

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

**Questions from Elected Members at meeting
held on 26th September 2023**

Item 6	<p>Glasgow Tourism 2030 Strategy</p> <p>Following on from Councillor Siddique question at the last meeting regarding a post covid visitor comparator with other similar UK cities being provided. Councillor Siddique requested that more information be provided.</p>	Glasgow Life																												
<p>Answer</p> <p>Glasgow Life</p>	<p>Glasgow Comparator City Visitor Data</p> <p>In 2023, Glasgow Life commissioned STEAM, a tourism economic impact modelling process to produce visitor economy data for the city. Glasgow's STEAM report was produced in the summer of 2023, using 2022 data.</p> <p>The key highlights from 2022 include:</p> <p>2022 visitor spend in Glasgow = £1.58bn</p> <p>Tourism sector supports over 28,000 full time jobs</p> <p>Overnight Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasgow welcomed 2.65 million overnight visitors • Visitors stayed 3.1 nights on average • 70% stayed in serviced accommodation • 2% stayed in non-serviced accommodation • 28% stayed with Friends and Relatives <p>Comparison STEAM data is available for other UK cities.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 1361 1560 1814"> <thead> <tr> <th>City</th> <th>Visitor Numbers</th> <th>Nights</th> <th>Direct spend £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Birmingham</td> <td>45.5m</td> <td>53.3m</td> <td>£5.89bn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Liverpool</td> <td>31.5m</td> <td>37.2m</td> <td>£2.69bn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manchester</td> <td>29.6m</td> <td>34.5m</td> <td>£1.76bn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glasgow</td> <td>20.3m</td> <td>25.9m</td> <td>£1.58bn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cardiff</td> <td>16.9m</td> <td>19.4m</td> <td>£.985bn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newcastle</td> <td>10.5m</td> <td>12.9m</td> <td>£.949bn</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Birmingham had 5.54m staying visitors, and 40m day visitors Liverpool had 3.1m staying, and 28.4 day visitors.</p>		City	Visitor Numbers	Nights	Direct spend £	Birmingham	45.5m	53.3m	£5.89bn	Liverpool	31.5m	37.2m	£2.69bn	Manchester	29.6m	34.5m	£1.76bn	Glasgow	20.3m	25.9m	£1.58bn	Cardiff	16.9m	19.4m	£.985bn	Newcastle	10.5m	12.9m	£.949bn
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Item 2	<p>City Centre Strategy 2024 to 2030</p> <p>Cllr Siddique</p> <p>It was noted that the text talked about additional powers and not streamlined CPO and the introduction of CSO. An update on this was requested.</p>	
Answer	<p>Please see Appendix 1 & 2</p>	
Item 2	<p>City Centre Strategy 2024 to 2030</p> <p>Cllr Siddique</p> <p>Confirmation was requested that the consultation had/would meet national standards on consultation and be available to disabled groups and those for whom English was not their first language.</p>	
Answer	<p>All the polices within the City Centre Strategy have completed engagement and there will be posts on social media and a press release. We confirm the consultation that we are about to start complies with all the current requirements.</p>	
Item 3	<p>Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock</p> <p>Bailie Carroll:</p> <p>What is the breakdown of the figures in terms of complaints, how far have they gone and whether or not any enforcement action has been taken?</p>	NRS
Answer	<p>Unfortunately we do not hold this information however, processes are now being put in place which will monitor the volume of complaints and outcomes more closely.</p>	
Item 3	<p>Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock</p> <p>Councillor Jenkins:</p> <p>How many enforcements, specific to dampness?. Can figures be provided?</p>	NRS
Answer	<p>No statistics are presently kept on this. With new procedures in place Environmental Health will now become the single source for dampness enquiries. Enforcement action is a last resort and the focus will be on delivering successful outcomes for affected residents. However, where enforcement action is required this will be recorded.</p>	
Item 3	<p>Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock</p> <p>Councillor Siddique:</p> <p>How many staff have there been within the Environmental Health section of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability within the last 5 years?</p> <p>Have the staffing numbers increased or decreased?</p> <p>How long did it take the department to fill, the 2 recent vacancies?</p>	NRS

Answer	<p>Numbers of staff over the last 5 years</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>19/20</th> <th>20/21</th> <th>21/22</th> <th>22/23</th> <th>23/24</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>122</td> <td>116</td> <td>122</td> <td>126</td> <td>124</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The numbers have remained fairly consistent looking at the figures over the last 5 years.</p> <p>One vacancy took 8 months from the start of the process to the appointment of the new officer. The second vacancy was filled almost immediately due to nature of the circumstances and coinciding with the first vacancy interviews.</p>	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	122	116	122	126	124	
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Item 3	<p>Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock</p> <p>Councillor Siddique:</p> <p>Can further information and figures on dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock in relation to RSLs be provided?</p>	NRS										
Answer	<p>We currently hold no information or statistics on dampness affecting RSL properties. A meeting is to be set up with the Housing Regulator to see if they can provide any figures. If not, officers will contact RSLs direct to see what information is held. The aim will then be to monitor this going forward.</p>											
Item 4	<p>Private Sector Housing Grant Programme</p> <p>Councillor Siddique:</p> <p>What are the timelines in relation to Government funding for retrofit.</p>	NRS										
Answer	<p>As far as officers are aware there has been no financial commitment from the Scottish Government for tenement retrofit. Currently there is funding available to carry out for specific energy efficiency measures. Along with the Council's LHEES strategy we are looking to have a tenement retrofit strategy in place by the end of 2024/early 2025 outlining how Glasgow would tackle the retrofit of properties at scale and use this as a basis for a funding bid.</p>											
Item 4	<p>Private Sector Housing Grant Programme</p> <p>Councillor Siddique:</p> <p>Can further information be provided on the Empty Homes Working Group action plan?</p>	NRS										
Answer	<p>A copy of our Empty Homes Summary Action Plan will be circulated to members and I am happy to discuss this further with Cllr Siddique or other elected members.</p>											

<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Update on the Council's aspirations to reduce the impact of the M8 on Glasgow City Centre</p> <p>Bailie Carroll:</p> <p>Can further details be provided in relation to Air Quality monitoring?</p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>This has been raised at Net Zero Committee and since communicated to Transport Scotland who have shown an interest in discussing monitoring linked to the M8. This will be discussed further and referenced in the Air Quality Action Plan to be presented to Net Zero Committee.</p>	
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Update on the Council's aspirations to reduce the impact of the M8 on Glasgow City Centre</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson:</p> <p>Is there any specific approach/strategy in relation to ghost slipways, particularly in relation to J16 which was to provide linkage to the new road at Maryhill.</p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>This "ghost slipway" is the domain of Transport Scotland and the Council has no information on this at the moment. It is understood that historically this slipway was designed for a Maryhill Motorway which is exceptionally unlikely to be built as it would involve significant changes to the canal. Notwithstanding that, the Council has no control over the slipway itself.</p>	
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Update on the Council's aspirations to reduce the impact of the M8 on Glasgow City Centre</p> <p>Councillor Turner:</p> <p>What are the timelines in relation to lower speed limits as a short action?</p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>This is the domain of Transport Scotland and the Council has no information on this at the moment, and it was raised with Transport Scotland during the documented meeting on the M8 motion. The Council will continue to ask Transport Scotland about this topic.</p>	