

Appendix 1: Circular Economy Action Plan – Updates February 2026

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APPENDIX 1 – CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION STATUS UPDATE					
Action No.	Action	Lead and Supporting Partners	Status update – February 2026	Measurable outcomes	RAG
Theme: Built and Natural Environment					
Priority: Circular construction – Enable circular construction for all construction projects within the city					
1	<p>Create a “Circular Economy Statement” requirement in the City Development Plan 2 for new developments in response to NPF4 Policy 12 Zero Waste. As part of this process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) to identify potential embodied carbon targets for construction in Glasgow. b. Review existing tools, work with other planning authorities and key stakeholders at national level to identify and develop best practice. c. Undertake a study to identify thresholds on the size of development to which Circular Economy Statements will be required. d. Publish supporting Circular Economy Statement guidance. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA), Ellen MacArthur Foundation</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability continues to work with the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA) and Zero Waste Scotland to explore an embodied carbon policy framework for new buildings in Glasgow. The project is funded through CNCA's Phase 2 "Dramatically Reducing Embodied Carbon in Europe's Built Environment" programme. Findings and recommendations are expected by end of March 2026 and will feed into relevant work programmes and services.</p> <p>NRS Planning are working with teams across the Council, including Education, and young people to develop the Co-design a Play Space Design Guide/Handbook as part of Play Sufficiency Assessment.</p>	<p>Implementation of Circular Economy Statements ongoing in line with the current City Development Plan 2 and the Tall Buildings Design Guide for Glasgow, led by GCC Planning.</p> <p>Associated guidance development ongoing.</p>	

2	Undertake a feasibility study, and identify funding to support if required, for the implementation of deconstruction/demolition audits to be required for existing buildings at the point of transformation. This will include identifying the mechanism that is best suited to integrate the findings of the study.	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Building Standards, GCC Planning, Chamber of Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, Sustainable Glasgow</p>	The Tall Buildings Design Guide for Glasgow was published by Glasgow City Council in June 2025. Amongst other aims, the guide outlines expectations on sustainability of tall buildings. This includes a requirement for a pre-demolition audit, if any demolition is to take place on site. This is a first step towards the wider introduction of deconstruction audits for existing buildings in Glasgow.	Implementation of pre-demolition audits ongoing in line with the Tall Buildings Design Guide for Glasgow, led by GCC Planning.	
3	Following the implementation of priority policies, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify and support a pilot building material passport project in Glasgow. b. Review findings and feed into a report aimed at identifying how Glasgow City Council can enable, contribute and implement the development of local building material databases. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Building Standards, Glasgow Universities, Chamber of Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, Sustainable Glasgow</p>	Activity is expected to start in 2029.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
4	Appoint a consultant to undertake a study on the potential requirement for local heat network developers to submit Circular Economy Statements. This will include identifying how to best implement this requirement. Findings will feed into the Climate Delivery Vehicle.	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC - All, Sustainable Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland</p>	Activity is expected to start in 2026. Support and funding routes are explored on an ongoing basis. Findings will feed into relevant services, such as GCC Planning, and programmes, such as the Climate Delivery Vehicle.	Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
Priority: Natural environment regeneration – Support greening of land to enable nature regeneration					
5	Building on the Forestry and Woodland Strategy, the Glasgow Tree Plan, Open Space Strategy and Food Growing Strategy, support the implementation of strategies and nature regeneration actions by seeking funding to deliver outcomes on specific sites. This will be carried out by committing resources to	<p>Lead: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Food Growing, GCC</p>	A carbon sequestration and tree management group has been set up. Progress is reported through Glasgow’s Climate Plan. A new post with NRS Sustainability supports tracking data on tree planting projects across the city. NRS Planning have	Measurable outcomes undertaken and reported to committee via Climate Plan, Food Growing Strategy, Forestry and Woodland Strategy, Local Biodiversity Action	

	support programmes, such as the Greening the City and Green Connectors.	City Property, GCC Sustainability, GCC Property Asset Management	<p>been seeking to ensure that we capture the data about tree planting on private land.</p> <p>As also presented in Action 15, the local Good Food Nation Plan will help promote a healthier, more sustainable and fairer food system in Glasgow.</p>	Plan and City Centre Strategy reporting.	
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Theme: Circular Hubs

