

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 28th November 2012.

Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee.

Present: Frank McAveety (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Maureen Burke, Rashid Hussain, Yvonne Kucuk, Billy McAllister, Pauline McKeever, David Meikle, Martin Rhodes, Franny Scally, Allan Stewart and Alison Thewliss.

Apologies: Liam Hainey and Sohan Singh.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); G Gillespie, Assistant Director of Land and Environmental Services; D Hay (for the Executive of Director of Development and Regeneration Services); and C MacKenzie (for the Chief Executive).

Corporate geodata management – Arrangements noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services regarding the Council's corporate geodata management, advising

- (1) that a core function of the Geotechnical Group was to provide advice on ground conditions, city-wide, to support the Council's activities which included building development, vacant and derelict land regeneration, contaminated land remediation, strategic planning and land transactions;
- (2) that the Geotechnical Group had developed and currently operated a expanding Geodatabank library of information which represented a unique corporate asset providing the capability to establish a rapid response service to requests for information on ground conditions for any area of the city;
- (3) of the data management challenges which had been the subject of a Local Authority Research Council Initiative (LARCI) project, which examined data handling protocols and had confirmed the importance of partnership working between local authorities and the British Geological Survey (BGS); and
- (4) of the current initiatives and development procedures being put in place to improve Geodata handling.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the steps being taken to maximise the value from the geoscience and geoenvironmental data held by the Council; and

- (b) that the Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services would examine the option of compelling third parties to utilise a standard format when submitting to the Council geoscience and geoenvironmental data above a threshold level in support of a statutory purpose.