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Glasgow City Council

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring Committee

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COP Legacy update

Purpose of Report:

This report presents an update on the Council's approach to securing a legacy from its participation in the COP process.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note:

- the update on COP26 and Glasgow's legacy ambitions from hosting it;
- the Council's work with cities and local government to ensure a strong sub-national voice at COP27 and beyond.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1.0 Background

1.1 Members will be aware that the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26, was hosted in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November 2021 at the Scottish Event Campus. It concluded with a global agreement called the Glasgow Climate Pact. The following year saw COP27 being held in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November 2022.

1.2 COP26 was an exceptional event in terms of security and logistics. It was also the first truly global gathering to be held in person since the Covid pandemic began. Glasgow was chosen as host city by the UK Government in recognition both of its consistent track record of delivery for major events and its ambitious plans for a low carbon and climate resilient future.

1.3 Members have previously considered a set of reports on the city's preparations for COP26 and its legacy ambitions at the City Policy Committees in the cycle leading up to the summer recess of 2021. A copy of one of these can be accessed at this link.

1.4 The purpose of this report is to update members on progress in delivering a legacy for the city from hosting COP26 and the Council's continuing engagement with the COP process, including attendance at COP27. The Council's approach towards legacy has been based on the two key goals which characterise the city's declaration of a climate emergency, which are:

- A commitment for Glasgow to achieve net zero carbon emissions by the year 2030.
- A corresponding aim to ensure that a just transition takes place for the city's workers, businesses and communities.

1.5 Glasgow was an ideal location for COP26 because its story is, in many ways, the world's story. It charts a course from the carbon-intensive industries of the past to the low carbon and sustainable developments of the present. Indeed, now that more than half the world's population live in cities, it will have to be with Glasgow's many other urban peers that the solutions to the global climate emergency will be delivered. This perspective has informed much of the Council's work as host for and subsequent participant in COP through connecting with other cities on the climate agenda.

1.6 The principal focus of this report is on the Council's approach to COP, but it also brings in a wide range of activities with and alongside key city stakeholders, especially through the Sustainable Glasgow partnership. Many of these will have their own experiences to draw upon from COP-time and their own sense of the legacy outputs which they have delivered. The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, for instance, convened a 'Glasgow Climate Chamber' for businesses during COP26, whilst the city's universities and colleges held numerous events on their campuses for both students and international guests. The third sector played a particularly strong role in providing a welcome to the world at COP26 and organising a wide range of activities, particularly through the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland coalition.

2.0 Hosting a global event

2.1 The lead responsibility for organising COP26 rested with the United Nations and the host UK Government. The Council and national agencies such as Police Scotland, NHS Scotland and Transport Scotland acted in the role of key delivery partners. In addition, the Council was keen to ensure a strong role and prominence for Glasgow as host city beyond its event management responsibilities. In particular, the following aims guided the city's work in preparation for COP, during event-time, and beyond:

- To deliver a key moment for the whole world to come together and address the climate emergency – the postponement of the original date of COP26 from November 2020 gave both time but also a sense of even greater urgency to global and local partners. As the world struggled with the challenges of the Covid crisis, which had not been foreseen, a consensus emerged that it needed once more to face the climate emergency, which was already known to be looming over the planet. Glasgow offered a necessary space for the world to do that.
- A safe event for public health and security – the decision to postpone COP was made during the early stages of the pandemic in spring 2020, but it was very much still a constant concern at the event. There was no evidence of a spike in Covid cases through COP being held in Glasgow, with strong biosecurity protocols having been in place throughout the event. This is a testament to the work of the UK and Scottish Governments, NHS Scotland and the Council in ensuring that delegates and visitors were informed, tested and supported in complying with Covid measures.
- A successful event for a global agreement and as host city – the world managed to come to an agreement and collectively endorse a Glasgow Climate Pact. The Council's own host city work reached out to local and international audiences and partners and has provided momentum to harness for further work. It ensures that COP was not a single event for Glasgow but the source of multiple activities which will benefit local ambitions, just as other major events such as the Garden Festival and Commonwealth Games have acted as pivot points for the city over the years.
- A welcoming event for delegates, visitors and activists – there has been overwhelmingly positive feedback from agencies and individuals about the welcome which they received in Glasgow. The city was always clear that, within the constraints of a pandemic, it would be a good host and a great place to be in for the most important discussions on the planet. This included respect for the right to protest, work to minimise disruption for local people and businesses, and the development of the Get Ready Glasgow resource as a single source of truth about arrangements for COP and key links on sustainability.
- A legacy for Glaswegians from hosting COP26 – the city wanted to host the best ever COP for the planet, but also to ensure that it harnessed momentum