Priority: Construction material reuse hub – Develop a network for the city-wide recovery and reuse of construction materials

6	<p>Facilitate the set up of a Construction Material Reuse Hub in Glasgow by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identifying and delivering suitable pilots for the reuse of construction materials in a public construction project in Glasgow. b. Review findings and feed into wider project delivery for the roll out of a physical and digital construction material reuse hub across the city. c. Launch a construction material reuse hub, including online platforms to develop linkages across businesses and communities on excess resources and surplus materials. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting Partners: GCC Planning, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC Property Asset Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability have been working with teams across the Council to map built environment material reuse in public projects, historic practice, and case studies with the aim to create a plan to formalise and scale the process. The online platform Warp It is also currently being explored as an option to support the online element of material reuse. Warp It is currently expected to launch by May 2026 for redistribution of office and other assets (see Action 7).</p> <p>NRS Sustainability continue to engage communities, organisations, and partners across the city with the aim to identify the best path towards supporting construction material reuse.</p>	<p>Work towards a pilot CMRH ongoing.</p> <p>Other measurable outcomes identified and reported in Circular Economy Route Map but expected after a pilot is implemented.</p>	
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Priority: Circular Markets / Reuse Hubs – Facilitate a network of local circular economy communities and material reuse hubs and markets across the city

7	<p>Facilitate the set up of a suitable Circular Market / Reuse Hub in Glasgow by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Undertake a scoping study for the development of Circular Economy Community Hubs and Reuse Hubs for consumer goods (textiles, electricals, furniture, household, 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Planning, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability are working with teams across the Council to re-launch Warp It. This is an online platform that enables the redistribution of a wide variety of assets for reuse. Current work focuses on setting up the platform and relevant guidelines for use, as well as a communications plan with the aim to launch by May 2026. This is</p>	<p>Scoping/feasibility/ options appraisal study ongoing.</p>	
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	<p>etc.), to identify a Hub model that best suits Glasgow.</p> <p>b. Feed outcomes of the study to a plan for a hub pilot. Undertake pilot, including online versions of hubs.</p> <p>c. Support existing and emerging community-led Circular Economy Hubs by showcasing and sharing best practice.</p>	<p>Property Asset Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Zero Waste Scotland, Local communities and third sector organisations</p>	<p>expected to enable material reuse within the Council.</p> <p>Led by NRS Waste Management, Glasgow City Council have launched a bike reuse pilot at household waste recycling centres that aims to save bikes from being scrapped. This is presented in more detail under Action 21.</p> <p>NRS Waste Management are exploring how reuse can be further incorporated in the Easter Queenslie Household Waste Recycling Centre, currently undergoing redevelopment.</p> <p>NRS Sustainability continue to engage communities and third sector organisations with the aim to identify the best path towards supporting a network of circular markets and communities across the city.</p>		
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Theme: Circular Practices

Priority: Support for circular businesses, organisations, and communities – Deliver ongoing support mechanisms

