



Glasgow City Council

Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee

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**REPORT ON THE GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE
JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN 2025-2027**

Purpose of Report:

To advise Committee on the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2025-2027.

Recommendations:

Note this report and the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2025-2027.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: **No** ☐

consulted: **No** ☐

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008 places a duty on NHS Health Boards to work in partnership with Local Authorities to produce a Joint Health Protection Plan (JHPP) that gives an overview of how they will work together to protect public health in the Health Board area.
- 1.2 Scottish Government guidance sets out how JHPPs are to be produced and how often and states that each signatory Local Authority should have the plan signed off by an appropriate Council Committee.
- 1.3 Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board have produced the NHS GG&C Joint Health Protection Plan 2025-2027 in partnership with the relevant Local Authorities, which are Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire. The previous plan covered the period 2023-2025.
- 1.4 The Health Board and partner agencies, including Glasgow City Council, formally liaise and work together as required by the Act through the mechanism of the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group.
- 1.5 The plan sets out the partnership commitments of each signatory organisation regarding the protection of the public from risk and disease in line with the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Strategy. The main aims include:
 - I. Provide an overview of health protection priorities, provision and preparedness for the Health Board and the respective Local Authorities;
 - II. Outline and improve joint arrangements the organisations have in place for the protection of public health; and
 - III. Develop learning and to review and record outcomes and achievements.
- 1.6 The JHPP has been subject to consultation and agreement with representatives of the six local authorities in the Health Board area. In addition, representatives of Public Health Scotland, Diagnostic and Reference Laboratories, Infection Prevention and Control, SEPA, Scottish Water, Drinking Water Quality Regulator, Animal and Plant Health Agency, and Scotland's Rural University College – Veterinary Consulting, have all had the opportunity to comment on the plan through the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group. The Joint Health Protection Plan is attached at Annex A.

2. Implementation of the Plan at Glasgow City Council

- 2.1 The Public Health Etc. (Scotland) Act Designation of Competent Persons Regulations 2009 specify that the criteria and qualifications for Local Authority Competent Persons are:
 - a. Employment by the Local Authority; and

- b. Qualification as an Environmental Health Officer with a minimum of two years' experience.
- 2.2 Environmental Health Officers at Glasgow City Council are employed within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability under the management of the Group Manager, Environmental Health.
- 2.3 The profile of Health Protection has increased significantly in recent years with issues such as immunisation, food borne infections, pandemic flu, COVID-19, healthcare associated infections and other communicable diseases regularly being in the public eye. The quality of public protection from hazards demands a workforce to be educated and trained to effectively deal with these issues and to be flexible to emerging issues.
- 2.4 The Environmental Health function delivers several strands associated with the aims of the JHPP, including:
- Statutory Nuisance Enforcement
 - Pest Control
 - Food Law Enforcement
 - Health and Safety Law Enforcement
 - Infectious Disease Surveillance and Investigation
 - Noise Investigation and Enforcement
 - Anti-smoking Legislation enforcement
 - Air Quality Monitoring and Enforcement
 - Port Health
 - Housing Disrepair
 - Legionella Risk Assessment and Monitoring
- 2.5 Other Local Authority functions include housing standards, contaminated land, air quality and houses in multiple occupation; all of which are delivered by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability has the structure and resource in place to deliver the Council's obligations under in terms of the JHPP. The next update of the JHPP will be presented to Committee for consideration in 2027.

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	The actions can be provided within the existing budget.
<i>Legal:</i>	The Environmental Health function is largely delivered under key statutes including:

- Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974
- Food Safety Act 1990
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008
- Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
- Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
- Control of Pollution Act 1974

Personnel: The actions will be provided with existing staff.

Procurement: Works and services would be met from existing frameworks.

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which Grand Challenge (s) and Mission (s) the proposal supports. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.

- Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

Yes

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

Positive impact

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

Yes by protecting health

Climate Impacts:

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report -
No

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee note this report and the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2025-2027.