

Q.1	Asked by: Councillor Lilith Johnstone
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant Convenor what scope there is to offer discounted parking permits to school staff, given the limits on parking in some areas of the city?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery

There is no scope within the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders for discounted parking permits for teachers or other Council employees.

The Council has a staff travel plan which promotes walking, cycling, using public transport and sharing journeys.

Unless there is off-street parking provision available to staff members then all employees would be subject to the same on-road parking charges as all other businesses, organisations and road users.

The Council would not offer discounted on-road parking on public roads or off-road parking within public car parks as it would be inconsistent with the Council's Transport Strategies and would create a two-tier system between Council employees and non-Council employees, or indeed teachers and non-teaching Council staff.

Q.2	Asked by: Councillor Robert Mooney
Tabled Question	“Can the relevant Convenor provide an update on the current status and any future plans for Ruchill Community Centre?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

I can advise that Ruchill Community Trust is currently awaiting independent reports from its appointed architects and building surveyors to determine whether the venue can be refurbished, restored, and reopened.

In the meantime, the Trust continues to raise awareness, engage with the local community through consultation sessions, and develop a comprehensive Business Plan alongside detailed financial projections for Ruchill Community Centre.

Colleagues at Glasgow Life are actively supporting the Trust and North United Communities in the community engagement process, which includes facilitating site visits where required.

Q.3	Asked by: Councillor Kieran Turner
Tabled Question	“Can the City Treasurer confirm the Council’s position on the potential introduction of a city congestion charge and a toll for those using the Clyde Tunnel, and whether any feasibility work, including economic impact, has been undertaken on these options?”
Responder	Councillor Richard Bell, City Convenor for Financial Inclusion and City Treasurer

The Council’s Strategic Plan commits the council to review options around road user charging and at city boundary congestion charging models. As reported to the Economy, Housing and Transport Committee earlier this year, Transport Scotland has committed to a review of existing powers within the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 which could allow local authorities or regional transport partnerships to implement discretionary local road user charging schemes.

As part of the Regulatory Review, Transport Scotland has established a working group made up of Local Authorities and Regional Transport Partnerships. Glasgow City Council is a member of this working group.

The regulatory review is planned to report findings and recommendations later in 2026. GCC officers will use the findings, recommendations and any updated legislation consider any proposals for road user charging.

Officers have undertaken high level, desk-based research to establish principles, technologies and review of pricing structures elsewhere within the UK.

It is clear that any such road user pricing scheme would require detailed technical feasibility, modelling and impact assessment work. Further such work requires the outcome of the ongoing Transport Scotland review.

Q.4	Asked by: Councillor Imran Alam
Tabled Question	“The collapse of the Quay Wall at Windmillcroft Quay is a disaster that has literally trapped hundreds of residents in unsaleable homes. What specific actions has this administration undertaken to engage with the residents to commit to the necessary long-term funding required to fix this vital city infrastructure?”
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

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The City Administration Committee agreed in May 2024 that the proposed scheme was no longer viable due to significantly increased costs. This was agreed by all parties at the time.

Since then, the Council has revisited alternative design options and been in contact with resident's representatives both in person and in writing. But regrettably, no deliverable solution has been identified within the scope of City Deal or other public funding streams.

While the Council cannot lead or directly fund these types of works, it remains open to engaging with owners, in a facilitation role, should they wish to progress a solution. The Council will continue to monitor opportunities for future infrastructure programmes that may allow interventions at Windmillcroft Quay, for a new quay wall structure, as part of a wider regeneration strategy for the south bank of the Clyde.”

Q.5	Asked by: Bailie Martha Wardrop
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Homelessness if they can support a summit on Glasgow’s homelessness crisis with cross party invite to hear from Scottish and UK Government colleagues?”
Responder	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services

The City Administration and officer colleagues continue to work tirelessly with a wide range of stakeholders across the housing and homelessness sectors to tackle the challenges our city faces. We have also continued to engage with the UK and Scottish Government to secure the adequate support we require. Indeed, the Council leader, the Convener for Housing and myself met with the relevant Scottish minister and her civil servants just this week to discuss a range of matters.