8	<p>Deliver ongoing business support mechanisms that facilitate and promote circular practices. This will include the following activities:</p> <p>a. Map circular economy activity in Glasgow, by engaging with organisations to identify best practice, challenges and opportunities, supported by the GCC Sustainability team.</p> <p>b. Deliver the Green Business Grant and the Business Growth Programme, with circular economy support provided where appropriate.</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Economic Development</p> <p>Supporting Partners: Chamber of Commerce, GCC Sustainability, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Government, Business Gateway</p>	<p>The first phase of mapping Glasgow's diverse ecosystem of initiatives, organisations and communities has been completed. NRS Sustainability are working with GCC Economic Development to embed into ongoing review of support mechanisms, including financial mechanisms. NRS Sustainability are also currently working to expand this mapping and showcasing outcomes.</p> <p>GCC Economic Development continue to deliver the Glasgow Business Growth Phase 3 programme and the Green Business Grant. The Glasgow Business</p>	<p>First phase of circular economy initiatives mapping completed.</p> <p>Circular economy related projects funded by YCAF in 2024-2025: 4</p> <p>Number of organisations receiving Business Growth support directly related to circular economy activity: 9</p>	
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	<p>c. Review outcomes of existing financial support mechanisms (led by GCC Economic Development).</p>		<p>Growth Phase 3 programme is funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with the aim to help Glasgow's SMEs to grow through access to a network of expert consultancy. Under Lot 9, SMEs can access support on sustainability, climate resilience and circular economy. The Green Business Grant is a programme of targeted Green Business Support for SMEs as part of Glasgow's Green Deal. Both programmes closed by end of March 2026.</p> <p>The second year of Glasgow's Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) was completed in 2025. This was a programme aimed at empowering young people aged 15 to 24 to design and deliver climate-focused projects within their communities, led by GCC Economic Development with support from the Centre for Civic Innovation.</p> <p>Glasgow Helps continues to partner with ApparelXchnage and partners to deliver pre-loved clothing support to families in Glasgow,</p>		
9	<p>Support the opening of vacant and unused Glasgow City Council sites, through appropriate mechanisms, in order to provide space for circular innovation and start-ups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Undertake an audit of council property to identify under-utilised and vacant premises that are suitable for use as circular hubs, and/or space that can be made available for circular organisations and hubs. b. Engage organisations and communities on an ongoing basis 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting Partners: GCC Property Asset Management, People Make Glasgow Communities, GCC Planning, GCC Economic Development, City Property, Scottish Government</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability are working with Zero Waste Scotland to host an internship to support activities on activating vacant and underused land for circular initiatives. Recruitment is due to start in April 2026.</p>	<p>Report on vacant sites and potential circular economy activity ongoing.</p>	

	<p>to scope opportunities for activating space/sites, led by GCC Sustainability.</p> <p>c. GCC Sustainability team to work with officers in GCC Property Asset Management to expand understanding of circular economy opportunities and explore how new or existing mechanisms, such as People Make Glasgow Communities, could enable use of vacant GCC sites for circular opportunities.</p>				
Priority: Reduce, reuse, repair, remanufacture and recycling practices – Enable uptake of circular practices across the city					
10	Add a Circular Economy module, which will include a reference to plastic, textile, electricals and food waste reduction, in Glasgow City Council's Climate Literacy course in GOLD.	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Organisational Development</p>	A Circular Economy module has been developed by NRS Sustainability. The course is expected to launch by April 2026, as per original timeline.	Circular Economy Awareness for Glasgow training is expected to be launched by April 2026.	
11	Undertake a waste audit within the Council estate to quantify the volume and type of waste. Identify key streams and actions to reduce in line with the Resource and Recycling Strategy.	<p>Lead: GCC Waste and Fleet Management</p> <p>Supporting partners: Scottish Government</p>	A desk-based audit was undertaken by NRS Waste Management, as part of the relevant Carbon Management Action Plan action. The audit estimated the tonnage of waste produced across the council estate. The action is marked as complete.	Audit undertaken.	
12	<p>Carry out a scoping study for setting up a network of collection points for reuse and recycling electricals items. Identify external funding* for setting up the network, if required. This action will be updated in line with any developments in upcoming reforms to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations.</p> <p>*Funding application will be led by GCC Sustainability. Operational</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Waste and Fleet Management</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC Property Asset Management, GCC Planning</p>	Led by the NRS Waste Management team, and in collaboration with Valpack and Material Focus, options are being explored to establish a waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) reuse hub at the Queenslie Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) (Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee update in February 2026). Timescales for WEEE reuse are dependent of Queenslie HWRC, currently expect to be in Summer 2026.	Tonnage of reused items will be monitored through robust data collection through reuse partners.	

