) – Off-market disposal approved, in principle - Instruction to Managing Director of City Property (Glasgow) LLP.

9 With reference to the minutes of 8th June 2023 (Print 2, page 70) approving the principle of an off-market disposal of land at Kenmuir Road (Ward 19) to Carmyle Developments Limited, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the disposal negotiations,

(1) advising that following the instruction to progress with disposal negotiations, initial discussions had identified that the proposed purchaser, Carmyle Developments Limited wished to acquire additional land on the site as this would assist with the planning process and would result in all areas of the site masterplan being under single ownership; and

(2) detailing, in an appendix to the report, the additional land requested by the proposed purchaser, Carmyle Developments Limited, that had been declared surplus on 16th October 2024, with no notes of interest having been received.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved in principle, to include additional areas of land for an off-market sale of land to Carmyle Developments Limited;

(b) instructed the Managing Director, City Property (Glasgow) LLP to negotiate the terms and conditions of the disposal; and

(c) noted that appropriate authority would be sought for the approval of agreed terms and conditions.

Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue (Ward 7) – Lease approved etc – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seeking authority to grant a 25-year lease of the Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue (Ward 7) to the Toryglen Community Youth Project through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme, advising

(1) that the subject site, as detailed in an appendix to the report, was a single-storey brick building that had opened in 1969 for use by the community;

(2) Glasgow Life currently held a 25-year lease of the centre comencing on 1st April 2007, and prior to its closure in 2020 as part of lockdown prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the centre had been a well-used community centre in the heart of Toryglen providing activities for a variety of groups, from children to young people, to people with disabilites to older adults and many more;

(3) following the pandemic, the centre had been re-opened on a part-time basis, with Glasgow Life indicating it had no immediate plans to open it on a full-time basis and as a result it had been made available to lease through the PMGC programme;

(4) of the background information to Toryglen Community Youth Project who had applied to lease the centre through the PMGC programme, detailing its dedication to providing recreational activities that aimed to enhance community health and well-being by offering structured activities that improved education and life skills for the community; and

(5) of the provisionally agreed terms of the contract.

After consideration, the committee

(a) approved the terms provisionally agreed for the off-market letting of Geoff Shaw Community Centre, Kerrylamont Avenue to Toryglen Community Youth Project, through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to approve a 25-year lease to Toryglen Community Youth Project, to cover the

(i) consenting of a sub-lease from Glasgow Life up to 31st March 2032;

(ii) granting of a lease beyond 31st March 2032, for the remainder of the 25-year term; and

(iii) inclusion of appropriate terms and conditions that

(A) maintained a high level of public and democratic scrutiny over the operation of the Council-owned facility;

(B) maintained close alignment with all relevant Council policies, including mechanisms for ‘keeping pace’ with future policy changes; and

(C) provided options for recourse should either of these things cease to be maintained or if any actions were taken by the leaseholder which the Council considered detrimental to its reputation or to the wider public interest.

New Scaraway Early Learning and Childcare and Community facilities (Ward 16) - Award of contract approved.

11 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the outcome of a tender process for the development of a new-build facility at Scaraway, Milton (Ward 16), advising

(1) that as part of the Scottish Government's commitment to provide 1140 hours of free statutory Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), all local authorities had been awarded pro-rata capital funding to deliver additional infrastructure to enable the provision of 1140 hours of free ELC;

(2) the Council had been awarded a total of £44.1m of capital funding to spend on such projects, with a project to develop a new-build facility at Scaraway, Milton having been allocated £5.3m as part of its new build theme;

(3) £1.4m of funding had also been secured to deliver communitiy facilities in the area as part of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, bringing a total combined budget of £6.7m to deliver the project; and

(4) of the outcome of the tender process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of contract for the construction of the New Scaraway Early Learning and Childcare and Community facilities to Hubwest Scotland, at a cost of £4,670,804.92 with an overall budget of £6.7m, as detailed in the report.

Sites identified as suitable for Glasgow's Community Renewable Energy Framework - Off-market leases approved - Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

12 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 5th September 2024 (Print 4, page 54) approving Glasgow's Community Renewable Energy Framework (CREF) 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding proposals for off-market leases of 4 vacant and derelict land sites identified as suitable for community led renewable energy projects, advising that

(1) supporting community led renewable energy projects through the CREF would help Glasgow decarbonise energy provision, meet the city's Net Zero Carbon 2030 target and empower communities to take climate action from which they could directly benefit;

(2) the People Makes Glasgow Communities Renewable (PMGCR) process had been added to the existing People Makes Glasgow Communities structure which would allow local groups and communities to express an interest in a community asset or lease for a community-led renewable energy project by means of expressing an interest in a CREF portfolio site; and

(3) 4 suitable sites had been identified, as detailed in the appendices to the report, that formed as 3 sites in Easterhouse and 1 in Milton and had been evaluated as having met the criteria for a renewable site and not required for other uses.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted that agreed terms and conditions of the off-market leases would be brought back to this committee for approval or approved under delegated powers as appropriate, depending on value; and

(b) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) to negotiate the off-market leases of 4 sites identified as suitable for the Community Renewable Energy Framework; and

(ii) in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration, to conclude all other matters pertaining to the off-market leases including all necessary legal agreements and side letters.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 23rd October 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Sean Ferguson, Eunis Jassemi, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Apology: Anthony Carroll.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; D Anderson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car driver's licence of Shakil Shami (PD30745) with immediate effect agreed.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of the private hire car driver's licence of Shakil Shami (PD30745), in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

(1) advising that

(a) following receipt of a report from People Asset Management (PAM), the private hire car driver's licence of Shakil Shami had been suspended on 23rd September 2024 with immediate effect for a period of 6 weeks; and

(b) the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke the private hire car driver's licence of Shakil Shami, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act; and

(2) attaching the said report from PAM.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the private hire car driver's licence of Shakil Shami for the unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the said Act.

Complaints against various licence holders dealt with.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 2 complaints against various licence holders.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the complaints as follows:-

Licence holder and reference number	*Decision*
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE	
Mark Thayne (PV22236)	No action
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE	
Mark Thayne (PD28724)	Licence suspended for unexpired portion of its duration with immediate effect

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 30 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (EXISTING)			
Babar Bashir (HMO04234)	3/2, 16 Radnor Street (Ward 10)	3 years	(1) Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) Warning issued regarding applicant's future management of premises
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Harem Saeed (PD32125)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Sardam Swara Abdullai (PD32215)	n/a	3 years	Refused

Fahad Munir Bhatti (PD32769)	n/a	3 years	Refused

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Norrie MacKinnon (PD31903)	n/a	3 years	(1) Granted; and (2) Noted that the licence had now been suspended with immediate effect by the Director of Legal and Administration, in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions and paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Hady Anis Hady (PD32789)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
Nazir Ahmad (PD33079)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
Waqas Arshad (PD33089)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME LETTING) (NEW)

Christopher Moxon (GL00587)	0/1, 15 Cresswell Street (Ward 11)	3 years	Continued for further information

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME LETTING AND HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Eva McDiarmid (GL01007)	G/1, 7 Rosslyn Terrace (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Edita Serrano (GL00401)	1/1, 551 Alexandra Parade (Ward 22)	3 years	Granted

Bertie Fritsch (GL01208)	4 Ruskin Place (Ward 11)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (SECONDARY LETTING) (NEW)

