Q 1	Asked by: Bailie Patricia Ferguson
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations what effect the cut of 40% of museum conservation staff will have on the maintenance and display of Glasgow’s collections?”
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

The impact of these proposals has been considered. The proposed approach to retain a core level of service is intended to protect a level of collections care, business continuity and service reputation. Of specific concern is the retention of museums accreditation, essential to secure external revenue or capital funding; the revised structure will ensure we retain the services essential to maintain accredited status.

We recognise that this level of reduction will, of course, have an impact on the frequency of temporary exhibitions and display changes, but this is in response to the scale of the financial challenge that we face.

Q 2	Asked by: Bailie Ann Jenkins
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets what engagement and consultation was had with allotment users prior to agreeing the 400% increase in fees?"
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

The increase in allotment fees was part of the recent budget with the implementation of new charges beginning the year 2024/25.

In recognition of both the fact that there has been no increase to allotment rental charges in 14 years and also the scale of the increase required to make the service financially sustainable, a series of mitigation measures have been put in place to assist those citizens who may otherwise have been excluded on socio-economic or financial grounds. These included a continuation with concessionary rates for those in receipt of benefits, full time students and over 60s and a graded annual increase implementation over a five-year period. Additionally, we're also exploring options to allow rental to be spread over the course of the year.

It's important to note that the fees increase allows us to retain those concessionary rates and while we expect it will arrive at a position of cost neutrality, any surplus will go back into the service.

I'm also pleased to say that thanks to our partnership working with FARE in Easterhouse and their redevelopment of the Stepford Football Complex we have been able to secure thousands of tonnes of topsoil that I will be happy to make available to allotment associations at no cost. The value of this, should individuals have had to purchase it, greatly exceeds any increase in fees.

In line with our statutory obligations in relation to allotment rental increases, Glasgow City Council has provided 12 months' notice, and will undertake a consultation prior to implementing the increase.

Q 3	Asked by: Councillor Elaine McDougall
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People what consultation was undertaken with service users, GPs and other relevant stakeholders prior to withdrawing the Hunter Street homeless practice."
Responder	Councillor Chris Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People

At the outset of my answer I need to highlight that there are aspects of this matter that are under dispute and as a consequence I would not wish to make comment on any of the individuals involved, or their circumstances.

The Hunter St Practice was established in 2004 in response to a particular set of circumstances relating to the nature of Homeless provision and the system applicable at the time for registering with a GP.

Specifically, it was common for homeless people, particularly those not deemed to be in priority need, in other words single adults, to be placed in model lodging houses. By definition, such lodging houses were not 'permanent' addresses and at the time, a permanent address was required under NHS rules for registration with a GP.

That has now changed. A 'permanent' address is no longer required for GP registration and the use of model lodging houses has been phased out following the abolition of 'priority need' and changes to the way in which homeless applicants are now assessed and assisted. What has not changed is the fact that many who are homeless also experience a range of complex needs, either as a cause of their homelessness or as a consequence of it. How we assist homeless applicants and ensure they are able to access services, lies behind the changes that are at the root of this issue.

With regard to detailed consultation, this has included service users, GPs, and other stakeholders including third sector colleagues and I can confirm that this process has been ongoing since 2017, following a decision to review the homeless health service provision in preparation for the Glasgow Safer Drug Consumption Facility proposals, and the development of the Complex Needs Service.

On the staff side trade union, it included a 'vision' break out session on 18th Nov 2021 which was the catalyst for ensuring lived experience was embedded in the planning and monitoring of the complex needs service moving forward.

I can also confirm that all the proposed changes were formally overseen and approved by Glasgow HSCP's Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer. Following initial changes to the service in response to COVID-19 a final decision with regards the GP provision was subject to further consultation with the GPs concerned which concluded on 23rd March 2023, following a robust HR process.

With regard to service users affected by the closure of the Hunter Street GP service, I can confirm that there were 166 patients known to the service who were subject to a formally agreed RAG review arrangement (red, amber, green) overseen by the Clinical Director and Assistant Chief Officer.

