



Glasgow City Council

Contracts & Property Committee

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL AND
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Purpose of Report:

To update the committee on the Co-Operation agreement between Glasgow City council and West Dunbartonshire Council to work in partnership to provide more sustainable public services which contribute towards achieving Net Zero.

Recommendations:

To ask the Committee to note the report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ✓

consulted: Yes ☐ No ✓

1. Background

- 1.1. Glasgow City Council (GCC) and West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC) undertake a wide range of statutory duties across many areas to delivery effective services for their residents.
- 1.2. Both Local Authorities share a boundary and have identified several areas where co-operation between both organisations will support their ambition to achieve Net Zero.
- 1.3. A Co-operation agreement has been developed which sets out the initial areas that could assist both parties and best value for the public purse. This was reflected within GCCs 2024-27 budget process which was approved by Full Council on 15th February 2024.
- 1.4. This proposed Net Zero Co-operation agreement is multi-faceted and will involve co-operation in respect of relevant infrastructure and skills, with the joint development and delivery of Net Zero strategies and action points.
- 1.5. This report provides a summary of the key aspects of the Co-operation agreement with WDC.

2. Overview of Co-operation agreement

- 2.1. The Co-operation agreement focusses on partnership working between two Local Authorities to meet common statutory objectives.
- 2.2. The agreement contains core clauses setting out the key terms of the agreement and is supplemented by five schedules which provide the detail of each specific co-operation area. A summary of the key terms is contained below.
 - **Commencement of agreement:** It is anticipated the agreement will commence in August 2024 once all process is established and agreed.
 - **Term of agreement:** this is a rolling agreement which can be cancelled by either Party with 12 months written notice. The agreement can be terminated immediately if there is a breach of obligation, and at any time within the first 6 months,
 - **Funding and costs:** Each Party is responsible for making a financial contribution reflective of their own respective costs and expenses under the Co-operation agreement.

- **Governance:** A Project Board will be established to oversee the agreement and resolve any issues that may arise during the life of the co-operation. This board will be led by senior officers within the respective organisations. Individual working groups (sub-project boards) will also be established to manage day-to-day matters.
- **Schedule Part 1:** Details the four areas of co-operation in the context of the Climate Emergency and transition to Net Zero.
- **Schedule Part 2:** Rates to waste management and recycling and allows the Parties to co-operate with respect to the shared use of treatment infrastructure, co-operation on strategy, education and awareness, and contract management.
- **Schedule Part 3:** sets out co-operation arrangements for the transition to electric fleet and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This schedule commits co-operation in respect of procurement, enabling works and the upskilling of the respective workforces.
- **Schedule Part 4:** Relates to Sustainability, Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES), district heating and renewables technologies. Both parties agree to co-operate through the sharing of lessons learned in delivering a successful LHEES and developing the case for district heating systems and renewables with a focus on cross-boundary opportunities utilising the river Clyde channel.
- **Schedule Part 5:** Focusses on Sustainable and Active Travel. The parties commit to sharing of knowledge and experience to support delivery of active travel objectives and the development of procurement strategy and route to market for public realm electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Additionally, the parties will co-operate in promoting active travel within their respective workforces.

3. WDC Committee approval

- 3.1. WDC presented an overview of the Co-operation agreement to their Infrastructure, Regeneration and Economic Development Committee of 21st February 2024.
- 3.2. The proposal was positively received by Committee and no objections were raised.

4. Summary

- 4.1. The Co-operation agreement outlined in this Committee report provides a mechanism for GCC and WDC to support the efficient and effective delivery of public services relating to the transition to Net Zero.
- 4.2. These activities include the sharing of waste management and recycling treatment infrastructure, expertise in respect of the transition to electric fleet,

the development of renewables technology strategy, and experience of the implementation of sustainable and active travel plans.

- 4.3. GCC and WDC believe that by co-operating on service delivery, both organisations will be able to provide more efficient and effective services while providing best value.

5. **Policy and resource implications**

Resource Implications:

Financial: The financial benefits to Glasgow City Council of the Co-operation agreement were incorporated into the 2024-27 budget which was approved by Full Council on 15th February 2024.

Legal: Legal advice has been provided in respect of the proposed Co-operation agreement.

Personnel: Not applicable.

Procurement: Matters relating to procurement regulation were considered as part of the legal review process.

Council Strategic Plan: Supports the objectives of Grand Challenge 2 (Mission 2), Grand Challenge 3 (Mission 1, Mission 2,), Grand Challenge 4 (Mission 1, Mission 2, Mission 3)

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes Not applicable.

2021-25? Please specify.

What is the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

No negative impacts anticipated.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

No negative impacts anticipated.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

The proposed Co-operation agreement seeks to establish a working partnership between GCC and WDC on the delivery of public services which are key to meeting Net Zero objectives.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Through co-operation, GCC and WDC will provide more sustainable public services to meet the objectives of Net Zero and reduce their climate impact.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes, by working in co-operation with WDC to provide more sustainable services, GCC will be able to positively contribute towards their Net Zero target.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

No.

6. Recommendations

6.1 To ask the Committee to note the report.