

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee

Appendix 1: Circular Economy Action Plan – Updates August 2025

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APPENDIX 1 – CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION STATUS UPDATE					
Action No.	Action	Lead and Supporting Partners	Status update – August 2025	Measurable outcomes	RAG
Theme: Built and Natural Environment					
Priority: Circular construction – Enable circular construction for all construction projects within the city					
1	<p>Create a “Circular Economy Statement” requirement in the City Development Plan 2 for new developments in response to NPF4 Policy 12 Zero Waste. As part of this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) to identify potential embodied carbon targets for construction in Glasgow. Review existing tools, work with other planning authorities and key stakeholders at national level to identify and develop best practice. Undertake a study to identify thresholds on the size of development to which Circular Economy Statements will be required. Publish supporting Circular Economy Statement guidance. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA), Ellen MacArthur Foundation</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability are working with the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) and Zero Waste Scotland to explore the development and implementation of embodied carbon targets for new buildings in Glasgow. The project is funded through CNCA's Phase 2 "Dramatically Reducing Embodied Carbon in Europe's Built Environment" programme. Findings and recommendations are expected to feed into Glasgow's City Development Plan 2 process.</p> <p>The Tall Buildings Design Guide for Glasgow was published by Glasgow City Council in June 2025. Amongst other aims, the guide outlines expectations on sustainability of tall buildings. This is reflected by the introduction of requirements for Whole Life Carbon Assessments, as well as the introduction of Pre-demolition audit</p>	<p>Implementation of Circular Economy Statements ongoing.</p> <p>Associated guidance development ongoing.</p>	

			<p>and a Circular Economy Statement, if any demolition is to take place. This is a first step towards the wider introduction of Circular Economy Statement for developments in Glasgow.</p> <p>NRS Planning are working with teams across the Council, including Education, and young people to develop the Co-design a Play Space Design Guide/Handbook as part of Play Sufficiency Assessment. Previous work has highlighted the desire to apply reuse, repair and regeneration of materials and resources in play areas. Redesigning play spaces and play equipment through the lens of the circular economy not only extends the lifecycle of play infrastructure but also fosters community engagement, as spaces can be co-designed and adapted over time to meet evolving needs.</p>		
2	Undertake a feasibility study, and identify funding to support if required, for the implementation of deconstruction/demolition audits to be required for existing buildings at the point of transformation. This will include identifying the mechanism that is best suited to integrate the findings of the study.	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Building Standards, GCC Planning, Chamber of Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, Sustainable Glasgow</p>	Activity is expected to start in 2026.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
3	<p>Following the implementation of priority policies,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and support a pilot building material passport project in Glasgow. Review findings and feed into a report aimed at identifying how Glasgow City Council can enable, 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Building Standards, Glasgow Universities, Chamber of</p>	Activity is expected to start in 2029.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	

	contribute and implement the development of local building material databases.	Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, Sustainable Glasgow			
4	Appoint a consultant to undertake a study on the potential requirement for local heat network developers to submit Circular Economy Statements. This will include identifying how to best implement this requirement. Findings will feed into the Climate Delivery Vehicle.	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: GCC - All, Sustainable Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland	Activity is expected to start in 2026. Support and funding routes are explored on an ongoing basis.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
Priority: Natural environment regeneration – Support greening of land to enable nature regeneration					
5	Building on the Forestry and Woodland Strategy, the Glasgow Tree Plan, Open Space Strategy and Food Growing Strategy, support the implementation of strategies and nature regeneration actions by seeking funding to deliver outcomes on specific sites. This will be carried out by committing resources to support programmes, such as the Greening the City and Green Connectors.	Lead: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Food Growing, GCC City Property, GCC Sustainability, GCC Property Asset Management	NRS Sustainability have been working with NRS Planning to feed findings from the Cities4Forests Material Flow Analysis project where relevant to the Forestry and Woodland Strategy action plan. Progress on relevant activities will be presented to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee in September 2025. NRS Sustainability continue to work with GCC teams to showcase links between circular economy and nature regeneration.	Measurable outcomes undertaken and reported to committee via Food Growing Strategy, Forestry and Woodland Strategy, Local Biodiversity Action Plan and City Centre Strategy reporting.	
Theme: Circular Hubs					
Priority: Construction material reuse hub – Develop a network for the city-wide recovery and reuse of construction materials					
6	Facilitate the set up of a Construction Material Reuse Hub in Glasgow by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and delivering suitable pilots for the reuse of construction materials in a public construction project in Glasgow. Review findings and feed into wider project delivery for the roll out of a physical and digital construction material reuse hub across the city. 	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting Partners: GCC Planning, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC Property Asset Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit,	Through the partnership with Cities4Forests and the Partner Forest Programme, funds were made available for Pilot Projects to undertake a Material Flow Analysis of wood in construction in Glasgow and a Sustainable Wood Procurement feasibility study. The project investigated how wood used in construction flows into the city of Glasgow throughout its lifecycle, how it is used, reused, recycled, and disposed, with the aim to support future circular policy and best practice. The reports are linked in the	Work towards a pilot CMRH ongoing. Other measurable outcomes identified and reported in Circular Economy Route Map but expected after a pilot is implemented.	