Initial review confirmed that 33 no longer required a GP service as they had moved out of the area or had already accessed a GP elsewhere. The remaining patients have now been assigned to a locality GP based on their postcode and following engagement with Practitioner Services, with the Clinical Director completing all of the required bridging prescriptions. All patients in the Amber and Red categories were contacted by the Nurse Team Leader, Senior

Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and Business Support Manager. Many patients reported they were happy with the arrangements and advised it would be easier for them given the close proximity of the assigned GP practice to their community.

I think it is important in addressing homelessness, including those with complex needs, that we recognise that they remain members of the community and to the extent that this is at all possible, we should engage with them within those communities, in line with the principle of maximising their independence.

Q 4	Asked by: Councillor Eunis Jassemi
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets what protections and safeguards is there for Council-owned built heritage like Whiteinch Burgh Hall?”
Responder	Councillor Kenny McLean

Since 2013 Glasgow City Council has spent over £270m on heritage property projects within the city, however, the investment requirements in our heritage estate remain in excess of the funding available.

The Council continues to engage with organisations such as Heritage Environment Scotland, National Lottery Heritage Fund, and others to unlock other funding sources that can contribute to the ongoing investment in heritage assets, however, funding is shrinking nationally and competition for access to these national funds is intensifying.

The Council remains committed to the preservation of, and investment in, our heritage assets.

The Council has an approved and agreed Heritage Assets Plan and a Heritage Estate Working Group, both of which are used to manage the heritage estate as effectively as we can within the resources at our disposal which are prioritised and disbursed accordingly. An update on this is coming to committee soon.

With specific regard to Whiteinch Burgh Hall, it has been added to the City Property website as a forthcoming opportunity. City Property has been given a budget from GCC to make the property safe with regards to the dormers at the front of the property, work is underway and expected to complete in the next couple of months. There may also be the possibility of providing some access to allow internal viewings of the property. Once the works have been completed we will then put it on the market to be sold as seen.

Q 5	Asked by: Councillor Holly Bruce
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener how Glasgow City Council is complying with requirements of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 relating to public toilet provision?”
Responder	Councillor Kenny McLean

The 2019 Act Section 26 covers provision of “changing place toilets” toilet facilities within certain large developments. I will include the full section of the Act within the written response to this question for ease of reference.

The Act was amended by the Town And Country Planning (Changing Places Toilet Facilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 ("the CPT Regulations"), which changed some of the criteria. In summary (full list below

A planning authority may grant planning permission for a development that falls within subsection (2) only on condition that the development includes at least one CPT toilet facility described in subsection 3.

Types of development now include large scale developments such as schools, universities, hospitals shopping centres, pubs and restaurants, over a certain size: Floorspace of over 5,000 sqm or accommodating more than 1000 people at a time.
In practice, The Building Regulations also cover this. The building standards technical handbook 2019 for non-domestic buildings, clause 3.12.13, introduced guidance on the provision of CPTs. The building standards guidance also covers certain changes of use and extensions to buildings; the planning requirements only apply to new build.

Therefore in terms of the 2019 Act, all relevant developments must meet the requirements of the Building Regulations.

Q 6	Asked by: Councillor Jon Molyneux
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant Convener whether a set of questions on public attitudes to the Monarchy, including views on Scotland and/or the UK being a republic, can be added to the Glasgow Household Survey?”
Responder	Councillor Greg Hepburn

Thank you, Cllr Molyneux, for that question.

The Glasgow Household Survey is used to gather views on the services that the city provides to ensure they are high-quality and meet resident’s needs. We also use it to gather views to support strategy and service development.

It is not used to poll on issues of the day and has never included questions unrelated to the delivery of council services or Glasgow-specific issues

Therefore, whilst I imagine I share the same views as Cllr Molyneux on the monarchy, and we know from other polling that levels of support for the monarchy is lower in Scotland than elsewhere in the UK, given that public funds are paying for the survey it would not be the place for asking that question because it isn’t clear what we’d be able to do with that information once we had gathered it.

Q 7	Asked by: Bailie Anthony Carroll
Tabled Question	"To ask the relevant City Conveners what work has been undertaken on policy changes in regards to Licensing and Community Safety as requested of the Get Me Home Safely Motion this Council passed in December?"
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly

Thank you for the question.