	implementation, if successful will be led by GCC Waste and Fleet Management.				
13	<p>Enable citizens to participate in repair by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and undertaking a suitable, Glasgow specific incentivised repair pilot scheme for citizens, focusing on textiles and electricals, learning from international examples. Support repair and reuse initiatives, such as those that specialise in digital inclusion, circular communities, circular textile systems. Feeding findings into a plan to establish an ongoing repair scheme for citizens. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Economic Development, GCC Just Transition, Zero Waste Scotland</p>	<p>Activity is expected to start in 2026.</p> <p>NRS Sustainability are exploring potential support through Zero Waste Scotland for scoping and developing a Glasgow-wide repair pilot scheme. NRS Sustainability also continue to work with Net Zero Mission Cities to explore potential avenues for support.</p>	<p>Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.</p>	
14	<p>Embed sustainability, including circularity and biodiversity, into outdoor events by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Participating in the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks working group (SBEPG) to oversee the work undertaken. Developing Condition of Let requirements to enable event providers to report on event sustainable, circular and biodiversity impacts, through the emissions reporting framework. The process will start with large events and roll out to small events. dCreate and share case studies of circular events, festivals venue on appropriate platform to communicate best practice. 	<p>Lead: GCC Parks and Major Events</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity, Glasgow Life, GCC Sustainability, Event organisers applying to GCC to undertake an outdoor event</p>	<p>Participation in the Sustainability and Biodiversity for Events in Parks working group is continued by relevant GCC teams.</p> <p>Conditions of Let and guidance for large-scale and medium-scale events were co-developed with event organisers in 2024 and 2025 respectively and are now in effect.</p> <p>Work is currently ongoing with event providers throughout 2026 to develop Conditions of Let for small-scale events.</p> <p>Guidance for small-scale events is also currently under development. These are expected to be published online in 2026.</p>	<p>Large- and medium-scale event providers need to record total emissions (kgCO₂e) through the reporting framework.</p> <p>This information will be used to track progress in emissions reduction from events in the city over time.</p>	

15	<p>Support the delivery of the Glasgow City Food Plan to promote sustainable food growing practices and reduce food waste arisings in Glasgow, by committing resources to participate in working groups, communications campaigns, and actions aimed at delivering waste reduction.</p>	<p>Lead: Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH) - Glasgow's Food Policy Partnership (GFPP)</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, GCC Catering and Facilities Management, GCC Waste & Fleet Management, GCC Sustainability, GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity</p>	<p>The first national Good Food Nation Plan has now been published. This lays out how The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022, which aims to promote a healthier, more sustainable and fairer food system, will be operationalised at national and local levels. The Council continues to work with stakeholders across the city to develop a local Good Food Nation Plan, taking into consideration existing progress through the Glasgow City Food Plan initiative.</p> <p>Funded by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health and developed in partnership between Glasgow Food Policy Partnership and Slow Food Glasgow, the 4th Edition of Glasgow's Sustainable Food Directory was launched in November 2025. The aim of the directory is to showcase sustainable locations in the city via an interactive map and an easily downloadable directory.</p> <p>GCPH continues work with partners to progress the Glasgow City Food Plan priorities.</p> <p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management continue to pursue Soil Association Food For Life accreditation where possible.</p>	<p>Glasgow Food Policy Partnership working groups ongoing.</p> <p>Number of food outlets in the 4th edition of Glasgow Sustainable Food Directory: 45</p>	
16	<p>Encourage and demonstrate the benefits of the uptake of circular business models and practices by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying and supporting business activity on the Ground. Building on Plate Up for Glasgow and Grounds for Recycling campaigns, where relevant and 	<p>Lead: Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Supporting partners: Circular Glasgow, GCC teams, Zero Waste Scotland, Circular Communities</p>	<p>Circular Glasgow continued to deliver the Circular Mixers series. The monthly networking events provide organisations, including Circular Glasgow Network members, the opportunity to engage in purpose-led conversations, exchange knowledge, and explore ways to embed circular practices into workplaces.</p>	<p>Monthly Circular Economy Mixers delivered in 2025 and 2026.</p>	