from its arrival and from event-time itself to support local ambitions, particularly through its Sustainable Glasgow partnership. Further discussion of this vital element of the city's hosting role for COP is presented in section 4 of this report.

2.2 One of the most significant elements of legacy for any city which has hosted an event of global significance is around creating a refreshed narrative. Glasgow still bears the scars of its industrial past and has major challenges in decarbonising its distinct built form, but in facing them it projects an urban story for other cities to follow. This narrative draws into it both a collective civic responsibility to build greater resilience in the face of the known challenges around climate change as well as a strong city positioning as a place for green investment, jobs and tourism.

3.0 Host City role

3.1 From the initial announcement of its COP26 host city status, the Council set out to establish a strong sense of place and local leadership at the event for the distinctly sub-national and especially urban contribution to climate action. This went alongside a clear people focus and, within the restrictions imposed by Covid, a desire to engage with the third and community sectors in the city on COP. The Council's approach was captured under the banner of a Host City Zone, foremost in which was the City Chambers itself, which served as the world's city hall for mayors and other urban leaders during COP. Other key locations in the Council's estate also played a major role in providing focal points for climate policy discussion – such as The Lighthouse, which was leased to the Scottish Government for COP. The main aims of this work were:

- To promote Glasgow and reach out to other cities, city networks and sub-national groupings for the benefit of a successful COP26 and the city's climate targets.
- To showcase Glasgow to the world as a leader in the race to net zero and a place where green business can be done.
- To provide a platform for a wide range of partners, both local and international, to come together to create legacy.

3.2 The Council took the opportunity of new digital connections with global networks to engage in a range of policy conversations over the months preceding COP. These allowed a comprehensive schedule of events to be programmed for the City Chambers for COP-time, bringing multiple international perspectives into contact with local Glaswegian voices. Each of these events both built on existing relationships and provided a platform for legacy work – particularly in relation to urban policy connections and specific areas such as climate finance.

3.3 The Host City Zone gave a stage and provided the right place for a set of conversations to inform an enduring legacy from COP26. All of these events and all of these discussions have added to Glasgow's own sustainability work and the Council is harnessing their potential for future work, as well as building on the connections which have been made. Many of them have

helped to drive further partnership work with key local partners too – such as the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and the city's further and higher education sector – and some specific areas of work with them are noted in the next section.

3.4 The Council also activated a Sustainable Glasgow Landing site on vacant land at the Broomielaw. This included a programme of free to attend installations, activities and events for the public, with daily performances that had a strong focus on the Global South and the climate justice agenda, with more than 10,000 people visiting the site during COP-time.

3.5 This work included the production of a digital resource for residents and visitors during COP-time, called the Sustainable Glasgow storymap, which provides a historical perspective on the city's development as a major industrial power and subsequent changes to a more sustainable landscape. It offers walking trails throughout the city and a tangible sense of the extraordinary transformations which Glasgow has both wrought and witnessed.

3.6 A further 37 events and activations took place across the Council estate during COP26 in its parks, venues and precincts. Many of these involved the arts and culture sector and helped to engage the public on climate issues, give a sense of vibrancy to the city during COP-time, and draw on some of the best of local and international innovation.