The Licensing Board, in November 2022, issued its Review of Licensing Board Policy Statement Pre-Consultation Invitation Survey to several organisations including Unite the Union, Scottish Trades Union Congress and the Independent Workers Union of Great Britain. In response to this consultation, two representatives from Unite the Union attended an evidence session with the Licensing Board on Thursday 3 February 2023 to discuss Unite the Union's response in more detail, specifically the Safe Home campaign. The Licensing Board also received, in response to the Board's Pre-Consultation Invitation, the Council's Motion in relation to Get Me Home Safely. In addition, the Licensing Board held a Focus Group Event on 21 April 2023 in the City Chambers. This Event was attended by representatives from the licensed trade, community councils, licensing forum and licensing agents.

A meeting of Licensing Board Members is scheduled for 19 May 2023 for Members to consider all the evidence and information gathered to date from the pre-consultation responses, the licensing forum, the evidence sessions and the Focus Group Event. This will include consideration of the pre-consultation response from Unite the Union and the submissions made from the Union's representatives on 2 February 2023 together with the Council's Motion. The Licensing Board is aiming to have a draft Policy Statement out for public consultation at the end of June for a period of between 8-10 weeks. The Board must agree a final Policy Statement by beginning of November 2023.

In addition, in terms of the Best Bar None voluntary scheme for licensed premises, this scheme awards "bonus points" to licensed premises which provide taxis / transport for staff to get home safely.

In relation to the matters relating to taxis and private hire cars, licensing officers engaged with the Scottish Government on the Review of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Best Practice Guidance. The Scottish Government set up a working group to look at updating the Guidance. Two officers from licensing were on this working group. Representatives from Glasgow Taxis, the Private Hire industry and Unite the Union were also on this working group. The Guidance is expected to be published soon.

In relation to the matter relating to transport partners, the Council will continue to work via the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership to engage with and lobby operators to improve bus services in the city and wider region. Work is ongoing currently via the Partnership on options for bus priority on five cross-boundary corridors, as funded by Transport Scotland's Bus Partnership Fund – as well as development of a Strategic Bus Network Plan and associated business case. The Council's Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework contains a series of policies on enhancing public and community transport in the city, though much of this is beyond the control of the Council and is therefore reliant on partners to deliver. The Council adopted a Bus Governance Routemap in late 2022, and as per that routemap, work is ongoing to seek funding to further explore bus governance options as well as scope a Bus Service Improvement Partnership in the short-term.

Q 8	Asked by: Bailie Hanif Raja
Tabled Question	“To ask if there has been a further update following on from the Pakistan floods motion agreed by Council in September 2022 and the CAC report on 13th October 2022?”
Responder	Councillor Greg Hepburn

Thank you Lord Provost, and thank you to Bailie Raja for his question.

Members will remember that Council passed unanimously an emergency motion at our meeting on the 8 September 2022 in response to the emerging humanitarian situation caused by torrential monsoon rains which triggered severe flooding in Pakistan.

Since the passing of the motion, Members have been updated all actions undertaken first through an update to the City Administration Committee, and then again in January of this year directly to those Members who had raised the issue at either Council or CAC - including Bailie Raja.

Those updates covered actions undertaken by officers, and yourself Lord Provost, to promote the Disaster Emergency Committee’s financial appeal; raise awareness of the issue among our citizens; attempts to reach out in solidarity to our twinning partners in Lahore; and engagement with Pakistan consular representatives and the UK Government.

I can confirm that since the last briefing was issued, the City Council has not received any requests for assistance or responses to correspondence.

Lord Provost, when a reply or request is received I can assure Members and Bailie Raja that we, as a Council, stand ready to consider what can be provided within our power, responsibilities and means.

Q 9	Asked by: Bailie Christy Mearns
Tabled Question	"To ask the Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery what progress has been made on taking a new approach to street tree planting, to speed up progress on greening our neighbourhoods and to reduce the costs to the council which Trees for Streets have successfully managed to do in other cities around the UK?"
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery

Through the development of the Glasgow Tree Plan, the Council administration has committed to exploring both how to increase planting of street trees and to secure and leverage in external resources to support the tree planting agenda.

Officers have undertaken discussion with representatives of groups such as Trees for Streets and other similar initiatives such as the Edinburgh Tree Time Initiative to explore options and possibilities to increase our tree planting programme in line with the Tree Plan commitments.