	c. Launch a construction material reuse hub, including online platforms to develop linkages across businesses and communities on excess resources and surplus materials.	Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	main report. NRS Sustainability is currently working with contributors to feed in outcomes and recommendations to relevant teams, policies and areas of work. Learnings and recommendations will also inform Glasgow's approach to enabling construction material reuse locally and a potential local Hub.		
Priority: Circular Markets / Reuse Hubs – Facilitate a network of local circular economy communities and material reuse hubs and markets across the city					
7	<p>Facilitate the set up of a suitable Circular Market / Reuse Hub in Glasgow by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a scoping study for the development of Circular Economy Community Hubs and Reuse Hubs for consumer goods (textiles, electricals, furniture, household, etc.), to identify a Hub model that best suits Glasgow. Feed outcomes of the study to a plan for a hub pilot. Undertake pilot, including online versions of hubs. Support existing and emerging community-led Circular Economy Hubs by showcasing and sharing best practice. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC Property Asset Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Local communities and third sector organisations</p>	<p><u>Circular Markets / Reuse Hubs</u> NRS Sustainability have been exploring resources and funding routes to undertake a scoping/feasibility/options appraisal study for the development of a Circular Market / Reuse Hub.</p> <p>GCC Waste and Fleet Management have been engaging Cycling Scotland to undertake a bike re-use pilot within Glasgow's household waste recycling centres (HWRC). This activity also relates to Action 21 and a detailed update is reported there.</p> <p><u>Support for community-led Circular Markets / Reuse Hubs</u> NRS Sustainability have been engaging community-led and third sector organisations through various channels and programmes to identify support needs. As a highlight, to try and understand how the city might support people in Glasgow to better respond to climate change, The Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI) secured funding from the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) for citizen participation and together with the funding secured by NRS Sustainability from</p>	Work towards a scoping/feasibility/options appraisal study ongoing.	

			the Thriving Cities Initiative (TCI), the City Change Makers program was created. The programme supported two organisations (Make Do and Grow and Govanhill Housing Association) and local people from the neighborhoods where these organisations are based (Govan and Govanhill) to prototype, test, and scale their ideas, and support neighborhood action that builds resilience to the impacts of climate change, while improving the wellbeing of people and planet. Through the programme, Make Do Grow explored ways to scale the Toy Library in Govan to ensure families have equal access to support, resources and joy and a reduction in poverty. Support is ongoing for the projects.		
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Theme: Circular Practices

Priority: Support for circular businesses, organisations, and communities – Deliver ongoing support mechanisms