Stephen Hanvidge (GL00331)	6/2, 179 Finnieston Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Allan Adams (GL00409)	1/2, 99 Otago Street (Ward 11)	3 years	Granted
Calum Graham (GL00511)	B/1, 8 Newton Terrace (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Elizabeth and Stephen Douglas (GL00536)	2/1, 130 Clyde Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Derek Marchant (GL00539)	1/1, 5 Canting Way (Ward 5)	3 years	Continued for further information
Jacqueline Martin (GL00547)	2/2, 98 Mavisbank Gardens (Ward 5)	3 years	Continued for further information
Michael Kennedy (GL00560)	0/2, 7 Silvergrove Street (Ward 9)	3 years	Granted for a restricted period of 1 year
Kiran Bindra (GL00585)	3/1, 200 Elliot Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Saeed Hussain (GL00596)	2/1, 102 Kenmure Street (Ward 6)	3 years	Continued for further information
Sheraz Ramzan (GL00748)	2/2, 1 Devonshire Terrace (Ward 23)	3 years	Continued at request of applicant
Alasma Ahmad (GL01203)	101 Saughs Drive (Ward 17)	3 years	Granted

STREET TRADER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Declan Smith (ST01435)	(1) North side of Edmiston Drive, 10 metres east of Merrick Gardens (Ward 5);	3 years	Granted

(2) North side of Hangingshaw Place, 90 metres east of Prospecthhill Drive (Ward 7);

(3) At dead end on Baltic Street, 45 metres south of Kinnear Road (Ward 9);

(4) North side of Janefield Street, 40 metres north west of Springfield Road (Ward 9);

(5) West side of Nuneaton Street, 20 metres south of London Road (Ward 9);

(6) North side of Janefield Street, 65 metres north west of Springfield Road (Ward 9);

(7) West side of Springfield Road, 50 metres north east of Janefield Street (Ward 9);

(8) North side of Haningshaw Place, 98 metres east of Prospecthill Road (Ward 7);

(9) North side of Edmiston Drive,

	21 metres east of Merrick Gardens (Ward 5); (10) North side of Hangingshaw Place, 55 metres east of Prospecthill Road (Ward 7); (11) East side of Whitefield Road, 20 metres south of Govan Road (Ward 5); and (12) East side of Carmunnock Road, 30 metres south of Cathcart Road (Ward 7)		
Ian Adie (ST01468)	On Buchanan Street outside number 112, 20 metres north of Royal Bank Place (Ward 10)	Temporary from 28th October to 11th November 2024	Granted
TAXI LICENCE (NEW)			
Abdul Majid (TV09528)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
West End Taxi Co (TV09530)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
TAXI LICENCE (RENEWAL)			
S & A Taxis (TV09465)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Braehead Taxis (TV09466)	n/a	3 years	Refused

Govan Taxi Service (TV09467)	n/a	3 years	Refused

32 Tullis Gardens (Ward 9) - Application by Your Property Circle 2 Ltd (GL01193) for short term let licence (Secondary letting) (New) granted, after division.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Your Property Circle 2 Ltd (GL01193) for a short term let licence (Secondary letting) (New) for 3 years in respect of premises at 32 Tullis Gardens (Ward 9).

Councillor Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Ferguson, moved that the application be refused.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Bailie Raja, moved as an amendment that the application be granted and a warning issued regarding the applicant's future management of the premises.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 4 members voted for the amendment and 2 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried and the application was granted and a warning issued regarding the applicant's future management of the premises.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 24th October 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present:	Alex Wilson (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Anthony Carroll and Sean Ferguson.
Apologies:	Eunis Jassemi, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.
Attending:	G McDermid (Clerk); and K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Applications for private hire car licence refused.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 43 applications for a private hire car licence (New).

After consideration, the committee refused the undernoted applications:-

Applicant and reference number	*Duration*
Muhammad Tariq Shahzad (PV25129)	3 years
Elgutbi Mohamed Ali (PV25130)	3 years
Mohamedien Mohammed (PV25131)	3 years
Samar Javed Goraya (PV25132)	3 years
Davood Zarei (PV25133)	3 years
Umesh Gurung (PV25134)	3 years
Rehan Ashraf (PV25135)	3 years
Mumtaz Waziri (PV25136)	3 years
Daniyal Khan (PV25137)	3 years
Mohammed Usman Qasim (PV25138)	3 years
Gebregergs Gebregzabher (PV25139)	3 years
Mahid Tariq (PV25252)	3 years
Qamar Abbas (PV25140)	3 years

Amanuel Kibrom Woldesamuel (PV25141)	3 years
Wafi Sharif (PV25142)	3 years
Ahtisham Nawaz Chaudhry (PV25143)	3 years
Zemichael Asfaha (PV25444)	3 years
Khalid Mohamed Ali (PV25183)	3 years
Tsegay Ftwi (PV25184)	3 years
Rizwan Rasheed (PV25185)	3 years
Muhammad Tahir Khan (PV25186)	3 years
Steven Henderson (PV25187)	3 years
Abdul Khalid Rahmani (PV25253)	3 years
Ahmed Bashir (PV25188)	3 years
Kashif Muhammad Begum (PV25189)	3 years
Farhan Abdulkadir Adam (PV25190)	3 years
Aron Belay (PV25191)	3 years
Muhammad Zeeshan Amir (PV25445)	3 years
Muhammad Ghufran (PV25192)	3 years
MD Robiul Islam (PV25193)	3 years
Yuosif Babiker (PV25194)	3 years
Nadeem Saqib (PV25195)	3 years
Mustafa Celik (PV25196)	3 years
Sufian Abdullah Hamad Sheikho (PV25197)	3 years
Hussain Dalawar (PV25198)	3 years
Sultan Ahmad (PV25446)	3 years
Muhammad Ijaz (PV25447)	Temporary for 6 weeks
Abdul Rehman Kiani Begum (PV25199)	3 years

Okbay Andom (PV25200)	3 years
Majd Al Refai (PV25201)	3 years
Ali Shah Khamoosh (PV25202)	3 years
Imran Tariq Khawaja (PV25203)	3 years
Sanaan Mohamadi (PV25448)	3 years

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 6th November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Anthony Carroll, Sean Ferguson and Jill Pidgeon.

Apologies: Abdul Bostani, Eunis Jassemi and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; D Anderson, M Gibb and M MacLeod (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of various licences with immediate effect agreed.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the undernoted licences for the unexpired portion of their duration with immediate effect:-

Licence holder and reference number

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

Agha Khan (PD27966)

Iqbal Zafar (PD28867)

Alexander Todd (PD28976)

Amjad Hussain (PD30450)

Tej Narayan Kharel (PD31374)

PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE

Tej Narayan Kharel (PV24145)

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

Bashir Ahmed (TD16067)

Gerald White (TD16702)

Alexander McLaren (TD16758)

Applications for various types of licences dealt with - Dissent.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 28 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises/stance*	*Duration*	*Decision*
HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENCE (NEW)			
Ranjit Singh (HMO07118)	3/2, 1088 Argyle Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of application
Wild Orchid 2 Ltd (HMO07120)	Basement, 3 Crown Circus (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
Wild Orchid 2 Ltd (HMO07121)	Ground floor, 3 Crown Circus (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
Mohammad Anwar (HMO07122)	16 Walmer Crescent (Ward 5)	3 years	Refused, Councillor Pidgeon dissenting

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE (NEW)

M & N Events Ltd (PEL01267)	Winterfest, St Enoch Square (Ward 10)	Temporary from 9th November to 20th December 2024	Granted, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
M & N Events Ltd (PEL01268)	Winterfest, St Enoch Square (Ward 10)	Temporary from 21st to 29th December 2024	Granted, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,

			Regeneration and Sustainability
M & N Events Ltd (PEL01269)	Winterfest, George Square (Ward 10)	Temporary from 23rd November 2024 to 3rd January 2025	Granted, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
M & N Events Ltd (PEL01270)	Winterfest, George Square (Ward 10)	Temporary on 4th and 5th January 2025	Granted, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,

			Regeneration and Sustainability
BM Promotional Leisure Ltd (PEL01273)	Silverburn On Ice, Red Car Park, Silverburn Shopping Centre (Ward 3)	Temporary from 22nd November to 18th December 2024	Granted, as amended, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
BM Promotional Leisure Ltd (PEL01274)	Silverburn On Ice, Red Car Park, Silverburn Shopping Centre (Ward 3)	Temporary from 19th December 2024 to 5th January 2025	Granted, as amended, subject to (1) licence being retained by Director of Legal and Administration and not taking effect until all arrangements were to satisfaction of Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and (2) conditions detailed in reports by Director of Legal and Administration and Executive

Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Katai Kasengele (PD31974)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Robert Aman (PD32564)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Mohamed Bah (PD32604)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
Malik Mehr Khan Ilyas (PD32894)	n/a	3 years	Continued at request of applicant
Mark Lyon (PD32982)	n/a	3 years	Refused

PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Parminder Uppal (PD32088)	n/a	3 years	Granted
Dane Gilroy (PD33130)	n/a	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (SECONDARY LETTING) (NEW)

BM Development Ltd (GL00709)	7/5, 1107 Argyle Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Tarak Ramzan (GL00730)	432A St Vincent Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Pride Properties Glasgow Ltd (GL00732)	1 Lilybank Gardens Lane (Ward 11)	3 years	Granted
Koast Investments Ltd (GL00755)	5/10, 11 Kent Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
James Shedden (GL00756)	0/1, 57 Queensborough Gardens (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted

SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING LICENCE (RENEWAL)

James Sneddon (SPT865)	The Forge Market, 1201 Duke Street (Ward 19)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

STREET TRADER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Belinda Shek Mula (ST01434)	South side of Kelvinhaugh Street, 25 metres west of Teviot Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of application
Anna Raduzky (ST01440)	(1) West side of North Street, 70 metres north of St Vincent Street (Ward 10); and (2) West side of Kelvin Way, 35 metres north of Sauchiehall Street (Ward 11)	3 years	Continued for production of certificate of compliance
Rowland Hill (ST01469)	West side of Montrose Street, 10 metres south of junction of Cochrane Street and Montrose Street (Ward 10)	Temporary on 17th November 2024	Granted, subject to conditions detailed in correspondence by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
Russell Campbell (ST01472)	On pavement on the south side of St Vincent Place, 70 metres west of North Court (Ward 10)	Temporary from 13th November to 24th December 2024	Granted

TAXI LICENCE (NEW)

Muniba Afzall (TV09534)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 7th November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Anthony Carroll and Sean Ferguson.

Apologies: Abdul Bostani, Eunis Jassemi, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); and K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Applications for private hire car licence dealt with.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 50 applications for a private hire car licence (New) for 3 years.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Decision*
Abdulmajeed Mohammedjamaa Ibrahim (PV25214)	Refused
Hassan Ahmad (PV25215)	Refused
Sajjad Hussain (PV25216)	Refused
Tsehaye Barkay (PV25217)	Refused
Atif Abdel Kadir Mohamed Adlan (PV25218)	Refused
Azad Sheikhehpour (PV25219)	Refused
Naima Mohammed (PV25899)	Refused
Jawid Amini (PV25254)	Refused
Michael Gbenga Esho (PV25255)	Refused
Salih Salih (PV25256)	Refused
Ali Musbah (PV25257)	Refused
MD Ayub Saber Khan (PV25258)	Refused
Muhammad Safeer (PV25259)	Refused

Mohammed Ahmed (PV25260)	Refused
Nusrat Bibi (PV25261)	Refused
Refat Habash (PV25262)	Refused
Malik Sajjad Sarwar Sarwar (PV25263)	Refused
Abdulkadir Awel (PV25264)	Refused
Doran Ghaldi (PV25351)	Refused
Shafqat Bashir Bashiran (PV25449)	Refused
Gholam Dastagir (PV25265)	Refused
Mekdelawit Asefa (PV25266)	Refused
Rajan Kumar (PV25267)	Refused
Muhammad Sohaib (PV25268)	Refused
Atif Iqbal (PV25269)	Refused
Mohamad Ghane (PV25270)	Refused
Sayed Mohammed (PV25271)	Refused
Kalid Shemsi (PV25272)	Refused
Mohammad Karem-Pour (PV25280)	Refused
Shakeel Ahmad (PV25281)	Refused
Ali Alwadi (PV25282)	Refused
Mohammed Youssouf Ali (PV25283)	Refused
Mohammed Albaseer Habiballh Bakhit (PV25284)	Noted withdrawal of application
Abdulhakim Isa (PV25285)	Refused
Hamza Dawe (PV25286)	Refused
Kamran M Mughal (PV25287)	Refused
Slim Abidi (PV25290)	Refused

Abdul Jamil Tarin (PV25291)	Refused
Mamadou Diallo (PV25292)	Refused
Ashfaq Fahad Muhammad (PV25293)	Refused
Farooq Ali (PV25294)	Refused
Kamyar Kavosh (PV25295)	Refused
Mohsen Abbaci (PV25296)	Refused
Abdulwalli Sherzai (PV25297)	Refused
Mohammad Amjad (PV25298)	Refused
Omar Foday Jabbi (PV25299)	Refused
Sabrina Samuel (PV25300)	Refused
Rashid Ali (PV25303)	Refused
Thomas Cleary (PV25304)	Refused
Junaid Arshad (PV25305)	Refused

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 13th November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Anthony Carroll, Sean Ferguson and Jill Pidgeon.

Apologies: Abdul Bostani, Eunis Jassemi and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); and K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Applications for private hire car licence dealt with.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 59 applications for a private hire car licence (New).

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Duration*	*Decision*
Syed Fahad Jamal (PV25306)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Sohail Razzaq (PV25307)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Adrian Gogu (PV25308)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Tedros Kibreab (PV25309)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Shareef Abdulkarim Yousif (PV25310)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Naveen Nath (PV25312)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Ahsan Khawar (PV25313)	3 years	Refused
Elites Services Ltd (PV25314)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Adnan Wahla (PV25315)	3 years	Refused
Benard Efosa Edosomwan (PV25316)	3 years	Refused

Muhammad Mujahid (PV25317)	3 years	Refused
Mohammed Javaid (PV25318)	3 years	Refused
Abduselam Abdella (PV25319)	3 years	Refused
Mona Gholamikermanshahi (PV25320)	3 years	Refused
Aneel Ali Rasul (PV25321)	3 years	Refused
Hafez Ahmadi (PV25322)	3 years	Refused
Bal Kumar Malepati (PV25323)	3 years	Refused
Aram Shariati (PV25338)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Irfan Akhtar (PV25339)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Adeel Shahid Shahid (PV25340)	3 years	Refused
Raja Noman Qudrat-Ullah (PV25341)	3 years	Refused
Zaighum Nizam (PV25342)	3 years	Refused
Fahad Munir Safia (PV25343)	3 years	Refused
Abdelaziz Haroon (PV25344)	3 years	Refused
Mohammad Zaman (PV25345)	3 years	Refused
Farid Daryania (PV25346)	3 years	Refused
Maher AL Washar (PV25347)	3 years	Refused
Clement Ehibhare Ilenaye (PV25348)	3 years	Refused
Arsalan Khan (PV25349)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Shahid (PV25350)	3 years	Refused
Rukhsar Dad Begum (PV25360)	3 years	Refused
Biniam Asmelash (PV25361)	3 years	Refused
Abubakar Abdulrahman (PV25362)	3 years	Refused
Marziyeh Mirzaei (PV25363)	3 years	Refused

Ehsan Ul Haq (PV25364)	3 years	Refused
Daveed Malik (PV25365)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Hagos Merzez (PV25366)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Amir (PV25367)	3 years	Refused
Gurdev Singh (PV25368)	3 years	Refused
Sahle Adhanom (PV25369)	3 years	Refused
Arbaoui Abdelkader (PV25370)	3 years	Refused
P & M Cars (PV25371)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Usman Misri (PV25372)	3 years	Refused
Rashad Kokab (PV25373)	3 years	Refused
Jalal MD Ali Yahaya (PV25374)	3 years	Refused
Ijaz Ahmed (PV25375)	3 years	Refused
Prince Etiosa Iroghiendo (PV25376)	3 years	Refused
Hardeep Singh (PV25377)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Amar Baig (PV25378)	3 years	Refused
Teame Gebre-Egziabher (PV25379)	3 years	Refused
Omair Javed (PV25380)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Shahid Sheikh (PV25381)	3 years	Refused
Muzammil Ali Bibi (PV25382)	3 years	Refused
Hargur Simranjit Singh (PV25900)	3 years	Refused
Noorzai Enterprises Ltd (PV25383)	3 years	Refused
Daveed Malik (PV25385)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Esmart Rentals Ltd (PV25386)	3 years	Refused

Zeray Kahsay (PV25387)	3 years	Refused
Tanveer Nabi (PV25388)	3 years	Refused

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 20th November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Sean Ferguson, Eunis Jassemi and Jill Pidgeon.

Apologies: Anthony Carroll and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration); B Carroll (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of taxi drivers' licences agreed.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various taxi drivers' licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the undernoted taxi drivers' licences for the unexpired portion of their duration with immediate effect:-

Licence holder and reference number

Mohammed Chaudhry (TD16640)

George Cooper (TD16724)

Sarfraz Noor (TD17347)

Applications for various types of licences dealt with.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 27 applications for various types of licences.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Premises*	*Duration*	*Decision*
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)			
Harem Saeed (PD32125)	n/a	3 years	Refused
Kashif Baig (PD33168)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
Abdol Nasser Bavi-Rabieh (PD33242)	n/a	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)			
Waqas Arshad (PD33089)	n/a	3 years	Granted
Syed Shah (PD33265)	n/a	3 years	Continued for further information
SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME LETTING) (NEW)			
Richard Munday (GL00776)	3/2, 7 Claremont Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Stephen Stewart (GL00842)	Flat 16, 14 Cleveland Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Omar Ali Sabar (GL00851)	39 Maxwell Drive (Ward 6)	3 years	Granted
Nathan Southern (GL01056)	0/1, 9 Dudley Drive (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted
Luke McGregor (GL01301)	108 Silvergrove Street (Ward 9)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME LETTING AND HOME SHARING) (NEW)			
Samantha Perdigao Morais (GL00444)	5/2, 200 Elliot Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted

Stuart McCann (GL00854)	179 Finnieston Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance
Jennifer Reid (GL00948)	Flat 3, 10 Lorriane Gardens (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (HOME SHARING) (NEW)

Kathleen Molloy (GL00941)	3 Doune Gardens (Ward 11)	3 years	Granted

SHORT TERM LET LICENCE (SECONDARY LETTING) (NEW)

Sheraz Ramzan (GL00748)	2/2, 1 Devonshire Terrace (Ward 23)	3 years	Granted
Principal Apartments Ltd (GL00754)	4/2, 501 Stobcross Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Koast Investments Ltd (GL00757)	4/9, 11 Kent Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Koast Investments Ltd (GL00758)	2/6, 11 Kent Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Koast Investments Ltd (GL00760)	4/3, 11 Kent Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Koast Investments Ltd (GL00763)	5/3, 11 Kent Road (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Principal Apartments Ltd (GL00766)	3/1, 50 Minerva Way (Ward 10)	3 years	Granted
Ciara Howie (GL00853)	Flat 4, 15 Riverview Drive (Ward 5)	3 years	Granted
Bepsam Ltd (GL00880)	2/1, 39 Arcadia Street (Ward 9)	3 years	Granted
Lynn Stevenson (GL01066)	2/2, 76 Elderslie Street (Ward 10)	3 years	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

TAXI LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Woods & Farmer (TV09509)	n/a	3 years	Refused

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (NEW)

Arsalan Khan (TD17586)	n/a	3 years	Granted for a restricted period to 31st October 2026 and warning issued regarding applicant's future conduct

TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE (RENEWAL)

Robert Wright (TD17305)	n/a	3 years	Refused

Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 - Applications to be entered in register of private landlords dealt with.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 3 applications to be entered in the register of private landlords for 3 years, in terms of Part 8 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant	*Decision*
Colin Wilson	Refused
Uzma Shahzadi	Continued for further information
Olusola Fawehinmi	Continued to allow applicant to be in attendance

Exclusion of public.

4 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 – Application by Bonaventure Okocha to be entered in register of private landlords refused.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an application by Bonaventure Okocha to be entered in the register of private landlords for 3 years, in terms of Part 8 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

After consideration, the committee refused the application.

Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 – Request to consider whether Sucheta Dutt remained fit and proper person to be entered in register of private landlords – Action agreed.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director Legal and Administration detailing a request by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to consider whether Sucheta Dutt remained a fit and proper person to be entered in the register of private landlords, in terms of Part 8 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

After consideration, the committee agreed not to remove Sucheta Dutt from the register of private landlords.

Exclusion of public.

7 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 – Request to consider whether Mark Hanlon remained fit and proper person to be entered in register of private landlords – Action agreed.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director Legal and Administration detailing a request by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to consider whether Mark Hanlon remained a fit and proper person to be entered in the register of private landlords, in terms of Part 8 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

After consideration, the committee agreed not to remove Mark Hanlon from the register of private landlords.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 21st November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Anthony Carroll and Sean Ferguson.

Apologies: Abdul Bostani, Eunis Jassemi, Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); and K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Applications for private hire car licence dealt with.

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 58 applications for a private hire car licence (New).

After consideration, the committee dealt with the applications as follows:-

Applicant and reference number	*Duration*	*Decision*
Mohammed Adam (PV25389)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Tahir Hayat Khan (PV25391)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Simon Tewelde (PV25392)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Faizaan Siddique (PV25393)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Muhammad Faisal Raza (PV25394)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of item from agenda
Fesehaye Araya (PV25395)	3 years	Refused
Jakir Hossain (PV25396)	3 years	Refused
Victor Ihemeson (PV25405)	3 years	Refused
Aamir Shahizad (PV25406)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Hasab El R Mohammed (PV25407)	3 years	Refused
Newzad Chengeh (PV25771)	3 years	Refused

Saba Farhan (PV25772)	3 years	Refused
Namonet Zakariya (PV25408)	3 years	Refused
Hassan Adam Ibrahim (PV25410)	3 years	Refused
Mohammed Jamal (PV25411)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of application
Mohammad Hadi Yosefzada (PV25412)	3 years	Refused
Salim Osman Bugari (PV25413)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Jumshaid Ayub (PV25414)	3 years	Refused
Carmen Anamaria Rogojan (PV25415)	3 years	Refused
Qudratullah Barak (PV25416)	3 years	Refused
Scotwheels Motors Ltd (PV25418)	3 years	Refused
Martin McKenzie (PV25450)	3 years	Refused
Steven Welsh (PV25451)	3 years	Refused
Ayman Zakaria Ali (PV25452)	3 years	Refused
Abdi Ahmed Kadir (PV25453)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Naeem (PV25454)	3 years	Refused
Ibrahim Ali (PV25455)	3 years	Refused
Joshua Colley (PV25456)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Ihsan Ullah (PV25457)	3 years	Refused
Massihullah Ebrahimi (PV25458)	3 years	Refused
Muhammad Afnan Qureshi (PV25459)	3 years	Refused
Ahmed Hamed Araki (PV25460)	3 years	Refused
Basar Ul Ain (PV25461)	3 years	Refused

Noorzai Enterprises Ltd (PV25462)	3 years	Refused
Noorzai Enterprises Ltd (PV25463)	3 years	Refused
Aliyi Abduljabar (PV25773)	3 years	Refused
Umair Hussain (PV25471)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Mahmut Dost (PV25472)	Temporary for 6 weeks	Refused
Wajdi Boussarsar (PV25473)	3 years	Refused
Fazeel Hussain (PV25474)	3 years	Refused
Sadaqat Hayat (PV25475)	3 years	Refused
Ezatolah Aydari (PV25476)	3 years	Refused
Medhanei Tsegay (PV25477)	3 years	Refused
Samsom Okubagebrael (PV25478)	3 years	Refused
Waleed Al-Ali (PV25479)	3 years	Refused
Hussein Kabuye (PV25490)	3 years	Refused
Awet Ghile Zewoldy (PV25491)	3 years	Refused
Adnan Hussain Mir (PV25492)	3 years	Refused
Beniamin Rogojan (PV25493)	3 years	Refused
Hamayun Shabbir (PV25494)	3 years	Refused
Erol Yildirim (PV25495)	3 years	Refused
Radoslaw Barbachowski (PV25496)	3 years	Refused
Geda Kadir (PV25497)	3 years	Refused
Abubaker Mohamadin (PV25498)	3 years	Refused
Yonis Farqadini (PV25499)	3 years	Noted withdrawal of application
Abdul Ameer Mohamed (PV25500)	3 years	Refused

Ghaith Bsher Mufti (PV25501)	3 years	Refused
Shahzad Anwar Ghaiga (PV25502)	3 years	Refused

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 27th November 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Anthony Carroll, Sean Ferguson and Eunis Jassemi.