	<p>subject to support and funding availability.</p> <p>c. Running a series of Circular Economy Mixer events.</p> <p>d. Knowledge sharing through the Circular Glasgow Network</p>	Scotland, Third sector organisations	Glasgow Chamber of Commerce continues to work with the British Chamber of Commerce on circular economy at national level.		
17	<p>Develop the remanufacturing sector in Glasgow.</p> <p>a. Create collaborative demonstrators with manufacturers, aimed at developing and sustaining circular business models and developing skills.</p> <p>b. Expand the ReMake Hub, part of the Remake Innovation Accelerator, aiming to provide skills and technologies for manufacturers to adopt circular practices. This is subject to secured funding (led by National Manufacturing Institute Scotland).</p> <p>c. Develop the ReMake Value Retention Centre (RVRC), aimed at decarbonising manufacturing by promoting circular practices. (Led by National Manufacturing Institute Scotland).</p>	<p>Lead: National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS)</p> <p>Supporting partners: Scottish Institute for Remanufacturing, GCC Sustainability, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Glasgow Universities, GCC Economic Development</p>	<p>Delivery of the ReMake Hub continues with active engagement from Glasgow based manufacturers, supporting transition from linear to circular practices through skills development, technology access, and applied demonstrators.</p> <p>Digital Product Passport frameworks are being piloted with organisations in electrical products and clothing sectors, improving traceability, lifecycle data capture, and readiness for upcoming EU regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The ReMake Value Retention Centre (RVRC) is now mobilised and operational, with a funded programme confirmed and delivery underway across repair, remanufacturing, and value retention activities.</p> <p>Industrial demonstrators and engagement pipelines are established, supporting decarbonisation, waste reduction, and improved material resilience in transport and energy related manufacturing sectors.</p> <p>Activities strengthen collaboration across NMIS, universities, and local partners, creating a platform for scaling circular manufacturing capability and skills across Glasgow.</p>	ReMake Value Retention Centre mobilized and operational.	

Theme: Engagement, Communication and Skills

Priority: Engage with stakeholders – Support collaboration and knowledge exchange, and facilitate implementation of a circular economy

18	<p>Review and update the Sustainable Glasgow Charter to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Include reference to the uptake of circular practices and strategies to further support Glasgow’s net zero targets. Reinforce the city’s commitment to retrofit as the preferred building method in Glasgow, when possible. 	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: Sustainable Glasgow Partnership, Charter signatories, Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability continue to work with the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership hubs and the newly set up Circular Economy sub-group within the Green Economy and Private Sector Hub, to further support circular economy uptake across the city.</p> <p>A review of the Sustainable Glasgow Charter is currently underway to include circular economy considerations and remains within the timeline.</p>	<p>Update of Sustainable Glasgow Charter ongoing.</p>	
19	<p>Identify best suited platforms to host an action-focused Circular Construction Forum and Circular Textile Forum. Set up forums and feed findings and outcomes in relevant actions plans.</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: Circular Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce, Zero Waste Scotland, GCC - All, Ellen McArthur Foundation, ReLondon, Glasgow Universities, Local communities and third sector, organisations, Glasgow industry sectors (based on specific forums)</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability are working with Chamber of Commerce and Circular Glasgow to identify best suited platforms. The Zero Waste Scotland internship will support activities to scope and develop action-focused forums in line with Council and partner priorities.</p>	<p>Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts, resulting in amber rating.</p>	
<p>Priority: Develop ongoing communications methods – Raise awareness of the circular economy and celebrate success across the city</p>					
20	<p>Use the Sustainable Glasgow Partnership to showcase circular activity, celebrate success and share best practice. The website will also signpost to other existing platforms, such as Circular Glasgow, reuse</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: Sustainable Glasgow,</p>	<p>Work is ongoing by NRS Sustainability to collate case studies across various sectors and initiatives. The mapping of circular economy initiatives (presented in Action 8 update) is also expected to feed into this action.</p>	<p>Website review ongoing.</p> <p>Measurables outcomes identified and reported in the Circular Economy Route Map but expected</p>	

	platforms, and the Council's page on recycling etc.	Circular Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Communities Scotland		to be delivered after the activity starts.	
21	Undertake an ongoing communications campaign to promote repair, reuse and recycling of household goods and textiles and raise awareness of the circular economy.	<p>Lead: GCC Waste & Fleet Management</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC - All, Zero Waste Scotland, Circular Glasgow</p>	<p>Led by NRS Waste Management, Glasgow City Council have launched a bike reuse pilot at household waste recycling centres that aims to save more than 500 bikes from being scrapped. Working alongside St Paul's Youth Forum, HMP Barlinnie and Cycling Scotland, waste bikes are repaired and distributed to people who would otherwise be unable to afford a bike of their own.</p> <p>The pilot aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with bike reuse organisations to re-establish distribution pathways and processes at HWRC centres within Glasgow City Council. • Divert bikes that can be kept in circulation from landfill. • Quantify and demonstrate the impact of refurbishing and redistribution of bikes across the community. • Support data collection to inform council and community partners future plans for a structured bike reuse pathway. <p>NRS Waste Management, in collaboration with Community Re-Paint, are also exploring a reuse scheme for paint at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC). The timeline for this project will align with the opening of Queenslie HWRC, currently expected in Summer 2026.</p>	<p>Number of bikes diverted from landfill (September 2025): over 300</p> <p>Tonnage of paint diverted from disposal will be monitored through partner data collection.</p>	