4.0 Key legacy themes

4.1 The Council's approach to legacy identified three key themes of principal interest to the city. This section notes these themes and provides a summary of progress towards them. The arrival of COP26 did not necessarily tell the city anything new which it did not already know about the need to address the climate emergency – but it did add momentum, pace and focus to its existing ambitions and helped to forge new connections to other urban peers from which it can learn.

4.2 Legacy theme: <u>International and city linkages</u>

4.2.1 One of the key and consistent messages from Glasgow to the world has been that, whilst nation states make pledges, it is cities which are delivering on a low carbon and climate resilient future. The city therefore used the arrival of COP and event time itself to make common cause with its urban peers and to get a stronger role for cities and local government in general within the COP discussions. COP itself also gave – and continues to give - Glasgow a platform on the world stage to take its part in discussion with many other cities and to engage with their mayors and policy makers. This distinct city diplomacy has offered several further opportunities, which are noted below, and the Council and partners have been building on them for their sustainability work, and also for trade, cultural and academic links.

4.2.2 A good example of a strong relationship which has emerged from COP with other cities is Glasgow's continuing legacy work with the prestigious C40 network of the world's biggest and most ambitious cities for climate action. The network itself took the opportunity to reveal its new chair (the Mayor of London) at an event in the City Chambers during COP26 and also to announce that it had signed up more than 1,000 cities to its Race to Zero campaign. The Council has continued to engage on specific areas of work with the C40 in the post-COP period, the most significant of them being the Thriving Cities Initiative, which seeks to support urban lifestyles compatible with both a 1.5 degree limit for the planet and the needs of a just transition.

4.2.3 Engagement with the Eurocities network also helped to prepare the way for Glasgow's hosting of COP26 and to mobilise an existing set of relationships for the event and beyond. Participation in the Eurocities SDG Taskforce, for instance, took place prior to the announcement of Glasgow's host city status and continued to inform both its planning and the development of Glasgow's Climate Plan. Specific work with Eurocities for COP26 brought together a European Mayors Alliance for a Green Deal at the event and activities continue with the network on making a just transition for urban Europe.

4.2.4 These city and local government partnerships have helped to connect Glasgow to a continuing global dialogue on the role of sub-national action and leadership as the world prepared for COP27 in 2022. A key partner in this light has been ICLEI, which is the global collaboration of local government for sustainability. It leads the Local Governments & Municipal Associations constituency as a formal COP participant accredited by the United Nations and therefore has linked the Council to COP discussions across the whole year prior to both COP26 and COP27 – and will continue to do so for future COP events. ICLEI has traditionally hosted a diverse set of discussions at its own pavilion in the Blue Zone at COP and did so with funding support from the Scottish Government in the past two years. The Leader of the Council participated with C40 mayors at events during COP27 and also with ICLEI at its pavilion, thereby maintaining and consolidating these important links and adding Glasgow's support to the global voice of cities and local government on the climate agenda. The Council was also asked to co-lead the participation of the Global Resilient Cities Network at COP27, with continuing involvement afterwards in a mayors' and city leaders' resilience task force convened by the network's chair.

4.2.5 Other key highlights from this work include:

- Membership of the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance of the world's most ambitious cities secured and with corresponding access to funding opportunities.
- Work with partners to publish a global Glasgow Declaration on food and climate for sub-national government.
- Membership of the Ellen Macarthur Foundation's circular cities group achieved.
- Engagement with the Global Emissions Monitoring & Measurement initiative, connected through the University of Strathclyde, which has led to a $250K

value network of sensors funded from UC Berkeley being placed on Glasgow school roofs.

- Observer status gained for Glasgow in the prestigious U20 Urban Forum, which brings the voice of cities to the G20 summits. This has allowed Glasgow to influence the drafting of U20 Communiqués and with the view to securing permanent membership alongside London as the UK's only other city representative.
- Sign-up to the Edinburgh Declaration on biodiversity.
- Selection for the prestigious Bloomberg-Harvard leadership initiative as a direct legacy of hosting COP26.