Apologies: Jill Pidgeon and Hanif Raja.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); K McDonald (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and Inspector G Griffiths, Police Scotland.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Suspension of private hire car drivers' licences agreed.

1 There were submitted reports by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the immediate suspension of various private hire car drivers' licences, in terms of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, advising

(1) of the circumstances leading to the immediate suspension of each licence; and

(2) that the committee was now requested to consider whether it was necessary or appropriate to suspend or revoke each licence, in terms of paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

After consideration, the committee agreed to suspend the undernoted private hire car drivers' licences for the unexpired portion of their duration with immediate effect:-

Licence holder and reference number

Nasir Iqbal Tarar (PD31224)

Ryan Adams (PD32985)

George Fullerton (PD31293)

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following item of business as exempt information, as defined in paragraphs 14 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Complaints against various licence holders dealt with.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 4 complaints against various licence holders.

After consideration, the committee dealt with the complaints as follows:-

Licence holder and reference number	*Decision*
PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE	
*Saeed Khan (PV24526)	No action
PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE	
**Christopher Graham (PD28761)	Continued for further information
*Saeed Khan (PD30278)	Licence revoked
TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE	
*Saeed Khan (TD16516)	Licence revoked

*Public excluded in terms of paragraph 6
**Public excluded in terms of paragraph 14

Applications for private hire car licence refused.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing 60 applications for a private hire car licence (New).

After consideration, the committee refused the undernoted applications:-

Applicant and reference number	*Duration*
Imran Sharif Bhatti (PV25443)	3 years
Belal Naseri (PV25532)	3 years
Mahdi Muhammed Ahmadzadeh (PV25533)	3 years
Lakhvinder Singh (PV25534)	3 years
Saad Rasheed (PV25535)	3 years
Muhammad Nadeem Ur Rehman (PV25536)	3 years
Syed Ali Sajjad (PV25537)	3 years

Kamran Nawaz (PV25484)	3 years
Deeqa Hussein Dhubane (PV25538)	3 years
Kaleem Rafiq (PV25539)	3 years
Shani Aslam (PV25540)	3 years
Mudassar Ali Bivi (PV25541)	3 years
Mohammed Yasin (PV25542)	3 years
Ahmed Saghir Muhammad (PV25543)	Temporary for 6 weeks
Mohammad Ishtiaq Bibi (PV25546)	3 years
Adil Mahmoud (PV25547)	3 years
Ahmed Mushtaq Khan Bibi (PV25548)	3 years
Mohammad Usman Fayaz Bibi (PV25549)	3 years
Imran Khalid (PV25550)	3 years
Abdala Mohamed (PV25551)	3 years
Ahmed Munir Kharoote (PV25552)	3 years
Sohail Mohammed Latif (PV25553)	3 years
Yousef Ali (PV25554)	3 years
Ian Knotts (PV25555)	3 years
Clifford Ben Oigbochie (PV25556)	3 years
Muhammad Abdul Wahab Ali (PV25557)	3 years
Mohammed Khamis (PV25558)	3 years
Izaz Khan (PV25559)	3 years
Devinder Singh (PV25560)	3 years
Furqan Ahmed (PV25561)	3 years
Aamir Ahmed (PV25562)	3 years
Majid Ali (PV25511)	3 years

Maki Ibrahim (PV25564)	3 years
Wahib Taher (PV25565)	3 years
Ehtisham Moughal (PV25434)	3 years
Qaisir Abbas (PV25485)	3 years
Hassan Tavangar Ranjbar (PV25566)	3 years
Mohannad Haj Omar (PV25567)	3 years
Deepak Kumar (PV25568)	3 years
Syma Gehlan (PV25569)	3 years
Muhammad Diyan (PV25435)	3 years
Nasser Hassan Nasser (PV25570)	3 years
Mohamed Ramazan Mohamed (PV25571)	3 years
Seyvan Shafiee (PV25572)	3 years
Gokarna Raj Panthi (PV25573)	3 years
Christopher Richardson (PV25574)	3 years
Jalal Abbasirad (PV25575)	3 years
Mansour Rostami (PV25576)	3 years
Abdolghader Sohrabi (PV25577)	3 years
Nadir Shafiq (PV25578)	3 years
Mahboobullah Mahboob (PV25579)	3 years
Muhammad Yousaf (PV25580)	3 years
Mohamed Abdalla (PV25581)	3 years
Yassin Osman Bukhari (PV25582)	3 years
Feryweny Hagos (PV25583)	3 years
YMW Hires Ltd (PV25584)	3 years
YMW Hires Ltd (PV25585)	3 years

Atta Ullah (PV25586)	3 years
YMW Hires Ltd (PV25587)	3 years
Sharif Hasan Mahamad (PV25588)	3 years

PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 29th October 2024.

Personnel Appeals Committee.

Present: Allan Casey (Chair), Allan Gow and Greg Hepburn.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); and J MacAskill (for the Head of Human Resources).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Casey to chair the meeting.

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Appeal against dismissal rejected.

3 The committee considered an appeal against dismissal by an employee previously employed in Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Having heard the appellant, J Gallagher, Unison and L O'Hara and S Park, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, the committee, after discussion, rejected the appeal.

PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 5th November 2024.

Personnel Appeals Committee.

Present: Anne McTaggart (Chair), Allan Gow and Chris Cunningham.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and J MacAskill (for the Head of Human Resources).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor McTaggart to chair the meeting.

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Appeal against dismissal rejected.

3 The committee considered an appeal against dismissal by an employee previously employed in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Having heard the appellant, GMB and C Mitchell, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee, after discussion, rejected the appeal.

PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 20th November 2024.

Personnel Appeals Committee.

Present: Allan Casey (Chair), Richard Bell and Robert Mooney.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and F Armstrong (for the Head of Human Resources).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Casey to chair the meeting.

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Appeal against dismissal rejected.

3 The committee considered an appeal against dismissal by an employee previously employed in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Having heard C Mitchell, GMB and D McGrory and B Frankgate, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee, after discussion and in the absence of the appellant, rejected the appeal.

PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 26th November 2024.

Personnel Appeals Committee.

Present: Allan Casey (Chair), Ruairi Kelly and Robert Mooney.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); and J MacAskill (for the Head of Human Resources).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Casey to chair the meeting.

Exclusion of public.

2 The committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, was likely to be disclosed.

Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability - Appeal against dismissal upheld.

3 The committee considered an appeal against dismissal by an employee previously employed in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Having heard the appellant, C Mitchell, GMB and D McGrory and D Walker, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the committee, after discussion upheld the appeal.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 22nd October 2024.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Eva Bolander, Sean Ferguson, Paul Leinster, Hanif Raja, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Thomas Kerr and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); A Dale and M Thomson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Strategic Partnersips).