Priority: Skills for a circular economy and transition – Support training and reskilling for a circular economy					
22	<p>Enable re-skilling for a circular and just economy by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the delivery of the Just Transition Skills Action Plan and commit resources to participate in Glasgow's Just Transition working groups, led by GCC Economic Development. Providing training through Step Up to Net Zero and circular economy workshops, led by Circular Glasgow & Chamber of Commerce. 	<p>Lead: GCC Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce & Circular Glasgow</p> <p>Supporting partners: Glasgow Local Employability and Skills Partnership (LEP), Sustainable Glasgow Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, GCC teams</p>	<p>Fully funded by Glasgow City Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Step Up to Net Zero (SUTNZ) has been extended to deliver a fifth round of the programme. The project aims to support the city's net zero and circular ambitions and provides employability experience and upskilling opportunities for Glasgow's workforce as well as supporting the business community to achieve their goals.</p> <p>The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce continues to explore ways to showcase the impact of SUTNZ.</p>	<p>Number of participants/placements in current phase of Step Up to Net Zero: 12</p> <p>Number of organisations in current phase of Step Up to Net Zero: 12</p>	
Theme: Monitoring and evaluation					
Priority: Baseline of circular economy activity – Create a baseline of activity, material production, consumption and waste at city level					
23	<p>Create a report/webpage of known data and features on the economy, material production, consumption, and waste in the city, including existing targets or commitments Glasgow has made, with the aim to stimulate action. This will include identifying the most suitable platform for hosting the report/webpage.</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p> <p>Supporting partners: Zero Waste Scotland, GCC Economic Development, GCC Waste and Fleet Management, Chamber of Commerce, Circular Glasgow, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)</p>	<p>NRS Sustainability has been working to increase capacity around climate related data analysis. Scoping available data and how this could be hosted by the Council will be explored in 2026 and will align with work ongoing at a National level on climate data.</p>	<p>Work to scope known data and features on the economy, material production, consumption, and waste, including existing targets or commitments ongoing.</p>	
Priority: Metrics and indicators – Develop metrics and indicators to monitor progress across the city					
24	<p>Scale down the Scottish Circular Economy metrics and indicators</p>	<p>Lead: GCC Sustainability</p>	<p>Activity is expected to start in 2027.</p>	<p>Measurables outcomes identified and reported in</p>	

	framework to city level, working with Zero Waste Scotland. Develop metrics and indicators that enable monitoring and evaluation of progress towards Glasgow becoming a circular city.	Supporting partners: Zero Waste Scotland, GCC - All, GCC Performance and Information Management Unit		the Circular Economy Route Map but expected to be delivered after the activity starts.	
Theme: Plastics					
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction across Glasgow – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and promote circular alternatives					
25	Where possible, identify funding streams to expand the network of Top-Up taps and/or water fountains across the city. Work with outdoor event organisers to encourage water refill points through Sustainable Events guidance.	Lead: GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity Supporting partners: Scottish Water, GCC Parks and Major Events, GCC Sustainability, GCC Planning	GCC Greenspace and Biodiversity continue to work with events organisers to encourage refill points at events. This will be reported to the Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee as part of our Sustainable Events Guidance update. GCC continues to monitor the Top-up Tap funding programme with the aim to expand the network of taps in Glasgow. Progress is dependent on securing funding for installation, which is not yet available. This action is therefore classified as amber.	Nine Top Up Taps in Glasgow.	
26	Develop and install the River Clyde fence boom: a. Submit a funding application to the Marine Fund Scotland to support the implementation of a litter fence boom on the River Clyde to capture waste prior to it entering the marine environment. If the application is successful, progress with installation activities. b. Review findings and waste composition analysis to identify best recycle, recovery route for collected waste, and to identify campaigns and actions to target	Lead: GCC Sustainability Supporting partners: Chamber of Commerce, Glasgow Universities, Marine Scotland	The Council has been progressing a project which aims to install a litter fence boom on the River Clyde to capture waste prior to it entering the marine environment. A technical solution that overcomes some of the initial challenges to delivery has been identified. NRS Sustainability is currently re-engaging stakeholders and are actively exploring funding opportunities to progress.	Litter fence boom development ongoing.	