8	<p>Deliver ongoing business support mechanisms that facilitate and promote circular practices. This will include the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Map circular economy activity in Glasgow, by engaging with organisations to identify best practice, challenges and opportunities, supported by the GCC Sustainability team. Deliver the Green Business Grant and the Business Growth Programme, with circular economy support provided where appropriate. Review outcomes of existing financial support mechanisms (led by GCC Economic Development). 		<p>NRS Sustainability, supported by Zero Waste Scotland, are working with Glasgow Caledonian University to undertake mapping of circular economy activity in Glasgow. This is considered the first step towards identifying Glasgow's diverse ecosystem of initiatives, organisations and communities and understanding how this can be further supported. Outcomes are expected to feed into the ongoing review of support mechanisms, including financial mechanisms.</p> <p>GCC Economic Development continues to deliver the Glasgow Business Growth Phase 3 programme, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with the aim to help Glasgow's SMEs to grow through access to a network of expert consultancy. Under Lot</p>	<p>Mapping of circular economy initiatives ongoing.</p> <p>Number of organisations receiving Business Growth support directly related to circular economy activity: 9</p> <p>Circular economy related projects funded by YCAF in 2024: 1</p> <p>Circular economy related projects funded by YCAF in 2025: 3</p>	
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			<p>9, SMEs can access support on sustainability, climate resilience and circular economy. GCC Economic Development also continues to deliver the Green Business Grant and a programme of targeted Green Business Support for SMEs. as part of Glasgow's Green Deal.</p> <p>Glasgow's Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) is a programme aimed at empowering young people aged 15 to 24 to design and deliver climate-focused projects within their communities. Funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and led by Economic Development with support from the Centre for Civic Innovation, the YCAF provides small grants to youth-led and youth-focused organisations to encourage grassroots environmental action. Following a successful first round of the programme in 2024 which funded 8 diverse projects across the city, Glasgow was awarded an additional \$100,000 from Bloomberg to deliver a second round of the YCAF in 2025. During this round, grants of up to £3,900 have been awarded to 20 projects covering a range of different activities, including projects focused on circularity, upcycling, repair and reuse.</p> <p>Through Glasgow's No Wrong Door Network and funded by GCC's Tackling Poverty Fund, ApparelXchange and Merry-Go-Round, partnered together to provide 450 children with preloved clothing. Led by ApparelXchange and supported by Merry-Go-Round, the Preloved Initiative offered high-quality, pre-loved clothing for children aged 0–18 with the goal to assist families</p>	<p>Circular economy related projects funded by the LEZ Community Support Fund in 2025: 3</p>	
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			<p>who often do not qualify for traditional support systems. The positively received initiative helped save thousands of kilograms of carbon through clothing reuse, reduced environmental impact of clothing waste and highlighted the value of pre-loved clothing.</p> <p>GCC's LEZ Community Fund provided support to eighteen organisations with grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 to deliver a broad range of schemes following successful bids. Projects range across various sustainability topics, including circular economy initiatives, such as the Plugged In project by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, Build Your Own Bike by Common Wheel, and the Bike Library by the Govan Community Project (GCP).</p>		
9	<p>Support the opening of vacant and unused Glasgow City Council sites, through appropriate mechanisms, in order to provide space for circular innovation and start-ups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an audit of council property to identify under-utilised and vacant premises that are suitable for use as circular hubs, and/or space that can be made available for circular organisations and hubs. Engage organisations and communities on an ongoing basis to scope opportunities for activating space/sites, led by GCC Sustainability. GCC Sustainability team to work with officers in GCC Property 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting Partners: GCC Property Asset Management, People Make Glasgow Communities, GCC Planning, GCC Economic Development, City Property, Scottish Government</p>	<p>Glasgow's Open Space Strategy takes into consideration the need to reuse, reimagine and reinvent spaces. Along with work on Vacant and Derelict Land, NRS teams continue to engage to map and identify land and premises needs.</p> <p>NRS Planning continue to work NRS Sustainability and GCC teams on spatial needs specific to circular economy activity.</p>	Report on vacant sites and potential circular economy activity ongoing.	

