

Item 4

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Glasgow City Council

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee

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ENVIRONMENT AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Annual Assessment of the work of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) 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 Chair in years 1 and 2, and an independent assessment will be carried out in year 3. 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 second annual assessment of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) as required by Standing Order 32.

2. Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) (November 2023 - October 2024)

- 2.1 Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) was established in December 2022. The first meeting of the ELN CPC took place in January 2023.

- 2.2 The [ELN 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 Council policies and services for environment, liveable neighbourhoods, and neighbourhood and community services. These functions include:

- liveable neighbourhoods and public realm
- active travel
- transport infrastructure
- highway maintenance and improvements;
- lighting strategy;
- parks maintenance, development, regeneration and events;
- cleansing and street environment;
- waste and recycling
- environmental health;
- trading standards;
- scientific services
- Nuclear Free zones
- Food plan;
- Community safety including Safe Glasgow and Glasgow Violence against Women Partnership;

- estates energy management;
- Property and Land Strategy
- People Make Glasgow Communities;
- Local environmental and neighbourhood infrastructure improvement funds
- Any other issues not within the Terms of Reference of any other Policy Development Committee

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

3. Workplans

- 3.1 The ELN CPC agreed a workplan for August to December 2023 on [22nd August 2023](#), for January to June 2024 on [30th January 2024](#) and August to December 2024 on [27th August 2024](#).
- 3.2 All members of ELN CPC 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 The focus of the ELN CPC workplans has been on reports which review, revise or create new policies and on considering reports for information or to update.
- 3.4 The ELN CPC considered 33 items in total between November 2023 to October 2024 and these are outlined in Appendix 1.

4. Sessions

- 4.1 The Committee was scheduled to attend an 'away day' on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at the Glasgow Recycling and Renewable Energy Centre (GRREC) which had to be cancelled. This visit allowed for an opportunity to hear updates on current and future NRS proposals with respect to the implementation of waste and recycling projects.
- 4.2 A future date for this visit will be arranged for Committee members to receive updates including those on the implementation of the Resource and Recycling Strategy and associated policies, the twin stream recycling service for kerbside properties, bin hubs and the Easter Queenslie Centre of Excellence for Waste (which will include the new Material Recycling Facility).
- 4.3 There will also be an opportunity to undertake a tour of the GRREC and a visit to areas where the bin hubs are being implemented.

5. Training Needs

- 5.1 Mandatory and non-mandatory training sessions are ongoing for Elected Members. There is no specific training required to sit on ELN CPC.
- 5.2 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.

- 5.3 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.

6. Effectiveness of the Working of the Committees

- 6.1 The meetings of ELN CPC, which have taken place since November 2023, have generally worked well.
- 6.2 The Committee Chair is supported by the Vice Chair.
- 6.3 As outlined within the [Committee Terms of Reference \(December 2022\)](#), City Policy Committee's may appoint up to 4 people as non-voting co-optees to bring access to external expertise, knowledge or experience, as necessary. This is an option which will be revisited. Also detailed, it is encouraged to ensure nominations for Committee membership reflect gender balance. This has been considered and will continue to be explored.
- 6.4 ELN CPC follows 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.
- 6.5 The Chair's view is that in person attendance does result in wider contributions and more constructive discussion. Committee Members are encouraged to attend meetings in person wherever possible.
- 6.6 Meetings are recorded and webcast, enabling access to the Committee's business by members of the public and other stakeholders.
- 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 A number of 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 The Committee has considered several policy issues which have generated significant interest and engagement. Reports that the Committee has considered are contained in Appendix 1 of the report and include:
- Report on the progress made to deliver the action plan set out in the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and provide an overview of emerging policy changes within the resource industry.

- Updates on the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme.
- Update report on delivery of Active Travel Infrastructure & Initiatives.
- Updates on the activities of Parking Services covering key developments and initiatives in the areas of Enforcement, Operations and Projects.
- An update on the work of the city wide multiagency Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership.
- Considered report on updated Allotment Rules and Regulations
- Updates to Committee on road safety matters
- Considered reports on the Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan and the Environmental Health Annual Update Report 2024 which reports on the activity of Environmental Health across 2023/2024.
- Considered reports on the Council's public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI).

6.10 Committee has supported the presentation of reports to the City Administration Committee for approval in relation to:

- Approach to Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Glasgow
- Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy
- Allotment Rules and Regulations Update

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 identified.

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:

No impact.

