**Item 2**

**12th November 2026**

**Glasgow City Council**

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

**Report by Depute Chief Officer, Operations and Governance and Chief Social Work Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership**

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# Chief Social Work Annual Report 2025/26

**Purpose of Report:**

To present the annual report from the Glasgow City Chief Social Work Officer for the year 2025/26, prepared in line with guidance from Scottish Government.

**Recommendations:**

The Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee is asked to

a) Note that the Chief Social Work Officer report attached at Appendix 1; and
b) Note the report has been submitted to the Scottish Government.

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| Ward No(s): | Citywide: ✓ |
| Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ | consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐ |

## 1. Purpose of Report

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## 2. Background

2.1 The requirement for every local authority to appoint a professionally qualified Chief Social Work Officer is contained within Section 3 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. This is one of a number of statutory requirements in relation to posts, roles or duties with which local authorities must comply.

2.2 The Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) is required to produce an annual report that outlines the activities and performance of social work services across the local authority. This report must be considered by the local authority and shared with the Scottish Government. The CSWO's role includes ensuring the provision of effective, professional advice to local authorities in relation to social work services and ensuring the delivery of safe, effective, and innovative practice. The report should cover the period from April 2025 to March 2026 and should reflect the challenges and achievements of social work services in Glasgow City during this period.

## 3. Policy and Resource Implications

**Resource Implications:**

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| *Financial:* | No specific implications from this report |
| *Legal:* | No specific implications from this report |
| *Personnel:* | No specific implications from this report |
| *Procurement:* | No specific implications from this report |
| **Council Strategic Plan:** | **Grand Challenge 1:**<br>Reduce Poverty and Inequalities in our Communities<br>**Mission 3:**<br>Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Local Communities |
| **Equality and Socio Economic Impacts:** | |
| *Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.* | There is no specific proposal made within this report. |

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| *What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* | No assessment carried out as this report does not represent a new of amended plan, policy, service or strategy. |
| *Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.* | There is no specific proposal made within this report. |

**Climate Impacts:**

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| *Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:* | No specific implications from this report. |
| *What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?* | No specific implications from this report. |
| *Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?* | No specific implications from this report. |

**Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:**

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| Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report Y/N | No |

## 4. Recommendations

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