	Asset Management to expand understanding of circular economy opportunities and explore how new or existing mechanisms, such as People Make Glasgow Communities, could enable use of vacant GCC sites for circular opportunities.				
Priority: Reduce, reuse, repair, remanufacture and recycling practices – Enable uptake of circular practices across the city					
10	Add a Circular Economy module, which will include a reference to plastic, textile, electricals and food waste reduction, in Glasgow City Council's Climate Literacy course in GOLD.	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: GCC Organisational Development	Building on the successful development of the Climate Literacy for Glasgow course and the Energy Efficiency Awareness for Glasgow City Council course for GCC employees, the Circular Economy module is currently under development by NRS Sustainability. The course is expected to be launched in December 2025.	Circular Economy Awareness for Glasgow training is expected to be launched by December 2025.	
11	Undertake a waste audit within the Council estate to quantify the volume and type of waste. Identify key streams and actions to reduce in line with the Resource and Recycling Strategy.	Lead: GCC Waste and Fleet Management Supporting partners: Scottish Government	A desk-based audit was undertaken by NRS Waste and Fleet Management which estimated the tonnage of waste produced across the council estate. The council estate will have access to the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General waste • Dry Mixed recycling • Food waste (not all locations) 	Audit undertaken.	
12	Carry out a scoping study for setting up a network of collection points for reuse and recycling electricals items. Identify external funding* for setting up the network, if required. This action will be updated in line with any developments in upcoming reforms to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations.	Lead: GCC Waste and Fleet Management Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC Property Asset Management, GCC Planning	Engagement has been undertaken by NRS Waste and Fleet Management with Valpak, the council's Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) contractor, who manage the collection of WEEE from the council's household waste recycling centres, on options to establish a network of collection points for small mixed WEEE. Learnings on success and challenges of developing a network are currently being	Work on scoping a network of collection points ongoing.	

	*Funding application will be led by GCC Sustainability. Operational implementation, if successful will be led by GCC Waste and Fleet Management.		investigated. Potential funding avenues are also explored including Material Focus.		
13	<p>Enable citizens to participate in repair by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and undertaking a suitable, Glasgow specific incentivised repair pilot scheme for citizens, focusing on textiles and electricals, learning from international examples. Support repair and reuse initiatives, such as those that specialise in digital inclusion, circular communities, circular textile systems. Feeding findings into a plan to establish an ongoing repair scheme for citizens. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Economic Development, GCC Just Transition, Zero Waste Scotland</p>	<p>Activity is expected to start in 2026.</p> <p>NRS Sustainability are exploring potential support through Zero Waste Scotland, Net Zero Mission Cities and other avenues.</p>	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
14	<p>Embed sustainability, including circularity and biodiversity, into outdoor events by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks working group (SBEPPG) to oversee the work undertaken. Developing Condition of Let requirements to enable event providers to report on event sustainable, circular and biodiversity impacts, through the emissions reporting framework. The process will start with large events and roll out to small events. d. Create and share case studies of circular events, festivals venue on appropriate platform to communicate best practice. 	<p>Lead: GCC Parks and Major Events</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity, Glasgow Life, GCC Sustainability, Event organisers applying to GCC to undertake an outdoor event</p>	<p>Participation in the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks working group is continued by relevant GCC teams.</p> <p>Conditions of Let for large-scale events were co-developed with event organisers in 2024 and are now in effect. Work is currently ongoing with event organisers throughout 2025 to develop Conditions of Let for medium-scale events. Conditions of Let for small-scale events will be developed next year.</p>	Total emissions (kgCO2e) will be available through the emissions reporting framework. However, the ongoing events season for 2025 is the first year of implementation of the framework. Metrics will be available at a later time.	

