

Public Performance Report

2025/2026





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Introduction

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Welcome to the 2025/26 Performance Report summary which lists some of the key highlights and achievements we have made over the last year in delivering the [current Council Strategic Plan](#).

The plan, which covers the period up until the next council elections in 2027, sets out four key challenges, twelve missions and more than 230 commitments.

The plan also provides details on how all council services will help address, support and deliver for the city. The four grand challenges in the plan are:

- Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities
- Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our citizens
- Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow
- Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative, and efficient way for our communities.

It is the intention of Glasgow City Council to revisit the plan annually. This will ensure it remains fit for purpose and that commitments remain up to date and in line with changing circumstances.

Scrutiny on how we are progressing with the Council Plan is undertaken by the [Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee](#).

Upcoming and previous committee meetings are available to view on [Glasgow City Council's web streaming portal](#).

GRAND CHALLENGE 1:



Reduce
poverty and
inequality
in our
communities

During 2025/26 we have:

Realised £3 million from the Parks and Open Spaces Fund to [renew and improve everything from play areas, paths, ponds and planting places](#) in 350 projects city wide

During its first year The Thistle, Glasgow's Safer drug consumption facility, recorded more than 11,000 visits

Produced an updated [Family Support Strategy](#), strengthening early intervention and third-sector partnership working to help families stay together in their communities.

Had young people in our schools recognised by top entrepreneurs for their interest in [changing the way people live in Glasgow](#)

Four Glasgow secondary schools participated in the [Scottish Government's pilot that will expand free school meals](#) to all S1-S3 pupils whose parent or carer is in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment

Introduced an [Advanced Care Pilot](#), providing 30 short-term care beds across two care homes, which will support timely hospital discharge and recovery focused pathways for people with complex care needs

Acquired Garscadden House to [allow the creation of a community hub in Drumchapel](#)

Celebrated [local democratic involvement in local government](#) by marking 50 years of community councils in Glasgow

Continued to strengthen our [efforts to reduce child poverty](#) while better understanding the [impact and role we play in this work](#)

Used our 2026-29 Communities Fund to [distribute £43 million across the city](#), targeting citizens and communities most in need

Delivered suicide prevention training and awareness for high-risk groups, including justice clients, students and [male construction workers](#)

Led a youth engagement project exploring the impact of social media on mental health and developed a [Digital](#)

[Wellbeing Conversation Starters](#) toolkit to support practitioners working with young people

The [Carers Strategy \(2025-28\)](#), setting out a vision for a more 'carer aware' city, where unpaid carers are recognised, listened to and supported was launched

Launched [Get Active Glasgow](#), a £550,000 fund supporting community groups and clubs across the city to participate in sport and physical activity.

Officially opened the [£67 million Parkhead Hub](#), Scotland's largest integrated primary care facility, including the popular new £4 million Parkhead Library.

[Opening hours at five swimming pools were extended](#), improving weekend access to swimming and leisure facilities for families.

[Wintering Well Boxes](#) were available in 11 community libraries, helping people manage Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) across Glasgow's darkest months.

GRAND CHALLENGE 2:



During 2025/26 we have:

Started work on the transformational [Avenues Project](#) which will cover North Hanover Street and Kyle Street

GoFundMe awarded Glasgow the accolade of being [the most generous Scottish city](#)

[Allocated £6.56million of additional City Deal funding](#) towards a new commercial space project in Dalmarnock

Continued to work with partner on a number of initiatives which [provide employability support across a wide range of the Glasgow population](#)

Continued to work towards [restoring the Egyptian Halls](#)

Established a new [expert group to help drive forward](#) the City's night-time economy

Recognised the [contribution to the city of Professor Sir Jim McDonald GBE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde](#), by presenting him with the Loving Cup

[Commissioned a new digital skills pilot programme](#) which aims at empowering early-stage tech founders and upskilling students through no-code app development

Continued to note the [ongoing sales increases experienced by the Glasgow city centre](#) retail sector

Provided the [Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee](#) with an update on the [Just Transition Skills Action Plan](#)

Glasgow Life's [Family Finances Key Workers programme](#) supported nearly 800 parents, delivering almost £2m income uplift and national recognition. [Assisted Digital Support](#) helped 2,281 people, including 300+ pre-release prisoners at HMP Barlinnie, securing nearly £5.3m in financial gains.

Received award of £2.3 million to support the next phase of the innovative [Sauchiehall Street Culture and Heritage District project](#).

Held [Glasgow's first-ever Open Iftar](#) welcoming over 250 people to the City Chambers to celebrate Ramadan and the city's Muslim Communities.

Three [new Artists in Communities](#) projects were launched exploring the climate emergency through participatory arts in local neighbourhoods.

