



Glasgow City Council

**Neighbourhoods, Housing and
Public Realm City Policy Committee**

**Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,
Regeneration and Sustainability**

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DELIVERING THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN: LOCAL PLACE PLANS

Purpose of Report:

To provide Committee with an update on the proposed introduction of Local Place Plans as part of the City Development Plan process in line with emerging Scottish Government legislation.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Consider the intention to introduce Local Place Plans.
- (2) Consider the proposed next steps in relation to the current national consultation process and the intention to produce Glasgow specific guidance for Local Place Plans.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Background

- 1.1 In 2019 the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 was passed by the Scottish Parliament. Section 14 of the Act amends the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to introduce a new right for communities to produce Local Place Plans for their places, with scope for these plans, or parts of them, to become a part of the Local Development Plan. The aim is to significantly enhance engagement in development planning, effectively empowering communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places by setting out their proposals for the use and development of land. Local Place Plans also give communities scope to identify land and buildings that may be of particular significance to the relevant local area.
- 1.2 The legislation states that Local Place Plans may be prepared by a community-controlled body as defined in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 or by Community Councils established in accordance with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. As such, this would apply to a wide range of community organisations in Glasgow, provided they can demonstrate that they meet this criteria.
- 1.3 The legislation also sets out the role of local authorities in relation to Local Place Plans. Prior to the preparation of a Local Development Plan, or in Glasgow's case, the next iteration of the City Development Plan, the planning authority is required to publish an invitation to local communities to prepare Local Place Plans, with information on the assistance available to do so, and on the manner in which and date by which Local Place Plans must be prepared in order to be taken into account in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.
- 1.4 The Act then requires that the Planning Authority must take account of any registered Local Place Plan within their boundary in the preparation of the Local Development Plan, noting that the Local Place Plan must have regard to the Local Development Plan, the National Planning Framework and any other relevant matters as prescribed in emerging guidance. This will also include approved Locality Plans, where relevant. In Glasgow there are currently ten approved Locality Plans, which have been delivered via the Thriving Places Programme.

2 Next Steps

- 2.1 The Scottish Government is currently consulting nationally on its proposals for secondary legislation which will establish the framework of regulations to support the delivery of Local Place Plans, setting out in more detail the requirements for both planning authorities and community bodies in relation to Local Place Plans. Work is also underway to produce guidance for their delivery, including a national 'How to' guide. Officers in NRS, in conjunction with colleagues in Community Planning, will submit a response to this consultation. The consultation process closes on 25 June 2021. A link to the consultation process can be found [here](#).

- 2.2 Following on from the consultation process, it is proposed that Glasgow specific guidance is prepared in relation to Local Place Plans. While the benefit of national guidance is recognised, it is acknowledged that the scale and complexity of the city means that developing GCC guidance is required. Glasgow has an enormous range and diversity of communities and neighbourhoods which will require different approaches, levels of support and prioritisation in terms of the challenges faced across the different parts of the City. It should also be noted at this stage that the Scottish Government's intention is to keep the secondary legislation relatively light touch in terms of prescription to allow for flexibility to suit particular local circumstances. While this is still under consideration as part of the consultation process, it further strengthens the need to develop Glasgow-specific guidance in relation to Local Place Plans.
- 2.3 In considering our response to the consultation and with regard to the development of future guidance, officers from NRS and Community Planning attend a national benchmarking group with the majority of planning authorities across Scotland in attendance to discuss key challenges and share best practice where work is already underway in developing Local Plans. One of key issues emerging to date is around the resources required to support local communities in the preparation of Local Place Plans, noting at this stage that the Scottish Government has not committed any additional funding to support their delivery.
- 2.4 Following completion of the consultation process, the Scottish Government will prepare a report on the responses received before moving to the next stage of approval of the secondary legislation. The timetable for this has not yet been published, but it is intended that Glasgow will begin the process of preparing its Local Place Plan guidance following completion of the consultation process at the end of June. Progress reports will be given to this Committee at key stages of the development of Glasgow's guidance.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: While there are no specific financial implications at this stage, consideration will be required of the potential resources required to support the delivery of Local Place Plans going forward.

Legal: Guidance will be developed in line with national planning and other relevant legislation as required.

Personnel: Staff within NRS Planning and Building Standards will work with colleagues in Community Planning to develop the Glasgow

Local Place Plan Guidance in consultation with key stakeholders.

Procurement:

There are no procurement implications at this stage

Council Strategic Plan: Resilient and Empowered Neighbourhoods

73. Develop a neighbourhood empowerment policy.

74. Develop a more integrated approach to how we use our policies, assets and resources to improve community empowerment, neighbourhoods and delivering equality.

76. Review and provide options for how we can develop a liveable communities policy, linking up our approach to Thriving Places, the use of the Place Standard and the City Development Plan.

82. Implement the City Development Plan and review planning regulations with the Scottish Government to ensure we deliver the best outcomes for Glasgow. Investigate ways to devolve planning and licensing decisions to a local level.

A Well Governed City that Listens and Responds

92. Reform our decision-making arrangements to improve transparency and accountability and opportunities for citizens to take part in decisions, particularly local ones.

94. Consult with our citizens at the earliest stage on policy and service design, demonstrating how we have addressed their views.

95. Work in partnership with others to deliver the city's ambitions and improve its services and outcomes through:

- Citizens
- Third sector organisations and community groups
- Our community planning partners
- City businesses, universities and colleges
- Our neighbouring local authorities in the Glasgow City Region
- The Scottish and UK government.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-21

Yes, this will be considered in developing the proposed guidance.

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

A positive impact is anticipated as community involvement in the planning process is broadened. It should be noted that Local Place Plans will be developed by community bodies rather than the City Council, so we will consider in developing our guidance how best to ensure equality impacts are addressed in Local Place Plans.

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

It is envisaged that Local Place Plans will inform the City Development Plan which seeks to address socio-economic disadvantage through a place-based approach to the development and regeneration of the City.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

Individual Local Plans will be expected to give consideration to environmental factors and the existing and emerging environmental policies in the City Development Plan.

Social, including opportunities under Article 20 of the European Public Procurement Directive

Guidance will consider how community bodies should engage with the wider community to ensure the widest participation possible in the development of Local Place Plans.

Economic:

The economic benefits of Local Place Plans have not been fully measured, but it is acknowledged that well planned places support investment, improve access to opportunities and reduce economic inequalities.

4. Recommendations

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