15	<p>Support the delivery of the Glasgow City Food Plan to promote sustainable food growing practices and reduce food waste arisings in Glasgow, by committing resources to participate in working groups, communications campaigns, and actions aimed at delivering waste reduction.</p>	<p>Lead: Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH) - Glasgow's Food Policy Partnership (GFPP)</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, GCC Catering and Facilities Management, GCC Waste & Fleet Management, GCC Sustainability, GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity</p>	<p>Glasgow City Council (GCC) are working with the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership (GFPP), NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH) to align the existing Glasgow City Food Plan with the newly published requirements under the National Good Food Nation Plan and The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022, which aims to promote a healthier, more sustainable and fairer food system. A workshop took place in May organised by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, hosted by GCC and attended by all local authorities in NHSGGC.</p> <p>GCPH continues work with partners to progress the Glasgow City Food Plan priorities including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sustainable food growing, working with the Glasgow Community Food Network and the Urban Agriculture working group. The group is currently refreshing its membership and looking at potential new growing spaces in Glasgow. • Support the re-established Catering and Procurement Working Group to promote and extend Soil Association Scotland's Food For Life accreditation programme, building on the impressive work of the GCC school meals service. • Support the Food Economy Working Group and specifically the development of the 4th edition of the Glasgow Sustainable Food Directory by GFPP and Slow Food Glasgow. The 3rd edition of the Glasgow Sustainable Food Directory has been published and 	<p>Three ongoing initiatives to support locally sourced food.</p> <p>One initiative to reduce waste. This will be rolled out to another location and another initiative for secondary schools is under consideration.</p>	
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			<p>aims to showcase and raise awareness for sustainable food places.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to build on the successful Full of Beans campaign led by the Glasgow City Food Plan Communications Working Group and delivered by GCPH, GFPP and GCFN.</p> <p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management launched a Food Waste Warriors pilot at Blackfriars Primary School in Gorbals. The pilot was based on Zero Waste Scotland's campaign and supporting materials to reduce food waste, this included signposting GCC Education colleagues to ZWS resources to further educate pupils. The positively received pilot aimed to reduce food plate waste being binned in school dining halls and encourage young people to take the message home and make small changes in their own lives. Monitoring revealed that food waste levels were being reduced by almost 12kg per day. The pilot will now be trialled at a second location. Consideration is also being given to a Food Waste Ambassadors programme for secondary schools.</p>		
16	<p>Encourage and demonstrate the benefits of the uptake of circular business models and practices by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and supporting business activity on the Ground. Building on Plate Up for Glasgow and Grounds for Recycling campaigns, where relevant and subject to support and funding availability. 	<p>Lead: Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Supporting partners: Circular Glasgow, GCC teams, Zero Waste Scotland, Circular Communities Scotland, Third sector organisations</p>	<p>Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (Circular Glasgow), supported by Scottish Enterprise, worked with a group of SMEs across the Glasgow City region that had participated on Step up To Net Zero (SUTNZ) previously to create circular economy sector specific tools. The ACTS Toolkit is designed to help businesses make positive changes in sustainability, work towards net zero, and embed circular economic principles,</p>	<p>Five sector specific events held by Circular Glasgow to showcase the ACTS toolkit.</p> <p>8 Circular Economy Mixers delivered (Sep 24-Sep 25).</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Running a series of Circular Economy Mixer events. d. Knowledge sharing through the Circular Glasgow Network 		<p>regardless of where organisations are on their journey.</p> <p>Circular Glasgow continued to deliver the Circular Mixers series. The monthly networking events provide organisations, including Circular Glasgow Network members, the opportunity to engage in purpose-led conversations, exchange knowledge, and explore ways to embed circular practices into workplaces.</p>		
17	<p>Develop the remanufacturing sector in Glasgow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create collaborative demonstrators with manufacturers, aimed at developing and sustaining circular business models and developing skills. b. Expand the ReMake Hub, part of the Remake Innovation Accelerator, aiming to provide skills and technologies for manufacturers to adopt circular practices. This is subject to secured funding (led by National Manufacturing Institute Scotland). c. Develop the ReMake Value Retention Centre (RVRC), aimed at decarbonising manufacturing by promoting circular practices. (Led by National Manufacturing Institute Scotland). 	<p>Lead: National Manufacturing Institute Scotland</p> <p>Supporting partners: Scottish Institute for Remanufacturing, GCC Sustainability, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Glasgow Universities, GCC Economic Development</p>	<p>The National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) has been working with local companies through the ReMake Hub to support them to move away from linear models to circular models. The hub provides the skills and technologies needed to support manufacturers of all sizes to adopt circularity and extend the life of products and parts. This has been extended to run till the end of March 2026. One of the key strands of the ReMake Hub is digital frameworks. NMIS has been supporting organisations in the electrical and clothing industries to develop digital passports which will be required under the new EU's Digital Product Passport requirements. These are expected to increase traceability of products and provide information needed to ensure circular approaches throughout the lifecycle and end-of-life of products.</p> <p>The next phase of NMIS's work with key strategic importance through ReMake will focus on the ReMake Value Retention Centre (RVRC). Funded through the UKRI's Accelerating the Green Economy programme and led by NMIS and University of Strathclyde, in partnership with the</p>	ReMake Value Retention Centre development ongoing.	