Site bounded by Lancefield Quay/Lancefield Street/ Elliot Street (Ward 11) - 23/02402/MSC - Erection of mixed-use development to include shops (Class 1), Financial, Professional & Other Services (Class 2), Food and Drink (Class 3), Business (Class 4), Hotels (Class 7), Residential development (houses/flats/build to rent/serviced apartments) (Class 9 and Sui generis), Assembly & Leisure (Class 11) and associated landscaping works and ancillary development - Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Mr Tim McDonald for matters specified in conditions of planning consent 21/03743/PPP, approved in principle, for the erection of of a mixed-use development to include shops (Class 1), Financial, Professional & Other Services (Class 2), Food and Drink (Class 3), Business (Class 4), Hotels (Class 7), Residential development (houses/flats/build to rent/serviced apartments) (Class 9 and Sui generis), Assembly & Leisure (Class 11), associated landscaping works and ancillary development at a site bounded by Lancefield Quay/Lancefield Street/Elliot Street (Ward 11) - 23/02402/MSC.

Having heard representations from the applicant and an objector, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

Scottish Opera, 40 Edington Street (Ward 11) - 24/00586/FUL - Mixed-use development to provide music rehearsal and performance spaces, film facilities, general industrial, Office, Production space (Class 11, Class 4, Class 5, Class 6), purpose built student accommodation (Sui generis), Retail professional service (Class 1A), Food and drink (Class 3 / Sui generis), Non-residential institutions uses (Class 10), Assembly leisure (Class 11), building refurbishment and alteration works, demolition, associated landscaping, public realm, access and infrastructure - Committee minded to conditionally grant planning permission.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Scottish Opera Ltd for planning permission for a mixed-use development to provide music rehearsal and performance spaces, film facilities, general industrial, Office, production space (Class 11, Class 4, Class 5, Class 6), purpose built student accommodation (Sui generis), retail professional service (Class 1A), food and drink (Class 3 / Sui generis), non-residential institutions uses (Class 10), assembly leisure (Class 11), building refurbishment and alteration works, demolition, associated landscaping, public realm, access and infrastructure at Scottish Opera, 40 Edington Street (Ward 11) - 24/00568/FUL.

After consideration, the committee agreed that it was minded to conditionally grant planning permission, subject to

(1) additional conditions to read:-

(a) "Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, full details of public art works or other activation features for the exterior of the existing warehouse building shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any refurbishment works to this building and thereafter implemented in the approved manner.

Reason: In order to protect the appearance of both the property itself and the surrounding area.";

(b) "Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, full details of measures to aid the wheeling of cycles up and down both external staircases from Edington Street to the Canal towpath shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any public realm works and thereafter implemented in the approved manner.

Reason: To facilitate the safe passage of pedestrians and cyclists."; and

(c) "Full details of an Accessibility Strategy detailing movement through and around the site and its vicinity for walking and wheeling and for users of all abilities shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority prior to the above ground construction works and thereafter implemented in the approved manner.

Reason: In the interests of pedestrian safety."; and

(2) the completion of an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 5th November 2024.

Planning Applications Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Eva Bolander, Elaine Gallagher, Paul Leinster, Jill Pidgeon, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Apology: Declan Blench.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A Dale and R Middleton (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

7 Birkmyre Road (Ward 5) - 24/00776/FUL – Use of premises as car wash/car garage (Class 5) (General Industry), external alterations and associated works - Planning permission conditionally granted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an application by Wow Desserts for planning permission for the use of premises as a car wash/car garage (Class 5) (General Industry), external alterations and associated works at 7 Birkmyre Road (Ward 5) - 24/00776/FUL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 29th October 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Declan Blench, Eva Bolander, Sean Ferguson, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Jill Pidgeon, Hanif Raja, James Scanlon and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); and D Batty, C Hunt and S Taylor (Planning Advisors).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew to chair the meeting.

Flat 2/2, 37 Elliot Street (Ward 10) - 24/00082/LOCAL - Use of flatted dwelling (Sui generis) as short term let (Sui generis) (Retrospective) - Planning permission refused.

2 There was submitted a request by Mr B Dempster for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a flatted dwelling (Sui generis) as a short term let (Sui generis) (Retrospective) at Flat 2/2, 37 Elliot Street (Ward 10) – 24/00082/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission.

Flat 14, 20 Elliot Street (Ward 10) - 24/00083/LOCAL - Use of flatted dwelling (Sui generis) as short term let (Sui generis) (Retrospective) - Planning permission refused.

3 There was submitted a request by Mr B Dempster for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of a flatted dwelling (Sui generis) as a short term let (Sui generis) (Retrospective) at Flat 14, 20 Elliot Street (Ward 10) – 24/00083/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee refused planning permission.

7 Mossbeath Court (Ward 20) - 24/00143/LOCAL - Erection of second-storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse - Planning permission conditionally granted.

4 There was submitted a request by Mr Paul Duffy for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a second-storey extension to the rear of a dwellinghouse at 7 Mossbeath Court (Ward 20) - 24/00143/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission, subject to the deletion of condition No 06 of the suggested conditions, as detailed in the report.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 12th November 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Eva Bolander (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Sean Ferguson, Elaine Gallagher, Fyeza Ikhlaq, Paul Leinster, Jill Pidgeon, Hanif Raja and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Ken Andrew, Thomas Kerr and James Scanlon.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); D Batty, C Hunt and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Eva Bolander to chair the meeting.

27 Onslow Drive (Ward 22) - 24/00071/LOCAL – Sub-division of dwellinghouse to form 2 flatted dwellings and associated external works – Planning permission conditionally granted.

2 There was submitted a request by Mrs Natalie Lawlor for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the sub-division of a dwellinghouse to form 2 flatted dwellings and associated external works at 27 Onslow Drive (Ward 22) - 24/00071/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission, subject to an additional condition to read:-

"15 Prior to the occupation of either flat, details of the design, finish, colour and method of fixing of the window privacy film shall be submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority, and thereafter shall be installed in accordance with the approved details for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To protect the privacy of users of the garden areas and to safeguard the amenity of the surrounding Conservation Area."

3 Criffell Gardens (Ward 19) – 24/00090/LOCAL – Erection of roof dormers to front and rear of dwellinghouse – Planning permission conditionally granted.

3 There was submitted a request by Mrs Carol Stewart for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of roof dormers to the front and rear of a dwellinghouse at 3 Criffell Gardens (Ward 19) - 24/00090/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

PLANNING LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 26th November 2024.

Planning Local Review Committee.

Present: Ken Andrew (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Imran Alam, Eva Bolander, Sean Ferguson, Thomas Kerr, Jill Pidgeon and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Declan Blench, Elaine Gallagher, Paul Leinster and James Scanlon.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); D Batty, C Hunt and S Taylor (Planning Advisors); and P Kane (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Andrew to chair the meeting.

150 Copland Road (Ward 5) - 24/00103/LOCAL - Use of premises as public house (Sui generis) - Planning permission refused, after division.

2 There was submitted a request by Mr Scott Arfield for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of premises as a public house (Sui generis) at 150 Copland Road (Ward 5) - 24/00103/LOCAL.

Councillor Alam, seconded by Bailie Kerr, moved that planning permission be conditionally granted.

Councillor Bolander, seconded by Bailie Wardrop, moved as an amendment that planning permission be refused, subject to an additional reason for refusal to read:-

“The proposal is contrary to National Planning Framework 4 (adopted February 2023) Policy 23: Health and Safety and CDP1: The Placemaking Principle of the Glasgow City Development Plan (adopted March 2017) and its associated supplementary guidance insofar as the Noise Impact Assessment submitted is inadequate. This has not adequately considered the agent of change principle and does not suitably demonstrate that any potential noise impacts created by the use can be successfully mitigated to prevent disruption to neighbouring residential amenity.”

