



Glasgow City Council

**Economy, Housing, Transport and
Regeneration City Policy Committee**

**Report by George Gillespie, Executive Director of
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Item 1

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**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND
REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

Purpose of Report:

To receive responses to the questions raised at the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 14th November 2023.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No

consulted: Yes No

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**Questions from Elected Members at meeting
held on 14th November 2023**

<p>Item 1</p>	<p>Glasgow Tourism 2030 Strategy</p> <p>Councillor Turner:</p> <p><i>Following on from Councillor Siddique’s question regarding a post covid visitor comparator with other similar UK cities being provided, Edinburgh was not included in the comparison figures, is there a reason why? Can the comparator figure for Edinburgh be provided?</i></p>	<p>Glasgow Life</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>Edinburgh doesn't work with STEAM data so we don't have any information on how the city is performing to share.</p>	
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>City Development Plan – Spatial Supplementary Guidance</p> <p>Bailie Carroll</p> <p><i>In relation to the Peat Land Restoration at the Seven Lochs for the Easterhouse Spatial Framework can a timeframe for this programme of works to reduce the amount of carbon being released from the Seven Lochs, be provided?</i></p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>In terms of publicly owned sites we have already completed restoration works on most peatlands, both on Glasgow City Council and North Lanarkshire Council ownership within the Seven Lochs Wetland Park Boundary. This work has been supported by Peatland Action Grant and Heritage Lottery Fund.</p> <p>We are currently working on a peatland restoration project at Millerston Moss, with the works to start on site in January. We are also working with the Peatland Officer at Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership to identify priority sites in private ownership, and work with landowners to carry out restoration works. As this is dependent on private landowners taking action the timescales for are uncertain, although we'll be making this a priority over the next 2 years.</p>	
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Avenues programme</p> <p>Councillor Wardrop:</p> <p><i>Can the timescale for the feasibility study be confirmed?</i></p>	<p>NRS</p>

The report that was presented to EHTR on 14th November stated that: 'Given current market conditions and resulting budgetary pressures, the Avenues Programme is currently being reviewed as part of the full City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, which is being undertaken at the request of Glasgow City Region, with the agreement of UK and Scottish Governments. Council Officers are working to complete this exercise for Spring 2024.'

The EHTR report also references reports that were previously presented to Council Committees ([Neighbourhoods, Housing & Public Realm City Policy Committee on 27th September 2022](#) and [Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee on 2nd November 2022](#)) which advised of: the ongoing challenges affecting the construction sector; how this is impacting on the delivery of the Council's Capital Programme, including the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme; and actions / options to mitigate the challenging market conditions.

These reports noted that, in view of the challenging market conditions, Government has produced guidance (in the form of Construction Policy Notices) which encourages all contracting authorities / Local Authorities to review and update capital programme plans based on the parameters of affordability and deliverability. This applies to all capital programmes and projects, not just City Deal.

In the case of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme, ultimately Glasgow City Council needs to ensure that its elements of the programme can continue to be progressed and contained within the limits of the approved £385.91M City Deal grant funding allocation.

Officers are therefore reviewing and updating all elements of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Programme in line with government guidance. Officers are also currently awaiting confirmation from the Glasgow City Region on the timescales and process for producing updated programmes, which will require approval from both City Administration Committee and the Glasgow City Region: City Deal Cabinet. The indications are that this will be in Spring 2024.