

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 21st November 2024.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Saqib Ahmed, Richard Bell, Philip Braat, Jill Brown, Allan Casey, Annette Christie, Chris Cunningham, Laura Doherty (substitute for Christina Cannon), Allan Gow (substitute for Anne McTaggart), Greg Hepburn, Paul Leinster (substitute for Ruairi Kelly), Frank McAveety, Elaine McDougall, Angus Millar, Robert Mooney (substitute for Cecilia O'Lone), Jill Pidgeon, George Redmond, Lana Reid-McConnell, Soryia Siddique and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Christina Cannon, Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Anne McTaggart, Jon Molyneux and Cecilia O'Lone.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services, G Gilliespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; and J Kerr, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Development of City Centre Rapid Repairs project approved.

1 With reference to the minutes of the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 19th November 2024 (page 50 hereof) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the development of a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project, Councillor Miller, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report on the matter, advising

- (1) that the City Centre Strategy (CCS) 2024-30 had incorporated findings from several post-pandemic reports commissioned by the Council and the City Centre Task Force and these findings had informed the development of the CCS priority actions;
- (2) that the CCS priority action 2.3 related to the establishment of a Development Team, with a number of objectives to support development, including a focus on blighted land and property in the city centre and the CCS 2024-30 had introduced a range of new measures to support this, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that to directly target the issue of poor quality public realm out-with funded programmes such as the Avenues and Bus Partnership projects, a more innovative approach was required to enable a relatively rapid response to smaller-scale but higher-impact streetscape issues and it was proposed that a pilot City Centre Rapid Repairs project be developed;

- (4) of the scope of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be trialled as a 1 year pilot with a total of £400,000 of funding which would comprise of £200,000 from the CCS capital funding and it was proposed that the remaining £200,000 be met from Developer contributions for the maintenance and provision of public realm generated in the city centre;
- (5) that the pilot project would be co-ordinated by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) City Centre Regeneration Group with the support of the NRS Roads Operations who would manage the implementation of all improvements whether undertaken by internal services or external contractors, as detailed in the report; and
- (6) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved
 - (i) the development of the City Centre Rapid Repairs project which would be delivered as a 1 year pilot from January 2025; and
 - (ii) the use of up to £200,000 from Developer Contributions generated through the planning process for the maintenance and provision of public realm; and
- (b) noted that a progress report would be submitted to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee at the end of the pilot year to report on outcomes and proposed next steps.