



Glasgow City Council

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM ECONOMY, HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND REGENERATION CITY POLICY COMMITTEE

Purpose of Report:

To receive responses to the questions raised at the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee of 21st April 2026.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee		
Questions from Elected Members at meeting held on 21st April 2026		
Item 1	<p>Glasgow City Centre Strategy 2024 - 2030 and City Centre Strategic Development Framework.</p> <p>Councillor Mooney:-</p> <p>1. Since the introduction of the Glasgow City Centre Strategy in 2024, How many new affordable homes have been delivered in the City Centre and what are the anticipated affordable housing delivering numbers over the period of the strategy until 2030?</p>	NRS
Answer	<p>Using the City Centre Neighbourhoods map as the boundary, and the introduction of the City Centre Living Strategy in 2018 as a starting point, the following developments have been completed within the city centre:</p> <p>Newbuild Schemes at Dovehill Phase 1 (32 MMR) and Watson Street (46 MMR). Both Wheatley/Lowther.</p> <p>A further newbuild development is on site at Spoutmouth (Wheatley, on site-34 units for social rent) and West of Scotland Housing Association is looking to go onsite with an upper storey conversion at Station House, 34 St Enoch Square (28 units for MMR). A further 3 units for social rent are also proposed at 79 Trongate and 9 Duke Street (Wheatley Homes) which again are the subject of upper storey conversions.</p> <p>The above figures do not take into account the sites on the edge of the city centre where a total of 495 units affordable homes have been delivered since 2018.</p> <p>Dover Street, Anderston (Glasgow West HA, 55 SR)</p> <p>Northgate (35 SR) and Pine Place (28 SR), both New Gorbals HA)</p> <p>Monteith Row (Thenue, 37 SR)</p> <p>Calton Village – Phase 1 (123 MMR/SR) and Phase 2 (98 MMR/SR) both Wheatley;</p> <p>Anderston Ph 5 (Sanctuary, 119 MMR)</p> <p>What are the anticipated affordable housing delivery numbers over the period of the Strategy to 2030?</p>	NRS

	<p>A number of empty upper storey conversions are being considered for feasibility for affordable housing as delivery of more affordable housing is a strategic priority. Challenges include high cost and viability issues and the Council and RSLs have little or no ownership within the city centre boundary. The affordable housing supply programme has considerable commitments across Glasgow and a number of competing priorities in tackling the city's housing and homelessness emergency however the council is working with the sector to investigate routes to delivering more homes. The Scottish Government have provided resource planning assumptions over the next 4 years and an update on proposed projects over this period will be outlined in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan which will go to City Administration Committee in November.</p>	
<p>Item 1</p>	<p>Bailie Wardrop:</p> <p>Update in relation to the dispersal zone that had been introduced, whether there would be data being added in from that?</p> <p>Activities for the young people affected any engagement around this activity?</p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>The Glasgow city centre dispersal zone has been in place for two months and continues to support efforts to address anti-social behaviour and disorder in the city centre.</p> <p>Between Monday, 20 April and Wednesday, 20 May, officers used their dispersal powers 331 times, with 12 people being arrested after returning to the area in breach of dispersal directions. 6 of these individuals were also arrested in connection with other offences, including assault, weapons offences, breach of the peace, drugs offences and police assault.</p> <p>This brings the total number of times the dispersal powers have been used to 770 and total number of arrests for breach of the dispersal directions to 55.</p> <p>Dispersal powers allow officers to direct groups of two or more people to leave the dispersal zone if their behaviour is impacting on the safety and wellbeing of others. Those directed to leave are not permitted to return for a period of 24 hours. The dispersal zone covers an area bounded by St Vincent Place, Glassford Street/Stockwell Street, to the far side of the riverbank, and York Street/West Campbell Street.</p>	

Superintendent Jackie Dunbar said: “These dispersal powers continue to provide officers with an important tool to help address antisocial behaviour and disorder and support the safety and wellbeing of those living, working and visiting Glasgow city centre.

“They are used proportionately and only when necessary, with officers engaging with local residents, businesses and partner agencies as part of a wider approach to improve safety in the area.

“We are also working closely with our partners to help address any underlying issues that may be contributing to anti-social behaviour and disorder, while providing support to anyone who may be vulnerable and ensuring they receive support from the appropriate services.

“We are regularly receiving feedback from local residents, business and partners, which so far has been largely positive, and the use of the dispersal zone remains under regular review as we continue to assess its impact.

“Our focus remains on addressing anti-social behaviour and disorder and ensuring the city centre is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.”

The demographic that has received the most warnings are 30-39 years of age, with under-16’s representing a small proportion of the overall number of warnings. Police Scotland work closely with Barnardo’s, which provides a forum for information sharing and direct feedback from young people.

Police Scotland also have a survey ongoing which is being shared with businesses and stakeholders.