Following the declaration of the Housing Emergency in late 2023, the Council agreed a cross-sector Housing Emergency Action Plan with oversight arrangements in place, including close collaboration with housing associations, voluntary sector partners, Police Scotland, the Health and Social Care Partnership, and the Scottish Government. In October of this year, we shared our draft 10-year Temporary Accommodation Strategy with partners to reinforce joint commitment to tackling these issues.

Meanwhile, our Homelessness Services team continues to work with partners such as the Simon Community Street Team to prevent rough sleeping during severe weather.

Two citywide stakeholder meetings have already taken place to confirm arrangements for winter, and operational processes are well established. These measures, combined with the ongoing delivery of the Housing Emergency Action Plan, represent a coordinated multi-agency response to the challenges you have outlined. In short, we are getting on with the huge and complex tasks before us, with partners from the Scottish Government and the housing and third sectors

Given the scale of current activity and the engagement already in place, we do not believe convening an additional summit would add value at this stage. In fact, it would risk diverting resources and staff time away from delivering the actions that are already underway to protect vulnerable individuals during the winter period.

I hope that you are assured Bailie Wardrop that we remain committed to working with all partners to address homelessness in Glasgow and will continue to monitor and adapt our response as required.

Q.6	Asked by: Bailie Anthony Carroll
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what impact the UK Government’s reversal back to 28 days’ notice of eviction from Home Office accommodation with no support thereafter has had on the Council’s homelessness support provisions.”
Responder	Councillor Allan Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services

While we are of course bitterly disappointed at this decision by the Home Office, Council Officers have reported that they do not envisage a significant operational impact on the service as the Home Office failed to provide the 56-days notice in 99% of cases during the pilot period.

However, nearly 80% of referrals were provided to the Council with the 28-days’ notice period. Council Officers continue to engage with the Home Office and their contracted accommodation provider in Glasgow, Mears, to provide sufficient notice period to allow the Homelessness Service to put measures in place to ensure that families have access to emergency accommodation on their day of eviction.

Q.7	Asked by: Councillor Elaine McSporran
Tabled Question	"To ask the Convenor for Communities & Equalities for an update on the response to her emergency motion on Justice for WASPI women in light of the UK Government backing down before the Judicial Review scheduled for yesterday"
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Colleagues will recall that my colleague Bailie McTaggart moved an emergency motion in March 2024 instructing the Chief Executive write to the then UK Chancellor Jeremy Hunt and Labour shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves to demand a cast-iron guarantee that WASPI women will receive full compensation and that immediate action is taken to right this wrong."

Unfortunately, no reply was forthcoming from either.

WASPI set up a CrowdJustice campaign and quickly raised sufficient funds to mount a Judicial Review of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions' decisions.

The Pensions' Minister announced in November that the UK Government's response to the Ombudsman's report on maladministration in the communication of changes to State Pension Age was to be withdrawn and 'reconsidered'.

In a letter to WASPI's lawyers and the Court, the UK Government also said it is not taking further steps to defend WASPI's legal challenge to that decision, which it says is now 'academic' given the reconsideration announcement.

At the eleventh hour, the UK Government accepted that its response to the Ombudsman is legally indefensible. It appears to accept that it got at least one so-called crucial 'fact' completely wrong because officials did not show the relevant minister Liz Kendall DWP-commissioned research completely contradicting it.

Last week, the UK Government dropped its defence after WASPI women's Judicial Review acknowledging Government agrees to WASPI's conditions for speedy and thorough reconsideration of the response to Ombudsman injustice findings and compensation proposals.

Through its judicial review, WASPI has succeeded in:

- exposing all the evidence considered by the Secretary of State when she reached her December 2024 decision to reject the Ombudsman's findings.
- laying bare serious mistakes made by the DWP, including the failure to provide the minister with key research, which Mr McFadden accepted meant the rejection could no longer stand.
- securing Government agreement to withdraw its December 2024 decision and to reconsider it quickly.

Last week's agreement is welcome. But the UK Government should be in no doubt that WASPI stands ready to return to court if it again fails to do the right thing by accepting the reality of injustice

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caused by DWP maladministration and the compelling need for meaningful remedies. And that this city government stand in solidarity with Waspi. There must be no more delay and no more denials.

The high stakes shouldn't be forgotten. This is a case of the utmost public interest, impacting on millions of WASPI women. But also, on everyone who trusts the Ombudsman system.

Most importantly, every 13 minutes a WASPI woman dies without seeing justice. Following your question, Bailie McTaggart will write to the UK Government noting their failure to reply to her motion, your question and this Council's support for WASPI women.

Q.8	Asked by: Baillie Seonad Hoy
Tabled Question	"To ask the relevant city convenor what measures have been taken by the council in the aftermath of the tragic drowning of Emilis Vanagas in July 2025 to improve water safety on the River Kelvin and to prevent similar tragedies in future?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>The Glasgow Water Safety Group, chaired by the City Council, last month undertook a Drowning and Incident Review of the accident.</p> <p>This was an opportunity for agencies and professionals to discuss the incident, its potential causes and contributory factors, and to make decisions on recommendations and mitigations to prevent future fatalities in the location.</p> <p>The outcome of the Review resulted in the following actions which will be implemented by the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To developing and instal clear, visible signage around the riverbank warning of dangers posed by the weir. - And to conduct a formal risk assessment to determine the feasibility and optimum location for installing public rescue equipment. <p>There is also a planned site visit with local elected members in January to address these issues with fencing and signing.</p> <p>The installation of the signing, wording and locations will be agreed at the next Glasgow Water Safety Group meeting in January for installation in early Spring 2026.</p> <p>As an interim measure, in advance of the DIR, arrangements have been made to carry out repairs to two sections of railing, with a third section of railing having had temporary barrier erected, pending contractor works</p>	

Q.9	Asked by: Bailie Kevin Lalley
Tabled Question	"Will the Leader of the Council join me in acknowledging the recent public disclosures by well-known individuals about their prostate cancer diagnoses, and agree that these have helped raise awareness of the disease and the importance of early detection?"
Responder	Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People

I will gladly join you in acknowledging the courage of those well-known individuals who have recently shared their prostate cancer diagnoses. Their openness helps to break stigma, prompt conversations, and, most importantly, raise awareness about the need to act early. I recognise that there is no national population screening programme for prostate cancer, but men should be aware of the symptoms and speak to their GP if they have any concerns. Having said that, I need to add one or two caveats.

The issue with screening for the likes of prostate cancer is that until recently there has not been a decent test, and to be frank there are still issues. The PSA test isn't perfect – it can miss positive cases and highlight cases where action is actually not required. But if it is combined with a family history and a prostate MRI, it does work.

The challenge is that the availability of MRI and cost per case identified are both problematic, with the exception of men with a genetic link or a strong family history. Added to this is the fact that sadly, those most likely to benefit are often least likely to attend.

Having said all that, I would reiterate my earlier point about the overall value of testing.

Testing at a population level can have real benefits. Screening works and allows us to catch conditions at a much earlier stage than waiting for a patient to take their much more advanced condition to their GP, which has been the hallmark of the NHS since its foundation.

To put it bluntly, prevention is surely better than 'after the fact' treatment.

But I would add here that our real challenge is that prevention should mean much more than taking a test. Programmes focussed on healthy living, active travel, public transport, good diet and general prevention are fundamental to a healthy population.

We cannot divorce our health from the way we live our lives! In this city that message above all is one that we need to drive home.

Q.10	Asked by: Councillor Leodhas Massie
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant convenor for an update on the current position regarding Whitehill Pool in light of recent community concerns?”
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Glasgow Life is working closely with the Save Whitehill Pool group, community stakeholders, and local elected members to finalise the outline business case. The options within the outline business case have been agreed with all the stakeholders and will allow Glasgow City Council to consider potential approaches and associated costs for Whitehill Pool.

The draft business case was shared with the local group at a recent working group meeting for comment before the festive break. Once feedback is received, the report will be finalised with the working group and then presented to the Glasgow Life Leadership team for final review, prior to formal submission to Glasgow City Council. Ultimately, it will be Glasgow City Council that makes the decision regarding the allocation of capital funding for any future refurbishment or development of Whitehill Pool.

The draft business case currently includes a conclusion outlining the technical and financial appraisal, which confirms the existing Whitehill Pool fabric and services are at critical risk and that incremental repair is not a viable solution. The recommendation referenced is for an initial intervention to protect the asset from further deterioration and safeguard movable assets on site. This was discussed with the group at the recent meeting with the aim to provide reassurance to preserve future delivery options as will be contained within the outline business case for Glasgow City Council to consider.