8. Recommendations

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

Appendix 1
ELN CPC Reports (November 2023 - October 2024)

Date	Title	Description
21 st November 2023	Report on the Health Protection Plan 23-25	To advise Committee on the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2023-2025
21 st November 2023	Roads Infrastructure Status & Options Report 2023	To advise Committee of the status of Glasgow's roads infrastructure and present investment requirements and scenarios.
21 st November 2023	Approach to public electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Glasgow	To present a recommended option for the future delivery of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Glasgow To agree to take this recommended option to City Administration Committee for approval.
21 st November 2023	Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy	To update Committee on the public engagement on the Draft Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy To present the final version of the Cycling and Urban Sports Strategy for subsequent submission to City Administration Committee for approval
21 st November 2023	NRS Road Safety Unit Update on the delivery of Glasgow's Road Safety Plan to 2030 and overview of NRS Road Safety Service	The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the delivery of Glasgow's School Travel and Road Safety (STARS) Service.
21 st November 2023	Parking Services Update	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities and progress of the Council's Parking Services. This report covers key developments and initiatives in the areas of Car Parks, Enforcement, Operations, Projects, and other matters, offering a comprehensive overview of activities and future plans.

21 st November 2023	<u>Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (August-December 2022) and Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee: Annual Assessment</u>	To provide the final annual assessment of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee (ESCR CPC) and first Annual Assessment of the work of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee (ELN CPC) as required by Standing Order 32.
30 th January 2024	<u>Proposed Workplan January – June 2024</u>	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for January to June 2024
30 th January 2024	<u>Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 Update</u>	To update Committee on the progress made to deliver the action plan set out in the Resource and Recycling Strategy 2020-30 and provide an overview of emerging policy changes within the resource industry.
30 th January 2024	<u>Active Travel Infrastructure & Initiatives Delivery Update</u>	To update Committee on the various active travel projects and initiatives being progressed this year across Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
30 th January 2024	<u>Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff Review</u>	To provide Committee with an update on the review of Tariff for council's public Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure
12 th March 2024	<u>Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme</u>	To provide an update on the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme
12 th March 2024	<u>Allotment Rules And Regulations Update</u>	To present to committee the updated Allotment Rules and Regulations
12 th March 2024	<u>Discretionary Power Firework Control Zones</u>	To advise members of the new Local Authority discretionary power to designate Firework Control Zones. To present the approach for the application, consideration and granting of Firework Control Zones in Glasgow should the discretionary power be utilised.

12 th March 2024	<u>Routes Out and TARA Services Service Provision and UK Legislation</u>	To provide an update on the services available to women who are subject to Commercial Sexual Exploitation and to provide an update on the changes in UK legislation that impact on women's vulnerability and ability to disclose exploitation.
12 th March 2024	<u>Sale and Use of Nicotine Vapour Products Update</u>	To provide the Committee with an update on the sale and use of nicotine vapour products following the publication of the Scottish Government Tobacco Control Action Plan 2023.
30 th April 2024	<u>Citywide 20mph Project Update</u>	Is to update Committee on the Council's commitment with regards to the implementation of a citywide mandatory 20mph speed limit.
30 th April 2024	<u>Update on NRS Property Strategy</u>	To provide the Committee with an update on the NRS Property Strategy.
30 th April 2024	<u>Road Safety Update: January – December 2023</u>	The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on road safety matters between January - December 2023
30 th April 2024	<u>Pavement Parking, Double Parking & Parking At Dropped Kerbs</u>	To provide an update on the pavement parking prohibitions which have now come into effect in Scotland and the next steps to introduce these measures in Glasgow.
11 th June 2024	<u>Bereavement Services Update</u>	To provide the Committee with an update on NRS Bereavement Services.
11 th June 2024	<u>Parks Lighting Review Update</u>	To provide committee with an update on the outcomes of the Parks Lighting Review
11 th June 2024	<u>Food Growing Strategy Update</u>	To update Committee on the Glasgow Food Growing Strategy and Action Plan.
11 th June 2024	<u>Environmental Health Annual Update Report 2024</u>	To report on the activity of Environmental Health across 2023/2024.
27 th August 2024	<u>Proposed Workplan August – December 2024</u>	This report sets out the draft workplan for the Committee for August to December 2024.
27 th August 2024	<u>Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership.</u>	To provide an update on the work of the city wide multiagency Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership.
27 th August 2024	<u>Update on Waste Solutions for Flatted Properties</u>	To provide an update to committee on the development of services for the collection of waste and recycling from flatted properties.

27 th August 2024	Neighbourhoods, Regeneration And Sustainability: Annual Business Plan 2024-25	The report presents the 2024-25 Annual Business Plan (ABP) for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS).
27 th August 2024	Parking Services Update	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities and progress of the Council's Parking Services. This report covers key developments and initiatives in the areas of Enforcement, Operations, Projects, and other matters, offering a comprehensive overview of activities and future plans
8 th October 2024	Winter Maintenance 2024-2025	To advise and update Committee on the winter maintenance policy and how winter maintenance will be undertaken during this forthcoming winter period November 2024 to April 2025.
8 th October 2024	Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan 2024	To report on the Environmental Health Food Law Service Plan.
8 th October 2024	Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme – Tranche 3	To provide an update on the Liveable Neighbourhoods programme
8 th October 2024	Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff Review	To provide the Committee with an update on the review of a tariff for the Council's public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI).