

Item 6

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Glasgow City Council

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee

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NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Purpose of Report:

To provide the first Annual Assessment of the work of the Committee as required by Standing Order 32.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No ✓

consulted: Yes No ✓

1. Background

- 1.1 Standing Order No 32 (8) states, in relation to City Policy Committees, that -
“An annual assessment will be carried out in each year to:
- assess the effectiveness of the workings of the committee, and to assess any training needs of members/officers; and
 - the effectiveness of the implementation of agreed policies.

The assessment will be carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2, and an independent assessment will be carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter. A report setting out the findings of the annual assessment will be submitted to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.”

- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide the first annual assessment of the work of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee (NZCPM CPC) as required by Standing Order 32.

2. Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee (NZCPM CPC)

- 2.1 NZCPM CPC was established in [May 2022](#) following the 2022 Local Government Elections. The first meeting of the NZCPM CPC took place in August 2022.

- 2.2 The [NZCPM CPC Terms of Reference](#) are detailed as below:

In addition to the general terms of reference for all City Policy committees:

1. To fulfil the functions of policy development (including consideration of equalities issues) as they relate to net zero and climate progress, services and activities These functions include:

- Climate Plan and associated plans
- Climate Adaptation Plan
- Air Quality and Low Emission Zone
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Glasgow Tree Plan
- Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy
- Flood Risk Management
- Cross-Council Sustainability and Climate Action

2. In addition to the above functions, this committee will receive reporting from the activities of the Council’s Just Transition Working Group.

- 2.3 The NZCPM CPC has representation from three political groups on the Council and meets every 6 weeks.

3. Workplan

- 3.1 The NZCPM CPC agreed a workplan for August to December 2022 on [9th August 2022](#), for January to June 2023 on [17th January 2023](#) and for August to December 2023 on [8th August 2023](#).
- 3.2 All members were invited to input into the workplans. Members are welcome at any time to raise suggestions with officers that support the Committee or the Chair.
- 3.3 Within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability there is a dedicated Governance and Compliance Officer to manage the Committee workplan.
- 3.4 The focus of the workplans has been on reports which review, revise or create new policies and on considering reports for information or to update.
- 3.5 The NZCPM CPC has considered 46 items in total to date since August 2022 and these are outlined in Appendix 1.

4. Training Needs

- 4.1 Mandatory and non-mandatory training sessions are ongoing for elected Members. There is no specific training required to sit on the NZCPM CPC.
- 4.2 Committee Members are encouraged to raise any areas of training or development that would assist them in their roles on the Committee. This can be done via the Chair, Vice Chair, support officers, or via the Business Bureau for any more generic training.
- 4.3 The Committee is also keen, where appropriate, for there to be visits relevant to the remit and workplan of the Committee to enable members to gain further insight and understanding into particular issues. Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability is happy to facilitate such visits as requested by members.

5. Training Update

Carbon Literacy Training

- 5.1 In response to one of the recommendations made by the Climate Emergency Working Group in 2019 and with the aim of increasing climate literate leadership across all areas of the Council family, Glasgow City Council worked with Keep Scotland Beautiful to deliver a Carbon Literacy Course to political leaders, senior leadership and officers across all levels and services of the Council. Glasgow was the first local authority in Scotland to do this.
- 5.2 The course takes place online via Microsoft Teams and required 6 hours in total, delivered over a period of four weeks. The aim of this course was to

support knowledge exchange, effective communication and foster local action in response to the climate emergency. The course includes four modules:

Science of Climate Change and case for action;
Impacts of Climate Change and Climate adaptation;
Climate Mitigation;
Communication and action pledge.

5.3 The course follows the Carbon Literacy Standard and upon completion, learners received a certificate of accreditation as carbon literate.

5.4 Work is now underway to create an online version of the training that can be delivered in a self-supported way via the Council's GOLD platform. Upon completion of this work, members of the NZCPM CPC are recommended to participate in this training as it may benefit their understanding of issues considered at Committee.

Climate Impact Assessment Training

5.5 Climate Impact Assessment training, as reported to Committee on [17th January 2023](#), is scheduled to be rolled out within the next Committee Cycle.

Just Transition Training

5.6 The Just Transition report of [8th August 2023](#) suggested specific elements which should be considered for training and upskilling purposes. This will be looked at in the current year as to how this can be achieved, but this will be built in, in the medium to long term as part of carbon literacy training

6 Effectiveness of the Working of the Committee

6.1 The meetings of the NZCPM CPC, which have taken place since August 2022, have generally worked effectively.

6.2 The Committee Chair is supported by the Vice Chair.

6.3 The Committee met in August on TEAMS but has since met in a hybrid format, allowing Committee Members, officers, and observers, to attend virtually online or in person. Generally, this approach has worked well, enabling a broadly high level of attendance by Committee Members.

6.4 The Chair's view is that in person attendance does result in more wide ranging discussion and so Committee Members are encouraged to attend meetings in person wherever possible.