Q.11	Asked by: Councillor Blair Anderson
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what additional support is being provided to schools, staff, young people and families who use Glasgow’s English as an Additional Language and Family Learning services, in light of recent physical and online attacks”
Responder	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education

As colleagues will no doubt be aware, one of our schools has been targeted by right wing agitators spreading disinformation around several issues and causing fear and alarm amongst parents and our school communities.

Colleagues will also be aware that family learning takes place in all our schools and nurseries, and we have received no complaints about classes which are aimed at the general population of parents and carers.

The Council’s political leadership, the chief executive and colleagues in education services have responded robustly to this disinformation and to reassure families that they are all welcome in our schools and nurseries.

We will not be taking steps to ban parents without a PVG from our schools. We will not be cancelling any family learning opportunities, including ESOL classes, for parents and carers. And we will never bow to bullying tactics and toxic behaviour that is intended to spread fear and alarm.

Since the incident we’ve been updating and adding resources to a dedicated page on Glasgow Online to continue to help and support schools and nurseries.

This Council has long-standing and wide-ranging support mechanisms in place, from family support workers through to headteachers and partnerships with colleagues in Glasgow Life and ESOL. In the face of such vile vigilante behaviour these support structures stepped up and delivered.

In the case of Dalmarnock, the education director met with the parents affected by these protests, while support was also provided to school communities by colleagues in Police Scotland.

We will have an opportunity very shortly to debate and discuss our commitment to diversity. But I’m sure Cllr Anderson agrees with me that we will not stand by and allow bigotry to be fueled and inflamed in our schools and in our city.

Q.12	Asked by: Bailie Soriya Siddique
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant Convenor advise when the extensive works required to bring the roof of Govanhill Library up to a suitable condition are expected to commence, and what steps the Council is taking to ensure Glasgow Life is in a position to deliver these works?"
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Thank you for the question, Bailie Siddique. I can advise that a full roof survey has been carried out at Govanhill Library by Glasgow Life's Facilities Management Team. The survey concluded that works are required to replace the existing roof with a new, modern system.

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Although the roof has reached the end of its life cycle, it continues to perform and access to and use of the library is not affected. A minor leak affecting the interior has been identified, and Glasgow Life has instructed its main contractor to carry out repairs to prevent further water ingress.

However, at present Glasgow Life does not have sufficient capital funding to instruct full roof replacement works. Glasgow City Council's capital budget has been set until 2028/2029 financial year, with no additional funding currently available to enable immediate delivery of the roof replacement.

Consequently, the works package has been added to Glasgow Life's backlog maintenance programme for future instruction when funding becomes available. Should additional capital be made available next year or sooner, Glasgow Life would be in a position to programme and complete the necessary works.

Q.13	Asked by: Councillor John Daly
Tabled Question	“To ask the Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets for an update on Glasgow City Council’s review of the efficacy of Firework Control Zones. The Scottish Government guidance for local authorities outlines that a partnership approach should be taken to reviewing the zone, local police, SFRS and community organisations should be consulted. Can the convenor provide an update on the timeline of this review?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

Glasgow City Council introduced Firework Control Zones for the first time just last month and across three areas - Pollokshields, Govanhill, and Broomhouse. We did so following public consultation and engagement with Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. These zones were operational between November 1st and 10th, under the powers granted by the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022. This allows Fireworks Control Zones to remain in place for up to 3 years, after which they must be reviewed to assess their effectiveness and determine whether they should continue, be amended, or be removed.

Following the operational period, a multi-agency debrief panel was convened, including representatives from Police Scotland, the fire and rescue service, and Council officers. This process highlighted that all three zones were successful from a reporting and enforcement perspective, with improved coordination between agencies and a noticeable reduction in firework-related disorder compared to previous years. The panel also identified opportunities for further community engagement and education to build on this success.

In line with Scottish Government guidance, the Council is committed to reviewing the zones after the designated period has ended, which is anticipated to be November 2027. This review will consider:

- Effectiveness of the zones in reducing firework-related antisocial behaviour and harm.
- Community feedback gathered during and after the operational period.
- Operational challenges identified by enforcement agencies.
- Opportunities for improvement, including education and early intervention measures.