			University of Exeter and the University of Sheffield, RBRC will work for the next 3 years within the local manufacturing sector, as well as nationally, to accelerate the adoption of circularity, reducing waste and emissions, building material resilience in key manufacturing sectors such as transport and energy.		
Theme: Engagement, Communication and Skills					
Priority: Engage with stakeholders – Support collaboration and knowledge exchange, and facilitate implementation of a circular economy					
18	Review and update the Sustainable Glasgow Charter to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include reference to the uptake of circular practices and strategies to further support Glasgow's net zero targets. b. Reinforce the city's commitment to retrofit as the preferred building method in Glasgow, when possible. 	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Sustainable Glasgow Partnership, Charter signatories, Chamber of Commerce	NRS Sustainability continue to engage with organisations to promote and raise awareness on circular economy through the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership on an ongoing basis. A review of the Sustainable Glasgow Charter is currently underway and remains within the timeline.	Update of Sustainable Glasgow Charter ongoing. Number of Sustainable Glasgow Charter signatories: 34	
19	Identify best suited platforms to host an action-focused Circular Construction Forum and Circular Textile Forum. Set up forums and feed findings and outcomes in relevant actions plans.	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Circular Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, GCC - All, Ellen McArthur Foundation, ReLondon, Glasgow Universities, Local communities and third sector, organisations, Glasgow industry sectors (based on specific forums)	NRS Sustainability are working with Chamber of Commerce and Circular Glasgow to identify best suited platforms.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	

Priority: Develop ongoing communications methods – Raise awareness of the circular economy and celebrate success across the city					
20	Use the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership to showcase circular activity, celebrate success and share best practice. The website will also signpost to other existing platforms, such as Circular Glasgow, reuse platforms, and the Council's page on recycling etc.	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Sustainable Glasgow, Circular Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Communities Scotland	Work is ongoing by NRS Sustainability to collate case studies across various sectors and initiatives. The mapping of circular economy initiatives (presented in Action 8 update) is also expected to feed into this action.	Website review ongoing. Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
21	Undertake an ongoing communications campaign to promote repair, reuse and recycling of household goods and textiles and raise awareness of the circular economy.	Lead: GCC Waste & Fleet Management Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC - All, Zero Waste Scotland, Circular Glasgow	Cycling Scotland has been engaged to undertake a bike re-use pilot within the household waste recycling centres (HWRC). The purpose will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with bike reuse organisations to re-establish distribution pathways and processes at HWRC centres within Glasgow City Council. • Divert bikes that can be kept in circulation from landfill. • Quantify and demonstrate the impact of refurbishing and redistribution of bikes across the community. • Support data collection to inform council and community partners future plans for a structured bike reuse pathway. Cycling Scotland visited the council's HWRC in July 2025, with a view to undertaking a pilot in Q2/3 of 2025/26.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
Priority: Skills for a circular economy and transition – Support training and reskilling for a circular economy					
22	Enable re-skilling for a circular and just economy by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Supporting the delivery of the Just Transition Skills Action Plan and 	Lead: GCC Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce & Circular	Fully funded by Glasgow City Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Step Up to Net Zero has been	Delivery of one round of SUTNZ between September 2024 and March 2025, with	