Officers from Parks Development and Sustainable Glasgow are currently scoping the best method of delivery for supporting external giving for trees, and are aiming to have this process in place for the forthcoming tree planting season of autumn/winter. This will build on our already considerable tree planting activity to date, with the Council last year awarding our highest value contract to-date for tree planting within parks, greenspaces and neighbourhoods, supported by a range of funding sources.

On street trees in particular, there continue to be a range of technical and design considerations to work through and as I have previously stated I have as Convener tasked officers with working through some of the barriers that have previously been identified – hence the commitment that we have included within the Tree Plan.

While officers' current focus is on developing additional funding mechanisms to enhance the pace and scale of tree planting in the city, the Council's technical design, parks development and sustainability teams will engage around opportunities to increase street trees both in new public realm and retrofitting existing streets.

Q 10	Asked by: Councillor Jon Molyneux
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener why there are only two Street Play weekends this year and when was a decision made to reduce the opportunities for communities to hold Street Play events?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar

The Council is committed to supporting Street Play and the use of temporarily closed roads alongside implementing our overarching strategy to reduce car use in the city. When Street Play (or Playing Out as it was originally known) was first introduced the concept sought to encourage regular removal of cars from local areas/roads and free them up for community play.

While the programme could be seen to be growing in 2018 and 2019, applications for Street Play events following the pandemic have reduced, and the number of street play weekends was set operationally in 2021 at one, and since in 2022 and 2023 at two.

It should also be noted that there are significant resource and regulatory requirements to enable Street Play events, and while this imposes limitations on the number of Street Play weekends, I am keen that the Council explore ways to address these barriers.

As Convener, I have already tasked officers with scoping out new proposals to expand the number of street play weekends in future years, and officers have begun a review to allow this to take place.

The ongoing review is currently developing several actions including working with the Council’s Communications team to support and promote Street Play Activity; engaging local groups and communities who have participated in Street Play for their thoughts on improving update and identifying best weekends to use; reviewing and improving the applications process and, finally, identifying a budget that can support this activity. This work will be carried out over the year with a view to an updated Street Play programme to be launched in January 2024.

Q 11	Asked by: Councillor Paul Leinster
Tabled Question	"Can the City Convenor City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets provide an update on how communities are taking a more active role in running the services in their community or managing local venues, buildings and facilities?"
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convenor City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

The People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) programme is empowering communities to take a more active role in the delivery of local services, make their own decisions, and meet the challenging needs of neighbourhoods, by giving communities the opportunities to become more involved in the venues and services they rely on.

The Council has received a remarkable 570 expressions of interest from groups to take local control of sports, education and community venues through to parkland and green spaces. Organisations involved in activities from sports, to growing food and transforming greenspace, to providing childcare, to supporting financial and personal wellbeing, have all explored what PMGC can do for them and their communities.

The geographic spread of groups expressing interest goes right across the city, and many of those who have either already had buildings or land transferred, or are in the process of doing so, have deep roots in communities that have long faced social challenges, areas like Govan, Easterhouse, Pollok, Shettleston and Springburn. The security of having their own facilities and the ability to expand the range of services and activities that can be delivered as a result means asset transfer through PMGC is also helping organisations to secure additional funding to develop their work.

Two organisations have recently obtained Committee approval for long leases:

- Park Villa FC secured Committee approval for a 25-year lease to operate from the former Glasgow Life sports facility in Drumoyne, which they've successfully operated under a licence as part of the PMGC programme for almost a year.
- South Seeds have obtained approval for a 25-year lease of the old Queens Park Recreation Ground changing rooms and some of the land immediately surrounding it. Closed over 20 years ago with no plans for any future use, South Seeds will convert the changing rooms to provide skills workshops, exercise classes and gardening activities, as well as using the land to create a new community garden.

These are just two of the most recent examples of the amazing work being carried out for and within Glasgow's communities and really making the most of local assets. Around a dozen organisations have been through the PMGC process and have taken control of local venues and assets under a variety of tenures to suit their circumstances, with a further 90 at various stages within the process of making that happen.