6.5 Meetings are recorded and webcast, enabling access to the Committee's business by members of the public and other stakeholders.

6.6 Agendas at some meetings can be lengthy however this is positive and

reflects the Committee's wide-ranging remit, as well as the desire of members for a variety of different policy areas to be considered.

- 6.7 The quality of reports being brought forward by officers has been generally very good. Any suggestions on improvements to the reports being presented to Committee are welcome and can be fed back to the Chair or lead officers.
- 6.8 Several reports which have been presented to Committee have been accompanied by presentations and this has proven to be an effective format to accompany reports in an interesting and visual way.
- 6.9 Input from a variety of stakeholders has been a valuable part of the reports considered by the Committee. Contributions included those from Strathclyde Pension Office, Education Services, Glasgow Life and HSCP and have been welcomed by Committee Members.
- 6.10 The Committee has considered several policy issues which have generated significant interest and engagement.
- 6.11 Some notable achievements of the Committee are as follows:
 - Considered a report on the development of the Low Emission Zone phase 2 and its enforcement, which went live as of June 22. The committee retains an interest in the LEZ and requests annual updates on its progress.
 - Considered reports on the developing Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) and provided useful feedback in relation to its ongoing development ahead of its publication in December 2023. The LHEES will be a first of its kind strategy, established to provide a clear pathway to decarbonisation of heating supplies and increased energy efficiency of the built environment in the city.
 - Considered reports on air quality in the city in advance of their submission to Scottish Government and provided feedback in relation to the forthcoming update to the Air Quality Action Plan, due for presentation to committee in the next cycle.
 - Considered reports from the Just Transition Working Group and provided support through an innovative partnership approach where the lead on the Just Transition Working Group and the Chair of the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring CPC actively participated in the others forum to ensure the work of both the Committee and working group were complimentary and supportive.
 - Considered reports detailing the completion of the European funded project RUGGEDISED and UN funded URBACT Sustainable Development Goals project.

- Considered a report on the developing Community Renewable Energy Framework and provided support for the continued development of this work as a key enabler of community owned renewable energy in the city, seeking further updates in the next committee schedule.
- Considered reports on the success of the Seven Lochs Wetlands project, providing support for the ongoing involvement of Glasgow City Council officers in this project.
- Considered reports from a selection of Council services and ALEO's on their work in relation to supporting the targets of the Climate Plan. This included reports from Glasgow Life, Education Services, Strathclyde Pension Fund, HSCP, and the Corporate Procurement Unit.
- Supported the presentation of the following reports to the City Administration Committee for Approval:
 - I. Low Emission Zone – update and workplan towards General Enforcement
 - II. Glasgow Tree Plan
 - III. Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy Consultation
 - IV. Just Transition Working Group report and recommendations
 - V. Thriving City Portrait Definitions
 - VI. Seven Lochs Progress Report and New Collaboration Agreement

7. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: The annual assessment of the Committee supports the Council Strategic Plan Grand Challenge 4, Mission 2: Run an open, well governed Council in partnership with all our communities.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? No significant impact

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. Not applicable as this is not a policy/proposal.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? Not applicable as this is a review of Committee Effectiveness

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N No impact

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.

Appendix 1: Items since August 2022

Date	Title	Description
09 August 2022	Proposed Workplan August – December 2022	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for August to December 2022
09 August 2022	Presentation on the Climate Plan	Background to the climate plan and explanation of climate priorities
09 August 2022	Presentation on the Adaptation Plan	Background to the adaptation plan and explanation of climate priorities
09 August 2022	Presentation on Climate Governance	Explanation of the established climate governance within GCC
20 September 2022	Low Emission Zone - Update and Workplan towards General Enforcement	To provide Committee with background on the Glasgow Low Emission Zone, details of the LEZ final scheme design, information on the workplan leading to general enforcement on 1 June 2023 and the intended approach to exemptions and time-limited exemption.
20 September 2022	Annual Review of Glasgow's Climate Plan	To submit a progress update on Glasgow's Climate Plan to Committee for discussion and consideration.
20 September 2022	Update on City-wide CO2 Emissions	To provide Committee with an update on the latest data with regards to CO2 emissions in the city.
20 September 2022	Update on Glasgow City Council CO2 Emissions	To update Committee on the Council's performance in relation to its targets set out in the Carbon Management Plan and contribution to the city's net zero targets set out in the Climate Plan.
08 November 2022	Seven Lochs Wetlands Park Update	To report progress on the Seven Lochs Project, and plans for future sustainability of the Seven Lochs Partnership from June 2023.
08 November 2022	Annual Progress Report on Air Quality	To advise Committee of the city's 2022 Annual Progress Report on Air Quality.