	<p>commit resources to participate in Glasgow's Just Transition working groups, led by GCC Economic Development.</p> <p>b. b. Providing training through Step Up to Net Zero and circular economy workshops, led by Circular Glasgow & Chamber of Commerce.</p>	<p>Glasgow</p> <p>Supporting partners: Glasgow Local Employability and Skills Partnership (LEP), Sustainable Glasgow Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, GCC teams</p>	<p>extended to deliver a fourth round of the programme. The project aims to support the city's net zero and circular ambitions and provides employability experience and upskilling opportunities for Glasgow's workforce as well as supporting the business community to achieve their goals.</p> <p>The Chamber of Commerce through Circular Glasgow delivered the first Circular Economy Leadership Programme. In partnership with Scottish Enterprise and Circle Economy, the programme was built to enhance circular economy skills and help business leaders unlock tangible opportunities. The programme has been positively received, and Circular Glasgow is now exploring a commercial model roll out.</p>	<p>another round commencing April 2025.</p> <p>Number of participants/placements & organisations in Step Up to Net Zero: 12</p> <p>One circular economy leadership programme delivered by Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>52 Ambassadors who supported the creation of the ACTS toolkit, engaged with over 300 businesses.</p>	
Theme: Monitoring and evaluation					
Priority: Baseline of circular economy activity – Create a baseline of activity, material production, consumption and waste at city level					
23	Create a report/webpage of known data and features on the economy, material production, consumption, and waste in the city, including existing targets or commitments Glasgow has made, with the aim to stimulate action. This will include identifying the most suitable platform for hosting the report/webpage.	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: Zero Waste Scotland, GCC Economic Development, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)</p>	Work is ongoing to scope the most suitable approach for baselining circular economy, production and consumption at city level. Learnings and outcomes from other projects, such as the Material Flow Analysis (MFA) for wood in construction in Glasgow and the mapping of circular economy activity, are taken into consideration on an ongoing basis. Through active collaborations and networks, NRS Sustainability are linking with other cities to learn from similar practices.	Work to scope known data and features on the economy, material production, consumption, and waste, including existing targets or commitments ongoing.	

Priority: Metrics and indicators – Develop metrics and indicators to monitor progress across the city					
24	Scale down the Scottish Circular Economy metrics and indicators framework to city level, working with Zero Waste Scotland. Develop metrics and indicators that enable monitoring and evaluation of progress towards Glasgow becoming a circular city.	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Zero Waste Scotland, GCC - All, GCC Performance and Information Management Unit	Activity is expected to start in 2027.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
Theme: Plastics					
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction across Glasgow – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and promote circular alternatives					
25	Where possible, identify funding streams to expand the network of Top-Up taps and/or water fountains across the city. Work with outdoor event organisers to encourage water refill points through Sustainable Events guidance.	Lead: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity Supporting partners: Scottish Water, GCC Parks and Major Events, GCC Sustainability, GCC Planning	GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity continue to work with events organisers to encourage refill points at events. This will be reported to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee as part of our Sustainable Events Guidance update. GCC continues to monitor the Top-up Tap funding programme with the aim to expand the network of taps in Glasgow, if and when that is available.	Nine Top Up Taps in Glasgow.	
26	Develop and install the River Clyde fence boom: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a funding application to the Marine Fund Scotland to support the implementation of a litter fence boom on the River Clyde to capture waste prior to it entering the marine environment. If the application is successful, progress with installation activities. Review findings and waste composition analysis to identify best recycle, recovery route for collected waste, and to identify 	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Chamber of Commerce, Glasgow Universities, Marine Scotland	The Council has been progressing a project which aims to install a litter fence boom on the River Clyde to capture waste prior to it entering the marine environment. Locations between Tidal Weir and King George V Dock were considered to allow for safe and effective access for litter collection. An initial location assessment was undertaken. 16 sites within the boundary were considered. Systematic assessment of sites ruled out 15 sites and identified one feasible location. Further stakeholder engagement to confirm positioning of the River Clyde fence boom in this location revealed that the proposed	Litter fence boom paused.	

