



**Glasgow City Council**  
**City Administration Committee**

**Item 5**

**6th November 2025**

**Report by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate,  
Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery**

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**Grant Award to Green Action Trust**

**Purpose of Report:**

To recommend approval of grant funding to Green Action Trust in respect to further works at Cadder Woods, and at Cathkin Former Quarry

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the report,
2. Approves the approval of grant funding to Green Action Trust in respect to further works at Cadder Woods, and at Cathkin Former Quarry

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No ✓

consulted: Yes  No ✓

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 An update was taken to Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee [23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025](#) providing an update in relation to the delivery of our Forestry and Woodland Strategy and Glasgow Tree Plan delivery and noting our [concordat with Central Scotland Green Network \(CSGN\)](#) and its delivery arm, the Green Action Trust, with this being a delivery route which can accelerate delivery of this Strategy.
- 1.2 Committee therefore referred the matter of grant funding of Green Action Trust to deliver works in support of this Plan at Cadder Phase 2, and at Cathkin former Quarry, to City Administration Committee for approval

## 2. Planting at Cadder Woods and Cathkin Quarry

- 2.1 The Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee [paper 27th August 2019](#) provided an update on the Concordat that Glasgow City Council, along with 18 other Local Authorities, has with Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) and its delivery arm, the Green Action Trust, a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a charitable purpose to improve Scotland's environments for people and for nature. Guided by this Concordat, NRS is working with Green Action Trust, and a range of communities across Glasgow to bring forward woodland creation and management as part of wider greenspace projects, with this Concordat allowing us to work at scale and pace. Feedback received in relation to delivery to date has highlighted that this approach has matched technical and fundraising expertise to local authority strategy, priorities and opportunities.
- 2.2 Vacant and Derelict Land (VDL) funding is being used to bring a long term VDL site in Cadder into actively managed greenspace. Phase 1 of the VDL funded project has included the preparation of a woodland management plan and delivery of site operation commenced in March 2025 to define and create footpaths and active travel routes with funding from Sustrans linking Vaila Street to Herma Street and to Cadder primary school and the Forth and Clyde canal tow path. The formation of a forest school classroom, removal of site debris and non-native invasive plant species are also included within these works. The above operations were identified by Cadder residents as key to delivering a quality, multifunctional greenspace within their community.
- 2.3 Grant funding will support Phase 2 works with further woodland and habitat management, footpath and play works programmed for Winter 2025/26, funded with £79,000 from existing budget approvals.
- 2.4 A 6 hectare site adjacent to the former Cathkin Former Quarry has emerged as an opportunity for around 10,000 trees to be planted following the appropriate stage of works being reached as part of wider landfill reclamation activity. Woodland planting is costed at £64,700, with a grant submitted to the [Forestry Grant Scheme](#) for £58,225, with the balance the funding coming from existing budget approvals.

### 3 Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

- Financial:* It is anticipated that the sites identified delivered within existing resources.
- Legal:* An appropriate grant funding arrangement will need to be put in place.
- Personnel:* There are no personnel implications.

Grant funding is not subject to procurement rules

#### *Procurement:* Council Strategic Plan:

Grand Challenge Three: Fight the climate emergency in a just transition towards a net zero Glasgow.  
Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030

#### Commitments

12: Work with communities to identify opportunities for tree-planting, support the delivery of the Clyde Climate Forest.

34. Deliver increased tree planting across the city as part of a comprehensive Tree Plan for Glasgow, including measures to support replacement when trees are lost to damage or removal, and responding to Ash Dieback disease, and develop a Forestry and Woodland Strategy for the city.

#### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.* Can support outcome 6 (tackling social isolation and loneliness)

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* Potential positive impact – tree planting can provide opportunities for community activities and volunteering

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

Increasing tree canopy cover on vacant and derelict sites can reduce blight, improve health and wellbeing, provide leisure and recreation opportunities, and change the way local communities and others perceive disadvantaged areas.

### **Climate Impacts:**

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

**Climate plan Theme 1:** Communication and Community Empowerment. To engage with communities about the climate challenge. To foster participation and collaboration

**Climate plan Theme 2:** Just and Inclusive Place. Ensure that the transition to a net-zero society is a catalyst for building a fairer, healthier, prosperous, resilient and greener city for all

**Climate Plan Theme 4:** Health and Wellbeing. To protect and enhance local habitat connectivity and biodiversity in the city. To support creation and maintenance of good quality, multifunctional green space to help reconnect communities with nature. To support equitable access to good quality, multipurpose open space and green infrastructure in the city.

**Climate Plan Theme 5:** Green Recovery. Supporting tree planting and maintenance, peatland restoration, and green infrastructure.

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

Additional tree and woodland planting across the city will sequester carbon emissions, help control water flow, improve air quality, and regulate temperature.

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

Yes, as above.

### **Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:**

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

No impacts have been identified as part of activity to date

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

#### **4 Recommendations**

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