4.2.5 Subsequent work has led to selection by the European Commission (in April 2022) for membership of its 2030 climate neutral Mission group of leading cities across Europe. Glasgow is one of only two cities in the UK to have been selected for this programme. This has very much built on Glasgow's reputation and ambition from COP26 and in particular its relationships with other urban peers through the Eurocities network (from which 72 of the EU Mission cities are drawn).

4.2.6 The principal legacy activity from COP27 for the cities and local government constituency is an initiative of the Egyptian presidency in partnership with UN-Habitat and ICLEI. It is called SURGe, which stands for Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation. This approach explicitly recognises that the climate battle will be won or lost in cities and the key importance of unlocking adequate finance for urban climate action. The Council will continue to work with its city peers through this approach as planning takes place for COP28 and also more broadly in making common cause with its urban allies around the world on climate issues.

4.3 Legacy theme: <u>Business and climate finance</u>

4.3.1 The Council has had a strong partnership with the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce in working to maximise opportunities for local businesses from COP and also to make further progress in sustainable and inclusive growth. In the lead up to COP26, the Council established a Green Economy Manager post and went on to publish a green investment portfolio. It is part of the city's approach to seeking the £30 billion which is needed to achieve the ambitious 2030 net carbon zero target - with some of the events in the Host City Zone having helped the Council to reach out to the private capital markets as well as link to other UK cities on this shared agenda. It has continued to be a principal focus of the Council's involvement in the COP process subsequent to its hosting of COP26 and formed much of the basis for participation at COP27.

4.3.2 The Council has also worked with its urban peers through the Core Cities and London Boroughs network to lead the development of a UK Cities Commission for Climate Investment (now called 3Ci). This is specifically aimed at driving additional investment into local net zero programmes and supporting cities to bring forward a pipeline of projects to government and the private capital markets. It has helped to add further prominence and greater

potential opportunities to Glasgow's own climate projects, including those in the city's green investment prospectus, and ensured that a meaningful legacy relationship with other cities across the UK has been taken forward from COP26. The Council has subsequently supported the engagement of the Scottish Cities Alliance with this collaboration, thereby ensuring that it has a wide scope across the urban landscape of Scotland/UK.

4.3.3 The 3Ci partnership played an important part in the Council's preparations for and participation at COP27. The Leader of the Council took part in a number of events with 3Ci in Sharm el Sheikh, together with the Mayor of Bristol. As a direct follow-up to this approach, a regional investor gathering was organised by 3Ci in Glasgow for the week after COP27, with an event in the city on 22 November.

4.3.4 Work with the University of Glasgow on Green Recovery Dialogues in the run-up to COP26 was used as the basis of a major bid to NERC (the National Environment Research Council). This project, called GALLANT, is worth £10 million to the city and involves a range of innovative work packages on environmental systems. A successful outcome for the bid was achieved on 15 November 2021, just after the close of COP26, and the Council continues to work with researchers at the University on the project.

4.3.5 The eyes of the world were upon Glasgow during COP26 and the city has looked to maximise the legacy benefits of such extraordinary exposure to a global audience of unprecedented size and reach. Glasgow Convention Bureau has been particularly keen to focus on event and venue sustainability as a marketing tool and Glasgow became the first city in the UK to receive Earthcheck accreditation for its sustainability credentials, which was secured during COP-time. Glasgow also became the first Convention Bureau in the world to join the Tourism Declares a Climate Emergency initiative in 2021 in preparation for COP26.

