

ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 26th November 2024.

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee.

Present: Elaine McSporran (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Holly Bruce, Anthony Carroll, John Carson, Stephen Curran, Stephen Docherty, Allan Gow, Greg Hepburn, Kevin Lalley, Paul McCabe and Franny Scally.

Also present: Laura Doherty, Ruairi Kelly and Angus Millar and Mr Martin Raymond, Managing Director, British Toilet Association.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); J O'Hagan, Director of Service Delivery, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and I Campsie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Glasgow's Public Toilet Strategy – Update noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

1 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 26th October 2023 (Print 5, page 21) approving a motion regarding the development of a public toilet strategy within the next 12 months, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the actions that had been agreed as part of the Council motion, together with a summary of how the actions were being responded to;
- (2) of the importance of public toilet services and highlighting that there was an opportunity for the Council's public toilet services to promote improved health, social inclusion and economic value to the city;
- (3) of a summary of the planning context in relation to public toilet services and of the current public toilet model, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the preparation of a 6-week consultation exercise in relation to public toilets, which would be published online and advising of the key stakeholder groups who would be consulted as part of the consultation and that its key findings would be published within the finalised public toilet strategy report;
- (5) that it was recognised that there was a need to engage with external experts to support the development of the strategy and the British Toilet Association (BTA) had been selected as a partner to develop the strategy due to its experience in providing similar services to other local authorities and a working group comprising officers from across the Council family and external organisations had been established to support the BTA, as detailed in the report; and

- (6) of a summary of the current budget position in relation to the provision of public toilets, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the progress report and supported the approach taken in developing Glasgow's Public Toilet Strategy which would be submitted to this committee on 18th March 2025 for consideration; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to
 - (i) consider amending the questionnaire on public toilets to ensure that it could not be perceived as being too focussed on the city centre; and
 - (ii) look at whether or not the option of "Atheist" could be included within the questionnaire on public toilets in relation to the question on current religion, denomination, body or faith.