



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement
City Policy Committee

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Item 6

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**REPORT ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE 2nd STAGE
FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE AMENDED DRAFT SCHEME OF
ESTABLISHMENT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS (2018); INCLUDING
BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COUNCILS.**

Purpose of Report:

To apprise the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement (WECCE) City Policy Committee (CPC) of the representations received and the related recommendations for the finalised draft Glasgow City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018).

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- (a) note the report;
- (b) consider the recommendations contained within Appendices 2 and 3 to this report; and
- (c) recommend approval of the revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (2018), as detailed in the Report, as the core governance arrangements for Community Councils in Glasgow, to the City Administration Committee.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Previous reports were presented to the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement (WECCE) City Policy Committee (CPC) at its meetings of 25th January 2018 and 31st May 2018. These reports made recommendations, and provided updates, in relation to undertaking a formal consultation and noting representations received on a revised Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018) (hereafter referred to as the 'Scheme (2018)').
- 1.2 The Scheme (2018) will form the core governance for Community Councils, and would be complemented with associated Guidance and Induction documents. The Guidance and Induction do not form the subject matter of this report but can be circulated to all Elected Members for their information if requested.
- 1.3 As contained within the previous report to the WECCE CPC meeting of 31st May 2018, a number of representations were received during the 1st phase formal consultation; subsequently, and following the Scheme (2018) being amended in respect of these representations, the number of representations submitted during the 2nd phase were significantly fewer.
- 1.4 Appendix 1 to this report provides the finalised draft Glasgow City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The 1st phase formal consultation period ran for 12 weeks from Friday 9th February 2018 until Friday 4th May 2018. The 2nd phase ran for 16 weeks from Friday 8th June until Friday 28th September 2018.
- 2.2 Following the closing date of the 2nd phase on 28th September 2018, individuals and/or groups submitted representations which related to the amended Scheme (2018). Although significantly fewer representations were submitted than during the 1st phase, the 2nd phase representations were weighted towards the boundaries of certain Community Councils.
- 2.3 Consideration was given to all representations received; Appendices 2 and 3 to this report provide recommendations based upon representations received during both consultation phases, and which relate to the Scheme (2018) and Community Council boundaries respectively.
- 2.6 The finalised draft Scheme (2018), appended to this report as Appendix 1, has been shaped by the representations received during the consultation. Although it should be noted that a Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils is a statutory and legislative requirement for Glasgow City Council to have in place and as such, the ownership of the Scheme (2018) rests with the City Council.
- 2.7 At the time of writing this report there are 80 active Community Councils; 19 inactive; 1 suspended; and 1 establishing. There is current provision across Glasgow for 101 Community Councils.

3 POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 As section 2.6 of this report made reference to; the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 places a statutory and legislative requirement for Glasgow City Council to have in place a Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.

3.2 The fuller Policy Context was provided within the previous report presented to the WECCE CPC at its meeting of 25th January 2018.

4 PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEME (2018)

4.1 Following consideration of this report, with appendices, by the WECCE CPC, and if this report's recommendations are agreed, the following timeline and actions are proposed in relation to the Scheme (2018):

- Thursday 13th December 2018 – Report to City Administration Committee requesting consideration for implementation of the finalised draft Glasgow City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018) (Scheme (2018) would be 'live' from this date should implementation be agreed);
- January/February/March 2019 – Roll out of Scheme (2018) and signing of amended Constitutions for all active Community Councils;
- 31st March 2019 – All Constitutions signed by this date by Community Councils and counter-signed by relevant Officers from Glasgow City Council. Constitutions scanned and saved to file, and originals returned to Community Councils.
- 1st April 2019 – All active Community Councils can be evidenced as operating within the Glasgow City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018).

5 SUMMARY

5.1 The aim of the finalised draft Glasgow City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2018), together with the associated Guidance and Induction, is to strive to ensure that core governance and support arrangements for Community Councils are robust, and provide the appropriate support and protection to Community Councils which are operating in compliance with it.

6 POLICY AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Resource Implications:	None
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<i>Financial:</i>	None
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Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: Resilient & Empowered Neighbourhoods – citizens and neighbourhoods can influence how services are developed and budgets spent – Strategic Plan priorities 74 and 86;

A Well Governed City that listens and responds – citizens are more involved in local and city wide decision making – Strategic Plan priority 95.

Equality Impacts: None

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

(no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

Sustainability Impacts: None

Environmental:

Social:

Economic:

Privacy and Data Protection impacts: None

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

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