4.3.5 Other key highlights from this work include:

- Launch of the Glasgow Green Deal roadmap on 21 October 2021 in time for COP26 and call for ideas through committee.
- Membership of the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance secured, with the City Treasurer appointed as an ambassador for the Alliance in Europe.
- Participation of more than 2,500 young people from Glasgow's high schools in My Climate Path, a COP26 initiative as part of the Developing the Young Workforce programme from the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.
- Glasgow's continued ranking in the top ten of the Global Sustainable Destinations Index.
- Selection by ICLEI in May 2022 to be one of eight host cities in Europe for its Action Fund on environmental projects, with support from Google.
- A commitment announced at COP27 by the Global Resilient Cities Network of a resource for Glasgow through its Risk & Resilience Fellowship, which will further support the Council's thinking on funding a just transition to net zero.

4.4 Legacy theme: People and a just transition

4.4.1 The Council was always mindful that COP should not only be about large institutions talking one to another – important though that is – but that it also has to be connected to the daily lives of local people. It therefore convened a Citizen's Assembly on COP and climate, which was independently facilitated over the summer of 2021 and its recommendations published just before COP event-time. The Council also recruited almost 1,000 host city volunteers from a representative range of backgrounds across Glasgow and Scotland. They were key to the welcome which the city gave to the world and the volunteers themselves recorded high levels of satisfaction through post-COP surveys.

4.4.2 The Council's Education Services engaged every single school in the city on discussions around climate, sustainability and leadership in the months leading in to COP. That means that COP26 will have left a continuing legacy of climate conversations for more than 70,000 children and young people in Glasgow. The number of Let's Go Zero schools also increased to 61 from just 2 in the pre-COP period. Members can find out more of the work which Education Services has undertaken on the climate agenda with schools from this report previously presented to committee. The city's primary schools were involved in planting a new Glasgow Children's Woodland for COP26 in conjunction with local and national partners. They also helped to develop the Every Tree Tells a Story initiative, which aims to re-connect people with urban nature and particularly trees, and was launched by Cadder Primary in October 2021.

4.4.3 One of the activities which was particularly successful at COP itself was a programme of events for girls and young women from S3 classes across the city's high schools on Sustainable Development Goal 5 - around gender equality and women's climate leadership. These were held every day across COP in partnership with the Centre for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University. They involved a range of inspiring women speakers from around the world and culminated with an address to the young women from Mary Robinson, the former Irish President and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Council has continued with this work and has received support from Bloomberg Philanthropies and the C40 network for it through a Women4Climate Mentorship Programme as a direct legacy of the relationships built through hosting COP26.

4.4.4 Other forms of engagement with local people took place through the artists-in-residence programme managed by Glasgow Life. This has used the medium of the creative arts to help residents to express their views on climate issues and to gain a greater sense of agency through doing so. Work with children and young people was a key part of this, with the support of a small grants programme from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health acting as a catalyst. Further such work through a partnership between Bloomberg Philanthropies and Glasgow Life, called Create4Glasgow, also took place as a direct legacy benefit of the relationships fostered through COP. One very tangible legacy presence for the city has been bequeathed by a major public art installation called the Hope Sculptures, the principal one of which is

located at the Cuningar Loop woodland park (with the two being at Central Station and Rottenrow park). These are intended to look to a more climate resilient future and to promote positive messages about mental health. The main sculpture is the product of a strong partnership between its designer, Steuart Padwick, Clyde Gateway and several private sector companies acting on a pro bono basis. It also has the distinction of being the first complete structure in the UK to be produced from cement-free concrete and therefore a major innovation for low carbon construction.

4.4.5 One of the other key messages from Glasgow to the world and to itself has been that sustainability and social justice must go together. The city and its people bear the scars still of previously unmanaged transitions in the economy and the Council is determined to ensure that the next transformation to a greener economy and society enhances opportunities for residents and businesses and protects the vulnerable. These are strong values for the city, matched with an equal commitment to progress them through practical action. The arrival of COP accelerated activity over the months leading to event-time with key partners in the education, business and skills sectors to look at how that can be done. This includes the drafting of a just transition skills plan and the establishment of the cross-party Just Transition Working Group.