Q 12	Asked by: Councillor Jill Brown
Tabled Question	"To ask the relevant Convener to explain why the Free Fruit in Schools pilot has now been discontinued?"
Responder	Councillor Christina Cannon

Access to local, fresh, sustainable and high-quality food in our schools is something which continues to be a key area of focus for the SNP; and addressing food insecurity and hunger has been an ongoing investment priority. For example, only last Council we all collectively agreed to cancel school-meal debt in the city and improve our processes going forward so that no child is left hungry in our schools.

Food provision is at the heart of everything we do as a Council. We have extended free school meals to all Primary 4 children in advance of national policy, created local growing strategies, established a pantry network, and funded a range of food growing and other related projects across the city.

Our procurement strategy sets out principles in relation to sustainable procurement of food and catering services in the public sector, aligning public procurement behind sustainable, low carbon farming and food.

We continue to lead the way on food education, growing, health and addressing poverty and we are being recognised for this. We have again received the Food for Life Served Here Bronze Award, accredited by the Soil Association Scotland for our ongoing efforts to serve fresh, local and sustainable school meals. Also, in their recent Every Mouthful Counts report by Sustain, they reviewed 200 local authorities across the UK and have recognized Glasgow as a UK leader in food policy, practice and procurement. We continue to engage with the Milan Urban Food Policy Partnership and with the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration signed at COP 26.

The fresh fruit pilot was put in place as part of the Council's overall Covid recovery plan from October 2021 until March 2022. However, uptake was inconsistent, and a lot of the fruit was wasted. In that context, it was determined that we would not continue to deliver that particular programme, although fruit remains part of the school meals we deliver, and we continue to ensure that we provide local, fresh, sustainable and high-quality food in our schools."

Q 13	Asked by: Councillor Eva Murray
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Convener for Communities and Equalities if she will be visiting organisations that were not recommended for funding, or were awarded funding significantly below the requested amount, through the Glasgow Communities Fund?"
Responder	Councillor Anne McTaggart, City Convener for Communities and Equalities

Thank you Councillor Murray for your question which I'm happy to respond to as a very firm **"yes"**, I do intend to visit a cross section of organisations who applied to the Glasgow Communities Fund in 2023/26. Indeed, that process has already begun.

Just to provide a bit of context – a total of 436 applications were assessed, and that was in line with the approach agreed by the City Administration Committee in August 2022. The total value of assessed bids was £136m. With an available Glasgow Communities Fund budget of £49m – this meant that the value of applications assessed was 64% more than available budget, a level of oversubscription in the region of 180%.

As you'll know, 220 organisations were successful in their bid to the Glasgow Communities Fund and their funded projects started on 1 April 2023. (A further 17 projects were awarded funding from the ring-fenced support for Financial Inclusion and Legal Support activity to be delivered by the GAIN organisations).

In my official capacity as Convener for Communities and Equalities, as well as my role as a local ward Councillor, I want to see first-hand what's going on in local communities and to hear from organisations about the valuable work they do, the partnerships they rely on and about the challenges they face in delivering their services.

We all know that support for the Third and voluntary sector is bigger than just the Glasgow Communities Fund. I am confident, however, that using a cross section of applicants to the GCF will be an effective starting point in developing my knowledge of what's going on at a local level across the city and of the valuable work delivered by our Third Sector colleagues and the challenges they face in supporting the communities they work with.

I've recently met with two organisations based in the North-West of the city who were successful in their GCF funding bids:

The DRC Youth Project which is based in Kelso Place, Yoker and provides a comprehensive youth work programme for young people aged 8-26 years from the North West of the city, primarily from the Garscadden/Scotstounhill ward.

I also met with **The Hut** – which is based in Netherton Road, G13 and provides a safe place for young people and delivers a comprehensive programme of learning, health and social development and opportunities, mostly to young people from the Drumchapel/Anniesland ward.

I've also met with an organisation that wasn't successful in their GCF funding bid -
The Gladiators Programme which is based in Auchinlea Recreation Centre, Easterhouse and provides a range of play and sports activities mainly for young people from East Centre, Shettleston, Baillieston and North East wards.

I'm currently working on a proposed schedule of visits that will hopefully give me a balanced perspective, taking account of locality and of GCF funding position. For example,
Of the 220 **funded** orgs, 43 of them are new to the GCF

Of the 216 **unsuccessful applicant organisations** – 64 were previously funded by GCF1 and 152 were not previously funded.