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 4 members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion. There being an equality of votes, the Chair gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was accordingly declared to be carried.

34 Redford Street (Ward 18) - 24/00130/LOCAL - Erection of single storey extension to side of dwellinghouse - Planning permission conditionally granted.

3 There was submitted a request by Mr Ross Trotter for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the erection of a single storey extension to the side of a dwellinghouse at 34 Redford Street (Ward 18) - 24/00130/LOCAL.

After consideration, the committee conditionally granted planning permission.

120 Woodville Street (Ward 5) - 24/00135/LOCAL - Use of land for siting of shipping containers and erection of boundary fence and gate - Planning permission refused, after division - Declaration of interest.

4 There was submitted a request by Ibrox Storage for a Planning Local Review of refusal of planning permission for the use of land for the siting of shipping containers and erection of boundary fence and gate at 120 Woodville Street (Ward 5) - 24/00135/LOCAL.

Councillor Pidgeon, seconded by Councillor Alam moved that planning permission be conditionally granted.

Councillor Bolander, seconded by Bailie Wardrop moved as an amendment that planning permission be refused.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 4 members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Alam declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 23rd October 2024.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Frank McAveety (Chair), Alexander Belic, Jill Brown, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn, Thomas Kerr, Paul Leinster, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar and Margaret Morgan.

Apology: Jim Kavanagh.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; L Goldie (for the Executive Director of Education Services); C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); and C Halliday, EY.

Responses to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Financial and Business Services providing responses to questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 18th September 2024.

Internal audits noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

2 There were submitted reports by the Head of Audit and Inspection advising of the findings of the following audits carried out:-

(1) Corporate Review – Leavers process;

(2) Education Services – Hardware asset management (iPads); and

(3) Financial Services – Accounts payable – Bank account controls.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the reports; and

(b) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit follow up reports showing progress towards achievement of the action plans arising from the audits undertaken.

Audit recommendations - Progress noted etc.

3 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection providing an update on the status of audit recommendations agreed previously with services,

(1) advising that

(a) since the last report to this committee on 22nd May 2024 (Print 2, page 137), services had been responsible for following up recommendations that were due to have been implemented, with 52 remaining outstanding as at 27th September 2024 split across each service area, as detailed in the report;

(b) during the period from 26th April to 27th September 2024 services had satisfactorily implemented 60 recommendations, as detailed in the report;

(c) this committee on 20th March 2024 (Print 1, page 139) had noted the Annual Audit Report for 2022/23 by EY which included 35 management recommendations and Appendix B to the report highlighted each recommendation and provided an update from management on the progress made to date; and

(d) this committee on 22nd May 2024 (Print 2, page 136) had noted a Best Value Thematic Report prepared by EY which included 6 management actions and Appendix C to the report highlighted each recommendation and provided an update on the progress made to date; and

(2) detailing a summary of outstanding recommendations by service area and priority, together with the register of all recommendations that had still to be implemented, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the committee noted

(i) the progress made in terms of the recommendations implemented; and

(ii) that further reports advising of the implementation of outstanding recommendations would be submitted in due course.

Internal Audit - Arm's Length External Organisations update noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection advising of the findings of the internal audit work undertaken at the Arm's Length External Organisations within the Council group during the period from March to September 2024.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the report; and

(2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit a further report to this committee, including an update on the implementation of actions arising from the audits undertaken.

Internal Audit performance – 2024/25 mid-year update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the performance of the Internal Audit section within Financial Services for the first half of 2024/25, advising

(1) of the various areas of performance, including the Internal Audit team establishment, key priorities performance update, work and efficiency and that no new significant issues had been reported for 2024/25;

(2) of the number and range of whistleblowing cases raised up to 30th September 2024, the subsequent enquiries undertaken and the outcome of the completed enquiries to date, together with an update on cases that were ongoing during the first 6 months of the 2024/25 financial year, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the work of the Corporate Fraud and Investigation Team and that during the first 6 months of 2024/25 it had identified savings of almost £664,000 for the Council and the wider public purse which was a decrease on the identified savings of £1.6m in the same period in 2023/24, which was mainly due to a decrease in referrals for fraudulent homeless applications;

(4) that after submitting data in October 2022 for the 2022/23 National Fraud Initiative (NFI), the Council had received a total of 22,918 matches to investigate and with further matches having been released during the year as the NFI updated the information, a total of 28,029 matches had now been received;

(5) that as part of the Audit Glasgow initiative, the audit team continued to undertake audit assignments and provide support to other public sector organisations and it was anticpated that income in the current year would be in the region of £174,000;

(6) that this committee on 20th March 2024 (Print 1, page 141) had approved the implementation of the 2024/25 Internal Audit plan and since then a number of members of the Internal Audit team had left and the backfilling of these vacant qualified accountant and auditors posts had been challenging and due to reduced resources and following a risk based review, it was intended that those audits, as detailed in the report would not be undertaken during 2024/25, however they would be considered for inclusion in the 2025/26 Internal Audit plan;

(7) that a Memorandum of Understanding was in place between the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and local authorities, as detailed in the report and in May 2024, the DWP undertook a compliance audit to provide assurance that the Council was meeting the DWP's security standards and

the audit noted a number of areas of good practice and made some recommendations, which officers had reviewed and were making changes to arrangements where appropriate; and

(8) that on 9th January 2024, the Institute of Internal Auditors released a new Global Internal Audit Standards to guide the professional practice of internal auditing which would apply to the UK public sector from 1st April 2025, as detailed in the report.

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 20th November 2024.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

Present:	Frank McAveety (Chair), Alexander Belic, Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Sharon Greer, Greg Hepburn, Jim Kavanagh, Alex Kerr, Anne McTaggart, Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Margaret Morgan and Catherine Vallis.
Also present:	Graham Campbell.
Attending:	L Sclater (Clerk); M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; S Crichton, Head of Corporate Finance and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Responses to questions noted.

1 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Financial and Business Services providing responses to questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 23rd October 2024.

Flexible retirement and redundancy/early retirement – Position noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a joint report by the Executive Director of Finance and the Head of Human Resources regarding the Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 - Flexible Retirement and the Local Government (Discretionary Payments & Injury Benefits) Scotland Regulations 1998 – Redundancy/Early Retirement, advising of the number of employees who had been granted permission, under delegated authority, to retire under the Council's Flexible Retirement, Redundancy and Early Retirement provisions in the period from 1st July to 30th September 2024, together with the associated costs and savings, as detailed in the report.

Treasury Management and Investment Annual Report 2023/24 and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy Mid-year Review 2024/25 noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Finance regarding treasury management activity, advising of

(1) capital expenditure and the financing requirement for 2023/24 together with the treasury position as at 31st March 2024;

(2) the treasury management and investment annual report for 2023/24 which detailed the overall performance for

(a) the economic outlook and interest rates;

(b) the overall 2023/24 strategy;

(c) borrowing and investment activity;

(d) performance indicators; and

(e) compliance with prudential and treasury indicators; and

(3) the mid year review of Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2024/25, including treasury management and investment activities to 30th September 2024, with particular emphasis on

(a) the treasury position as at 30th September 2024;

(b) an update on the economic outlook and interest rates;

(c) capital expenditure and financing requirements;

(d) borrowing and investment activity;

(e) performance indicators; and

(f) compliance with prudential and treasury indicators.

Financial monitoring reports 2024/25 noted.

4 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of Revenues, the General Fund, Services, Related Companies and Joint Boards and the Common Good Fund, for the period from 1st April to 20th September 2024, including details of Civic Hospitality commitments for 2024/25 – 2027/28.

Investment Programme 2024/25 - Monitoring reports noted.

5 There were submitted and noted financial monitoring reports by the Executive Director of Finance in respect of the Investment Programme and Transformation Programme 2024/25 and receipts from Asset Sales for the period from 1st April to 20th September 2024**.**

Arms Length External Organisations - Quarterly performance report 2024/25 noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Finance providing financial and other operating information on the Council's Arms Length External Organisations for the period from 1st April to 20th September 2024.