4.4.6 At the same time, the Council is only too aware of the global injustices which climate change amplifies in its wake, especially for vulnerable populations in the global south and indigenous peoples threatened with ecological and habitat collapse. There is a strong will to build on work with the Mary Robinson Centre for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University on this important agenda and also for the city to play its own part in working with other urban settlements in the Global South on climate resilience. The Council's activity at COP27 included meetings with people who have lived experience of climate injustice and the threat of climate related disasters. This was given context by an open acknowledgement from the city of the continuing climate-related impacts of its own involvement in the colonial era.

4.4.7 In this light, the Council has sought out specific activities and partnerships to give traction to such values. They include an aim to join the Cities4Forests partnership, which links urban consumers of tropical hardwoods with responsible and sustainably sourced forest management around the world. Cities4Forests had a prominent place at the Sustainable Glasgow landing site during COP-time and were given space for an event in the Host City Zone. An announcement was also made during COP26 of the Council's intention to convene a Working Group on Repatriation and Spoliation for artefacts in the civic collection which were taken during colonial times.

4.4.8 A potential legacy which has arisen from the Council's participation in discussions for COP27 is participation in an ICLEI initiative called the Global Stocktake. This highlights the key role of local government in its convening role with partners and communities and has the stated intention of 'turning every City Hall into a mini-COP to introduce momentum to the Paris Agreement.' The ask of local governments is to bring activities forward on

the climate agenda, especially in a set of engaged conversations with local people, in time for Earth Day on 22 April. This has the potential to support the strong community involvement goals of the Glasgow Climate Plan and to mobilise collective action from Sustainable Glasgow partners on COP-related themes. It would fit well with current work on the Sustainable Development Goals being undertaken by the Council with communities and give a strong sense of local action to inform global debates on the next journey to COP28.

5.0 Next steps

5.1 One of the key lessons from COP and preparations for the event (both as host city and then as participant) has been the significance for Glasgow of making common cause with its urban peers on climate, sustainability and social justice. The Council has therefore worked to maintain and build on the momentum achieved with other city and city network partners and to promote a distinctly urban agenda for sustainability. Cities are both the locus of and the source of solutions to many of the world's problems around sustainability and the Council is drawing on these connections to support its learning from COP and to add weight to work with national governments. All of this will continue to have a strong justice perspective as cities look to address the overlapping crises of Covid, climate and the cost of living. Glasgow will continue in particular to engage with the SURGe initiative, which has been a key legacy output from COP27 and one which will help to lead the cities and local government agenda in the run-up to and at COP28.

5.2 Further work is taking place with other key partners as a direct legacy of participation in COP27. The focus for this draws on the Council's own priorities as set out in the Strategic Plan alongside the global urban agenda as it develops towards COP28. Priorities for this year therefore include:

- Working with ICLEI to maintain an active link with UN discussions on the next and future COP events.
- Continuing the strong relationship with the Global Resilient Cities Network across both climate and other resilience challenges.
- Progressing membership of the European Commission's 100 Climate Mission cities and exploring any funding opportunities which arise from it.
- Working with key city partners locally and through national/global connections on the just transition.
- Engaging with the business community, particularly through the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, on maximising trade opportunities and green innovation from participation in the COP process.

5.3 One of the other vital legacy outputs of Glasgow's COP host city role is an enhanced and accelerated set of discussions around climate finance. The Council shall, of course, advocate for greater funding support from its two national governments, but COP has opened greater access to the world of private capital - particularly as those sectors involved in insurance and pension funds look to divest from fossil fuels and re-invest in sustainable developments. Glasgow's greenprint for investment has been brought to the attention of those markets and the city will aim to mobilise the discussions had

and the contacts made during COP26 and at COP27 to bring in the funds needed to support its 2030 net zero commitments.