My planned schedule of visits will include organisations from each of these categories in each of the funded sectors, namely North-West, North-East, South and City-wide.

I am mindful that organisations funded by the Glasgow Communities Fund last year will be working on their Annual Monitoring returns for submission by 31 May. I'm also conscious that some Progress Visits are being scheduled by the Grants Team so I want to be mindful of all of this when getting in touch with local organisations to arrange a visit.

Q 14	Asked by: Councillor Laura Doherty
Tabled Question	“Can the Convener for Culture Sport and International Relations provide an insight into what the city can expect during 2023 as the European Capital of Sport?”
Responder	Councillor Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture Sport and International Relations

This is the second time that Glasgow has been awarded European Capital of Sport- the 20th anniversary since Glasgow was first given the title in 2003. It is a great honour as the only city every to b e awarded the accolade twice.

Our theme of Glasgow’s 2023 European Capital of Sport is Changing Lives through School Sport, Community Sport, and Health Sport.

Collaboration is integral to the success of the project and a key strategic objective is to raise awareness of the accolade and the profile of sport in the city. We began in January with a Partner Information Sharing event at the Emirates Arena to celebrate the accolade and also provide an opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to the people and organisations without whom this accolade would not have been possible.

We have a year-long programme of activities woven around participation and public health with monthly themes with different focuses, like ‘Women & Girls in Sport’ in February, ‘Health and wellbeing’ in March and ‘Sport for communities’ this month in May. These will tie in with regular challenges and social media initiatives to encourage Glasgow’s residents and visitors to get out and get active.

There are conferences- “Race and Racism in Sport” conference took place at the Emirates Arena last week which highlighted challenges and issues that restrict diverse communities from accessing and experiencing sport and physical activity and featured speakers such as, Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Public Health Sport and Wellbeing and myself in my role as Convenor for Culture, Sport and International Relations.

There will also be a Health & Wellbeing Conference later this year where we look at the future of sport in our city and today 11 May there is an industry engagement event with Glasgow Life Tourism partners under the umbrella banner of European Capital of Sport to raise the profile of one off and regular sporting events in the city. Speakers include representatives from the Great Run Company, the Scottish Football Association and World Athletics Indoor Championships 2024.

We are building on the profile and massive scale of the UCI World Cycling Championships, the world’s biggest sporting event this year, but also via the host of other local, citywide, national and international cultural and sporting events and activities.

The year will finish with a spectacular celebration of sport and activity in December, alongside Glasgow’s Sports Awards to honour some of our best and brightest.

Q 15	Asked by: Councillor Martha Wardrop
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what action is being taken by the council to ensure that households on traditional prepayment meters redeem their energy bill support vouchers by 30 June?”
Responder	Councillor Richard Bell

The energy bill support scheme is administered by UK Gov and Energy Suppliers who engage directly with households on pre paid meters.

Although this is a national scheme the council are involved in a number of local initiatives which are in place to encourage take up by eligible households.

Financial Inclusion (FI) Providers in the city have been actively encouraging households known to them to cash in vouchers they have already received. If vouchers have not been received by eligible households FI providers have been actively working with them to contact their energy provider and access the vouchers.

Furthermore the Glasgow Helps service advise households of the energy bill support scheme when a either a fuel support requirement or eligibility is identified in the course of conversations. This is further reenforced when clients are referred from the Glasgow Helps Service into the HEAT energy support service which the council stood as part of the response to the Cost of Living Crisis.

Q 16	Asked by: Bailie Christy Mearns
Tabled Question	“To ask the Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations if the new Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture has been written to, requesting a funding deal for Glasgow’s cultural assets which recognises their national and international significance and takes some of the burden off Glasgow City Council to provide this out of local budgets?”
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

I have written to the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture on two separate occasions this year in relation to funding from the Scottish Government to support the work that the city is doing around the power of Cultural participation in citizen’s health and wellbeing and in relation to the city’s cultural infrastructure.

In addition, further correspondence has been sent to the new First Minister inviting him to visit some of Glasgow main cultural assets as part of a wider conversation about the opportunities for equitable funding for culture and future collaboration with the city.

Given the recent changes in responsibility at a ministerial level within the Scottish Government, the areas set out in the recent correspondence are being followed with the new Minister with responsibility for Culture and a date for a meeting is currently being sought.