

Our Dear Green Place – A vision for Glasgow’s Parks and Greenspaces – Progress noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 26th November 2024 (Print 5, page 65) noting the outcomes to date for Our Dear Green Place – a vision for Glasgow’s parks and greenspaces, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the progress of the Parks and Greenspaces Vision and the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund, advising

- (1) of the background to the development of the vision and the subsequent approval of various related strategies, including the Open Space Strategy, the Ecological and Climate Emergencies, with measures agreed by committee and included within the scope of the Climate Plan, the Food Growing Strategy and the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Pollinator Plan;
- (2) that the actions of the Parks and Greenspaces Vision had been delivered by a range of services within NRS with input across a wide range of stakeholders, including Friends of Groups, local schools, community groups, organisations such as the Conservation Volunteers and of the key achievements over the last year, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the full schedule of planned works citywide, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (4) of engagement with the Glasgow Schools Forum in relation to the Glasgow Play Sufficiency Assessment and that projects would be informed by findings shared by local community groups and Friends of Parks Groups;
- (5) of the Council’s approach to addressing Child Poverty, with the goal of strategic alignment which placed eradicating family poverty and there had been an opportunity to align the Council’s data for play area investment against that held in relation to Child Poverty, which ensured that the play areas serving higher numbers of children in poverty were prioritised and refurbished first;
- (6) of the recruitment of 4 additional landscape technicians that would accelerate the outstanding works within the Play Area Renewal Fund and of the progress of the programmed delivery for play areas and park projects, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (7) in order of Child Poverty figures the status as of October 2025 of specific play areas locations and stages, as detailed in the report; and
- (8) of the park initiatives that included an app-based system to track play area maintenance, a review of parks lighting, the renewal of parks management rules, the trial of outdoor sports lockers, the proposes additional support to voluntary groups and of the projects that were currently underway, particularly the Seven Lochs Wetland Park initiative.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the outcomes to date for Our Dear Green Place – A vision for Glasgow's parks and greenspaces;
- (b) the updated consultation methodology for the Scottish Government Play Renewal Programme and individual projects prioritised to reflect the Council's approach to Child Poverty;
- (c) the initiatives currently being developed to enhance our parks estate;
- (d) the updated details of the review of parks lighting;
- (e) the renewal of the current Parks Management Rules;
- (f) the sponsored trial of app-based borrowing of sports equipment; and
- (g) of the support to voluntary groups.