Q.14	Asked by: Councillor Robert Mooney
Tabled Question	“Can the relevant Convenor confirm whether any changes have been made to the Avenues Programme as a result of engagement with the Accessible Design Forum, and if so, outline what those changes are?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery

In seeking to ensure that both active travel and sustainable transport schemes, as well as new public realm including the Avenues, are safe and accessible for users, Council designers and engineers work to ensure compliance with national mandatory design standards. All schemes are also subject to Road Safety Audits throughout design and construction stages.

The spectrum of vulnerable users is very wide and the needs of users with learning disabilities, visual impairments, mobility impairments, and the elderly can be vastly different and often conflicting. It is often not possible to completely address and satisfy differing and conflicting needs without disadvantaging another group of users. Council design and engineering teams are sensitive to this position and aim to take a balanced approach.

The Accessible and Inclusive Design Forum has influenced several design elements within the Avenues, that are either already constructed or soon to be constructed.

For example, the limited use of the delineation kerb used on the pilot scheme on Sauchiehall Street, which is compliant with the Department for Transport Tactile Paving Guidance but which has been replaced as the default for Avenues schemes with a ‘terraced’ arrangement, similar to Victoria Road that ensures a kerb upstand of at least 60mm between footway and cycle lanes.

Tactile paving arrangements for both Holland Street Avenue and the Byres Road upgrade were presented to the Forum and amendments were made following feedback received.

A tactile model of a floating bus stop was created to help assist discussion around the use of floating bus stops within Avenue schemes. Significant changes to floating bus stop design were made following a presentation of options aided by the tactile model, including improved signage, the narrowing of cycle lanes at the rear of bus stops and speed reduction measures.

For the South Portland Street Avenue, a larger model was created which aided detailed discussions and resulted in changes to tactile paving and directions for cyclists.

The Forum has also facilitated conversations around more general issues like tactile cones missing at signalled junctions, general maintenance issues, and footway conflicts. Some members of the Forum also make regular contact outwith workshops to raise potential Business As Usual (BAU) issues or issues with projects that are under construction, and these are actioned appropriately.

I should also add that although not specific to the Avenues, an accessibility audit of City Centre infrastructure was undertaken and presented to the Forum to identify areas of concerns that required addressing with these being taken forward on a rolling basis as part of the Council's ongoing maintenance programme.

Q.15	Asked by: Bailie Martha Wardrop
Tabled Question	"To ask the Leader whether she will support a request that BBC Radio Scotland pauses implementation of the proposed cuts to music programmes, which support Glasgow's musicians, including emerging talent, as this is needed to enable meaningful consultation with Glasgow's music sector?"
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Thank you Bailie Wardrop. I can confirm that we're not involved in discussions around BBC Radio Scotland's cuts to its late-night music programmes. However, we note that the Scottish Music Industry Association has published an open letter to BBC Radio Scotland on behalf of its members, outlining the impact of these changes to Scotland's music ecology.

Glasgow Life leads Glasgow's UNESCO City of Music designation, which positions Glasgow as Scotland's music city. The majority of Scotland's music workforce has its home in Glasgow and to support this, Glasgow Life is leading the development of a music policy for the city in partnership with the University of Glasgow and the city's music industry and sector. This work will embed music across a range of other policy areas including city strategy, economic development, tourism, education, equity and wellbeing in our communities.

Celtic Connections starts in just over a month, with over 300 events promoting around 2,000 local musicians within an international context. The festival is covered by the BBC. Glasgow Life also programmes and supports ceilidh bands and dementia-friendly live music in our community touring network, supporting new opportunities for musicians all year round through small grants and advocacy.

Glasgow UNESCO City of Music is supporting two new trails celebrating the significance of music for visitors and residents alike: a plaque trail celebrating individuals and locations, and a paving stone trail highlighting the importance of grassroot music venues.

Glasgow Life manages City Halls, which is home to the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and with whom we have a management agreement. As a result, BBC Radio Scotland regularly broadcast from this venue.

Q.16	Asked by: Cllr Dan Hutchison
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant city convenor for an update on the works to rebuild the quay wall at Windmillcroft Quay?”
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

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