	campaigns and actions to target key waste streams contributing to litter.		location sits directly above one of the Glasgow subway tunnels. As such, the boom cannot be located at the proposed site Due to the funding and resource requirements involved in identifying another site and undertaking a UXO study, this project has been paused until further notice.		
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction within Glasgow City Council – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and adopt circular Alternatives					
27	<p>Reduce single-use plastic in school settings by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with suppliers and use the Procurement Tracker to identify single-use plastic items (packaging and catering) currently used in school meals. b. Undertake an options appraisal to identify opportunities to deliver a more sustainable approach to school meals. c. Review findings and feed these into a plan for eliminating single-use plastic usage across Glasgow schools. 	<p>Lead: GCC Catering and Facilities Management</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC Procurement Unit, GCC Education</p>	<p>Working with GCC's catering disposables supplier, Bunzl, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit are developing a report on usage and reduction of all single-use plastics. Findings will feed into plans to reduce single-use plastic usage across the Council.</p> <p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management are undertaking mapping of all current plastic used in schools, from packaging to delivery, with the aim to further reduce usage where possible.</p>	<p>Work towards a pilot for single-use plastic reduction in schools ongoing.</p> <p>Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.</p>	
28	<p>Reduce single-use plastic in Council and Encore venues by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Building on findings from Glasgow Royal Concert Hall reusable beverage system, undertake pilot projects that aim to reduce single-use plastic in packaging, food and/or beverages. b. Assess findings of pilots. Feed into understanding of how reusable food/drink items can be increased across all Council and Encore venues. 	<p>Lead: GCC Catering and Facilities/Encore</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, GCC Sustainability, Glasgow Life, Keep Scotland Beautiful</p>	<p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management/Encore (CFM Encore) participated in the Borrow Cup 12-week pilot. Led by Hubbub and reuse organisation Reposit, the Borrow Cup pilot was launched in January 2025 at more than 40 locations across Glasgow, including GCC City Chambers Cafe and Kelvingrove Museum. The initiative aimed to reduce single-use coffee cups by offering an alternative deposit-return reusable coffee cup at participating locations. Findings are assessed on an ongoing basis but following initial successful implementation, the</p>	<p>One reusable alternatives pilot undertaken in two Encore locations, extended to three more locations.</p> <p>7,000 single-use coffee cups avoided in Encore venues.</p>	

	c. Undertake a feasibility study for implementing a beverage cup recycling scheme for Council and Encore venues to ensure any remaining single-use cups are recycled, building on the success of the Glasgow Cup Movement.		scheme was extended to three more locations: Kelvinhall, Mitchell Library and Riverside Museum.		
Theme: Procurement					
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction across Glasgow – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and promote circular alternatives					
29	<p>Identify opportunities to improve circular procurement practices, whilst taking into consideration best practice and case studies. Seek to prioritise those opportunities that would have the largest positive impact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Map and review current circular procurement policies, practices, and activity across the Council, with the support of the Sustainable Procurement Working Group and the sustainable register. Building on the Council's use of Scottish Government's Sustainability Test and implementing where possible. 	<p>Lead: GCC Corporate Procurement Unit</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainable Procurement Working Group, GCC Sustainability, Zero Waste Scotland, Ellen MacArthur Foundation</p>	<p>GCC Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) continue to work to integrate sustainability, climate and circular economy considerations in procurement processes. As a highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPU are currently evaluating the following two tenders; Provision of Stairlifts and Access Lifts and Provision of Track Hoist System, a key element of each tender is the refurbishment, repair and maintenance of equipment which extends the life of the products and allows the reuse, reduces material going to landfill and reduces costs and waiting times for the council and service users. GCC also has a contract for the repair of 1280 ltr wheeled bins. Instead of purchasing new bins, suppliers collect and repairs existing bins. Repaired bins are then put back into use by GCC NRS. Part of the contract also allows for the purchase of spare parts which helps further reduce purchase of new bins. GCC and the council also have a buy back agreement that allows GCC to resell bins back to the supplier who 	Currently exploring monitoring processes for of activities with circular outcomes.	

			<p>will then repurpose them and sell them to the open market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with GCC's catering disposables supplier, Bunzl, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit are developing a report on usage and reduction of all single-use plastics. Findings will feed into plans to reduce single-use plastic usage across the Council and will feed into Actions 27 and 28.		
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