Corporate Risk Management - Half yearly report noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the Corporate Risk Register (CRR) and risk management activity,

(1) advising that the Council's Corporate Risk Management Framework required that a CRR was maintained to identify and manage strategic risks;

(2) summarising the CRR and providing details of the risk scoring and rating methodology and highlighting that 11 risks had been rated as very high in the CRR, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report which included risks in relation to the ALEO structure;

(3) highlighting a risk in focus in relation to Educational Attainment, as detailed in appendix 3 to the report, which informed refinements to the risk description, retained the risk score and consolidated a broad range of control and mitigating actions; and

(4) detailing the changes to the CRR since the last reporting period in November 2023.

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 6th November 2024.

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

Present: Soryia Siddique (Chair), Imran Alam, Richard Bell, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Stephen Docherty, Elaine Gallagher, William Graham, Eunis Jassemi and Catherine Vallis.

Apologies: John Daly, Roza Salih and Martha Wardrop.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); M Booth, Head of Policy and Corporate Governance; M Heath (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Response to questions noted.

1 There was submitted a response to questions raised by members at the meeting of this committee on 2nd October 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the responses; and

(2) that responses to any questions raised at this meeting would be submitted to the next meeting of this committee.

Social care complaints annual report 2023/24 noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) regarding complaints activity for social care complaints in the Glasgow City HSCP from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024,

(1) advising

(a) of complaints about social care services processed under the HSCP complaints procedure that involved 3 stages of complaints;

(b) that the figures in the report had been reported separately for social work (including homelessness) and care service complaints (home care, residential and day care) as they were currently processed under 2 different information systems;

(c) that whilst the development of a fully integrated complaints recording procedure continued, Business Development and Care Services staff were currently considering options for improved complaints recording and reporting across services; and

(d) that volumes of social work complaints in 2023/24 had increased substantially, rising by 28% from 528 in the previous year to 676, with care services complaints having increased by 60.7% from 277 to 445; and

(2) detailing, in an appendix to the report, the background and process for the complaints procedure, an analysis of complaints activity for the year and a summary of the main findings, customer outcomes and service improvements.

Strategic Plan - Grand Challenge 3 - Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow - Mission 1 - Service commitments noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 16th November 2022 (Print 4, page 414) approving a performance toolkit that would capture the actions and underpin the Grand Challenges and Missions contained within the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive reflecting the wider commitments of the plan, whilst keeping track of those key commitments that had emerged through a cost of living lens,

(1) advising of the work underway across a number of key areas to support the plan's commitments; and

(2) detailing, in an appendix to the report, progress updates, sample case studies and examples of work currently underway by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and its commitments across key areas to deliver the plan's Missions, focussing particularly on Grand Challenge 3 - Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow, Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the commitments within Grand Challenge 3, Mission 1 of the Strategic Plan.

STRATHCLYDE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 27th November 2024.

Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee.

Present:	Richard Bell (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Jill Brown, Elaine Gallagher, Allan Gow, Catherine Vallis and Martha Wardrop.
Apologies:	Ruairi Kelly and Thomas Glavin, UNITE; and Darren Paterson, Scotland Police Authority.
Also present:	Councillor Ian Davis, South Ayrshire Council; Scott Donohoe and Stephen Kelly, UNISON; Councillor Sandy Watson, North Lanarkshire Council; and Andy Thompson, GMB.
Attending:	A Wyber (Clerk); R McIndoe, Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; D Black, Head of Audit and Inspection; I Beattie, A Sutherland and G Wood, Investment Advisory Panel; D Walker, Hymans Robertson; O Potapova, EY; and M Sealey, DTZ Investments.

Legal & General Investment Management – Presentation noted.

1 The committee noted a presentation by Messrs Ryan Boothroyd and Chris Lyons, Legal & General Investment Management on Economic and Market update.

Provision of mortality screening service - Appointment approved.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the outcome of a tendering exercise for the provision of a mortality screening service for Strathclyde Pension Fund.

After consideration, the committee approved the appointment of Heywood Pension Technologies to provide a mortality screening service for Strathclyde Pension Fund, for a 6-year contract with effect from 6th December 2024 to 5th December 2030 at an estimated cost of £14,000 per annum.

UK Property Portfolio – Development works at Bankside House - Appointment approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding the outcome of a tendering exercise for the provision of development works at Bankside House for Strathclyde Pension Fund UK Property Portfolio.

After consideration, the committee approved the appointment of Scott Osborn Ltd to carry out development works at Bankside House for Strathclyde Pension Fund UK Property Portfolio, at an estimated cost of £23,752,365.15.

Direct Impact Portfolio – Review of Investment Strategy approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding a review of the Direct Impact Portfolio (DIP) Investment Strategy, advising

(1) that Strathclyde Pension Fund Business Plan 2024/25 had included a review of DIP, including objectives, strategy, structure and capacity;

(2) that DIP investment proposals were assessed on their own merits within an agreed framework, based on Strathclyde Pension Fund's overall risk-return objectives and specific DIP parameters, as detailed in the report;

(3) of a summary of the portfolio, as at 30th June 2024;

(4) of the progress since the conclusion of the most recent review of the DIP strategy and operating arrangements in November 2021 and which had agreed 4 separate recommendations which have all been implemented; and

(5) of the 2024 review of DIP and the conclusions and recommendations for each of the areas, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report;

(b) approved

(i) no change to the objectives, structure or governance;

(ii) an increase in the Direct Impact Portfolio's target allocation from 5% to 7.5% of the total Fund within a range of 5% to 10% (calculated by Net Asset Value); and

(iii) an increase in the minimum targeted return (Net IRR) for individual fund proposals to 6.5% (currently 5%); and

(c) agreed

(i) that appropriate target returns would continue to be assessed on a fund-by-fund basis with regard to the perceived risk;

(ii) one change to the individual investment guidelines below:-

(A) target investment size £30m to £100m;

(B) minimum investment £20m; and

(C) maximum investment £250m (currently - greater of £250m or 1% of Total Fund Value); and

(iii) an increase in the total amount of the co-investment programme from £200m to £300m and an increase to the maximum individual co-investment ticket size from £15m to £25m.

Review of pension payroll process noted - Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the outcome of an Internal Audit review of the pension payroll process within Strathclyde Pension Fund Office.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted the audit report; and

(2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit a further report to this committee with an update on the implementation of the actions contained in the action plan.

Internal Audit – Follow-up audits noted – Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection regarding the outcome of follow-up audits by Internal Audit in relation to Strathclyde Pension Fund Office.

After consideration, the committee

(1) noted that for the period from 5th June to 8th November 2024, 3 outstanding follow-up audits had been implemented; and

(2) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection to submit further reports to this committee on the status of outstanding recommendations.

Strathclyde Pension Fund - Administration performance – Position noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund advising of performance and current issues within the pensions administration area of Strathclyde Pension Fund Office as at 30th September 2024.

After consideration, the committee noted

(1) the report; and

(2) that the Government had launched a consultation on inheritance tax on pensions and what the proposed changes would mean with a closing date of 22nd January 2025.

Financial statements – Current position noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding financial statements for the administration of Strathclyde Pension Fund detailing the administration cost monitoring and cash flow statements for period 8 to 18th October 2024.

Strathclyde Pension Fund – Investment performance noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding

(1) the investment performance to 30th September 2024;

(2) a summary of the distribution of portfolios and Direct Impact Portfolio investment as at 30th September 2024;

(3) the outcome of the Investment Advisory Panel meeting of 14th November 2024; and

(4) stewardship activity during Quarter 3.

Risk Register – Position noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Strathclyde Pension Fund regarding an update on the risk register and the most significant risks for Strathclyde Pension Fund Office, as detailed in an appendix to the report.