Worked with faith and belief leaders to unite around [Historic Glasgow 850 Interfaith Declaration](#)

GRAND CHALLENGE 3:

Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow

During 2025/26 we have:

Transformed the [safety and accessibility of Queen's Drive and Langside Road](#) for people who walk, wheel and cycle

Early studies suggest [Braes Park is emerging as a sanctuary for wildlife](#) following a City Deal project to reduce local flood risk and improve the park's natural environment

Glasgow's [climate action investment scheme raised £1m for solar energy projects](#)

Supported the [growth of climate tech firms by agreeing a long term lease](#) for the iconic The Lighthouse building

The [Voi-operated e-bike hire scheme recorded over 170,000 rides](#), in just under six months since its rollout in November 2025

Used our [Wheels in Motion Fund](#) to [share £150,000 between twenty-three organisations](#) that support more people getting involved in cycling and wheeled urban sports

Installed [new urban trees around the city centre](#), increasing our wider efforts to expand Glasgow's tree canopy

Enforcement of Low Emission Zone (LEZ) has led to [City centre air pollution dropping by one third](#)

[George V bridge active travel improvements completed](#)

Accepted £6.845million from the Scottish Government to [increase the energy-efficiency of homes in Glasgow](#) during 2025/26

The city [continued to experience increased cycle use](#) driven by growing access to safe, high quality routes

Reviewed [Glasgow's Climate Plan](#) and identified [extensive community benefits which accompany the effort to reduce carbon emissions](#)

Secured £1million in [funding for community regeneration projects which seek to deliver large-scale improvements to deprived areas](#).

The [Govan to Partick bridge](#) clocked up [over one million pedestrian and cyclist crossings](#) in just over six months since it opened

[Supported our built heritage trusts](#) with £290,000 of funding for the [Glasgow Building Preservation Trust](#) and the [Glasgow City Heritage Trust](#)

Work started to significantly [upgrade the city's road network on the back of a 3-year £119m investment](#) programme

Introduced a [Tall Buildings Design Guide for Glasgow](#) which sets out areas of the city where the council would support the development of skyscrapers

Accessed over £10 million in funding to [support a wide range of measures that make it easier for people to travel more sustainably in Glasgow](#)

Trialled artificial intelligence technology in a bid to [reduce bus journey times and enhance public transport efficiency](#).

GRAND CHALLENGE 4:

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**Enable staff
to deliver
essential
services in a
sustainable,
innovative
and efficient
way for our
communities**

Used money we have collected in [Low Emission Zone \(LEZ\)](#) penalties to support charities [Plugged-In](#), working to [breathe new life into discarded technology](#), and [Trees for Cities](#), who make it easier for residents to sponsor new street tree planting

The Council [transferred management and maintenance of Geoff Shaw Community Centre](#) to [Toryglen Community Youth Project](#), a local community organisation, as part of the [People Make Glasgow Communities \(PMGC\)](#) programme

PMGC also transferred [management of the Yoker Sports Centre](#) to a local community group

Completed the [citywide rollout of more than 61,000 of the latest A16 iPads](#) to children, young people, and staff across 30 learning communities

Received a [£2million-plus funding boost to revitalise local town centres and regenerate the city centre waterfront](#)

[Doubled the size of our overnight cleansing team](#) following major investment by the Council.

Worked with other Scottish towns to [consider how innovation and investment can be used to drive Scotland's future economy](#).

The Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP) reached [1,000 additional affordable homes](#) built in the city

Paved the way for construction of [over 100 new homes following the sale of an inner-city site](#) to Scotland's largest social landlord

Allocated £115million for the [building of affordable homes in Glasgow](#) during 2025/26

Continued to use our Empty House Strategy [to bring unoccupied houses back into use](#)

The [transformation of George Square](#) continued to extend the world class look and feel of the new square and surrounding roads.

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Who we are

[Glasgow City Council](#) is one of Scotland's largest employers with over 20,000 staff in a wide range of jobs and careers.

Information about [careers with the Council](#) is available on the Glasgow City Council website.

[Employee diversity information](#) is available on the Glasgow City Council website.

How we pay for services

Each year we [provide information on our budgets](#) and a number of financial matters.

Also [available are our annual accounts](#) which details how our budgets are spent over the financial year.

How we compare with other Councils

Councils across Scotland have agreed a set of indicators to help compare their costs and how well they deliver services.

Comparative data is available [from the Improvement Service website](#).

What our Citizens think

We periodically ask a representative quota of around 1,000 Glasgow residents what they think about Council Services.

We use this to inform service and strategy development.

Copies of the full [Glasgow Household Survey reports](#) are available on the Glasgow City Council website