08 November 2022	Trees and Woodland Update	To provide details of the Glasgow Tree Plan, which will contribute to the Forestry and Woodland Strategy and the Climate Plan Action Plan, providing a structured approach to activity being taken across the operational estate to deliver increased canopy cover citywide.
08 November 2022	Public Bodies Duties on Climate Change Annual Report 2021/22	To present the Council's annual mandatory report on climate change to Committee.
08 November 2022	Update on the Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan	To provide Committee with an update on the Circular Economy Route Map and Action Plan.
08 November 2022	Proposed Work Programme 2023	Verbal Report.
17 January 2023	Proposed Workplan January – June 2023	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for January to June 2023.
17 January 2023	Just Transition Working Group	To Inform members of the work of the Just Transition Working Group and secure agreement for two observers from the Net Zero & Climate Progress Monitoring Committee.
17 January 2023	Climate Change Impact Assessment	To update Committee on process for developing Glasgow's Climate Change Impact Assessment.
17 January 2023	Closure of European Commission Horizon 2020 Project-RUGGEDISED	To update Committee on the closure of the H2020 funded RUGGEDISED project and present the final Implementation report.
17 January 2023	COP Legacy update	This report presents an update on the Council's approach to securing a legacy from its participation in the COP process.
28 February 2023	Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Pollinator Plan	To provide an update on actions undertaken within 2021/22 in support of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Pollinator Plan.
28 February 2023	URBACT (UN) Sustainable Development Goals Project	To update Committee on the approach, learning and outputs of Glasgow's participation in the URBACT Sustainable Development Goals Project.

28 February 2023	Community Climate Project	To update Committee on the approach, learning and outputs from Glasgow's Climate Challenge.
28 February 2023	Glasgow Life update on Net Zero	To update the Committee on Glasgow Life's approach to the challenge of the city reaching carbon neutrality by 2030.
28 February 2023	The Corporate Procurement Unit's Approach to Support the Council's Net Zero by 2030 Ambition	To provide an overview on the current procurement practice and future action to support of the council's net zero by 2030 ambition.
11 April 2023	Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) update	To provide Committee details of Glasgow's previous Air Quality Action Plans (AQAP) and the new draft AQAP, the amendments required following the Environmental Standards Scotland investigation recommendations, and the approach to completing and adopting a new AQAP.
11 April 2023	Low Emission Zone (LEZ) update	To provide Committee with an update on the Glasgow Low Emission Zone, details of activities undertaken since the last update, and information on the next steps leading to general enforcement on 1 June 2023.
11 April 2023	Update on the Plastic Reduction Strategy and Action Plan	Update on the Plastics Reduction Strategy and Action Plan
11 April 2023	Sustainable Glasgow update	To update Committee on the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership
11 April 2023	Sustainable and Biodiversity - Guidance for Events	To update Committee on the approach to introduce guidance and requirements that enhance sustainability and biodiversity measures for events.
11 April 2023	Developing a Community Energy Framework	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of a Community Energy Framework.

23 May 2023	Climate Finance update	This report presents an update on the Council's approach to Climate Finance.
23 May 2023	Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)	To provide Committee with an update on progress of the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES).
23 May 2023	Housing Retrofit update	To provide members with an update in relation to housing retrofit activities and programmes in Glasgow and the City Region.
23 May 2023	Update On GCC Solar PV Installation Programme	To provide Committee with an update on the plans to install photovoltaic solar generation on the Glasgow City Council estate.
23 May 2023	Update on National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)	To update Members on the Scottish Parliament's recent adoption of National Planning Framework 4, with specific reference to Sustainability and Net Zero.
8 August 2023	Proposed Workplan	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for August to December 2023.
8 August 2023	Just Transition Working Group report and recommendations	This report presents an update on the work of the Just Transition Working Group and its report.
8 August 2023	Update on Deep Geothermal Feasibility Study	To provide Committee with an update on the feasibility study into deep geothermal energy recovery.
8 August 2023	Strathclyde Pension Fund - Climate Change Strategy	To present Strathclyde Pension Fund's Climate Action Plan.
8 August 2023	Education Services, Climate Action and Learning for Sustainability	To update the committee on Education Services developments related to climate action and learning for sustainability

8 August 2023	Thriving Cities Initiative update	To provide Committee with an update on the Thriving Cities Initiative and the creation of the Thriving Glasgow City Portrait.
8 August 2023	Update on Citywide CO2 Emissions	To provide Committee with an update on the latest data with regards to CO2 emissions in the city.
19 September 2023	Ellen MacArthur Foundation - Review of Glasgow Circular Economy Routemap	To present the findings of the EMF review and propose how actions are embedded into Glasgow's Circular Economy Routemap.
19 September 2023	Green Connectors and Wildflower Action Plan	To update committee on progress achieved to date and the planned next steps
19 September 2023	Annual Progress Report on Air Quality	To advise Committee of the city's 2023 Annual Progress Report on Air Quality.
19 September 2023	Update from Health and Social Care Partnership	To provide an update to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee of activities within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).