5.4 The principal collaborative relationship for the Council on climate finance is through the 3Ci partnership, as noted in section 4.3 above. This is an enduring legacy of Glasgow's COP26 host city role and was a key partner at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh. Over this year work will continue with 3Ci on:

- Securing further funding to build out the initiative.
- Finalising proposals for a national technical assistance facility to support city project development.
- Exploring routes to investment for the city's greenprint from the private capital markets, following up on the regional investors' gathering from November 2022 in Glasgow.
- Connecting to investor discussions at further events across 2023, including potentially at COP28 itself.
- Continuing to make the case to national governments for greater and speedier investment in urban decarbonisation.
- Creating a Glasgow demonstrator of 3Ci's net zero neighbourhoods model for investment, taking account of mixed tenures and the distinct built environment.
- Participating with other 3Ci cities in a net zero summit in May, which will be hosted by the City of London Corporation in conjunction with the Egyptian COP27 Presidency.

5.5 The Council and local partners have been given a major opportunity to build an internal legacy from COP26 in terms of further expertise, understanding and capacity. These relate not just to the management of large events, but also to the management of climate challenges for a resilient city future and a high quality of life for all Glaswegians. When COP was coming to Glasgow, it helped to spur on local action. With the departure of COP, momentum remained with Glasgow to bring the climate agenda into the culture and organisational development of the institutions which serve Glasgow's people. All of this has helped to enhance and progress the city's existing strong partnerships through Sustainable Glasgow, which is the principal means through which the vision of a net zero carbon and climate resilient future will be delivered over the coming years.

5.6 Hosting COP has also offered opportunities to look again at how best the Council can imbed climate conversations across the city's diverse communities. Glasgow's Climate Plan highlights the importance of community engagement on the climate agenda. The citizen's assembly followed up on that and there are further opportunities to broaden this engagement through mainstream services and structures so that Glaswegians have a say in building a net zero and climate resilient city. A particularly important element of that will be acknowledging and addressing the differential impacts of climate on Glasgow's diverse communities – such as the support coming from the C40 network and Bloomberg Philanthropies for legacy work on gender and climate with Glaswegian girls and women, for instance.

5.7 Glasgow has had the opportunity to do something which few previous COP host cities have managed and that is to continue its relationship with the COP process through to the following year's event. The next COP in 2023 will be COP28, to be held in the United Arab Emirates between 30 November and 12 December. Consideration of the Council's attendance and active participation at this event will be given alongside its continuing involvement in the 3Ci partnership, for instance, and other key urban networks. Should future Council attendance be recommended at COP then it will be the subject of a report to the City Administration Committee in due course.

6.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	There are no immediate financial implications from the proposals in this report for the Council.
Legal:	There are no legal implications arising from the proposals in this report for the Council.
Personnel:	Actions relating to the proposals in this report will be undertaken using existing staff resources.
Procurement:	There are no procurement issues relating to the proposals in this report
Council Strategic Plan:	Participation in the COP process supports Grand Challenge 3 of the Strategic Plan, with a particular focus on climate finance and ensuring a just transition.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25	The experience of other cities in working with the Sustainable Development Goals and the strong equality elements of them has helped to inform local work on responses to the climate emergency.
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	The Council's approach to COP legacy has been informed by the equality impact assessments carried out for the city's climate emergency report and final climate plan. Equality impact assessments of specific policies and actions noted in this report will take place as appropriate and as they are developed.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.	This work is providing further experience from other peer cities on connecting sustainability and social justice. The Council has

Climate impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	The work noted in this report both contributes to and has helped to accelerate the development and implementation of the Climate Plan.
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	Citizen engagement and delivering a just transition are key elements of the discussions noted in this report.
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	The COP process connects Glasgow with a peer group of cities across the world which offer lessons for practical action on the emissions reductions and sustainability agenda.
Privacy and Data Protection impacts:	This report has no impacts upon privacy or data protection.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 The Committee is asked to note:

- the update on COP26 and Glasgow's legacy ambitions from hosting it;
- the Council's work with cities and local government to ensure a strong sub-national voice at COP27 and beyond.