	key waste streams contributing to litter.				
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction within Glasgow City Council – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and adopt circular Alternatives					
27	<p>Reduce single-use plastic in school settings by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work with suppliers and use the Procurement Tracker to identify single-use plastic items (packaging and catering) currently used in school meals. Undertake an options appraisal to identify opportunities to deliver a more sustainable approach to school meals. Review findings and feed these into a plan for eliminating single-use plastic usage across Glasgow schools. 	<p>Lead: GCC Catering and Facilities Management</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainability, GCC Procurement Unit, GCC Education</p>	<p>Led by GCC Catering and Facilities Management, monthly reports and regular contract meetings are being completed to identify product swaps for single-use plastic where possible.</p> <p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management have completed the mapping of all current plastic used in schools. Work is ongoing with the GCC Corporate Procurement unit for the development of a report on usage and reduction of all single-use plastics. The report will be used to encourage suppliers to reduce single-use packaging, where possible, in line with food safety requirements.</p>	<p>Report on usage and reduction of single-use plastics ongoing.</p>	
28	<p>Reduce single-use plastic in Council and Encore venues by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Building on findings from Glasgow Royal Concert Hall reusable beverage system, undertake pilot projects that aim to reduce single-use plastic in packaging, food and/or beverages. Assess findings of pilots. Feed into understanding of how reusable food/drink items can be increased across all Council and Encore venues. Undertake a feasibility study for implementing a beverage cup recycling scheme for Council and Encore venues to ensure any remaining single-use cups are 	<p>Lead: GCC Catering and Facilities/Encore</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Waste and Fleet Management, GCC Corporate Procurement Unit, GCC Sustainability, Glasgow Life, Keep Scotland Beautiful</p>	<p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management / Encore participated in the 9-month Borrow Cup pilot, which saw over 50 locations trialling a collaborative returnable cup scheme. GCC Catering and Facilities Management / Encore continue to offer reusable beverage cups options to five venues (GCC City Chambers Cafe and Kelvingrove Museum, Kelvinhall, Mitchell Library and Riverside Museum) following the end of the Borrow Cup trial.</p> <p>GCC Catering and Facilities Management / Encore and GCC Sustainability continue to work with event organisers across the city to explore and support a collaborative city-wide approach to reusables and single-use</p>	<p>One reusable alternatives pilot undertaken in five Encore locations.</p>	

	recycled, building on the success of the Glasgow Cup Movement.		free events and venues, to support wider uptake of reusable alternatives.		
Theme: Procurement					
Priority: Single-use plastic usage reduction across Glasgow – Facilitate reduction of SUPs and promote circular alternatives					
29	<p>Identify opportunities to improve circular procurement practices, whilst taking into consideration best practice and case studies. Seek to prioritise those opportunities that would have the largest positive impact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Map and review current circular procurement policies, practices, and activity across the Council, with the support of the Sustainable Procurement Working Group and the sustainable register. b. Building on the Council's use of Scottish Government's Sustainability Test and implementing where possible. 	<p>Lead: GCC Corporate Procurement Unit</p> <p>Supporting partners: GCC Sustainable Procurement Working Group, GCC Sustainability, Zero Waste Scotland, Ellen MacArthur Foundation</p>	<p>GCC Corporate Procurement Unit (CPU) continue to work to integrate sustainability, climate and circular economy considerations in procurement processes.</p> <p>Current highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the evaluation of the Provision of Stairlifts and Access Lifts and Provision of Track Hoist System tenders, a key element of which is the refurbishment, repair and maintenance of equipment, KPI's on the reuse and repurpose of stairlifts and track hoists is currently under development. • Contract for the restoration of statues in George square. This has resulted in the repair of statues rather than the procurement of new statues and existing statues going to landfill or recycling. • Two new contracts for The Repair and Maintenance of Electric Commercial Catering Equipment and The Repair and Maintenance of Gas Commercial Catering Equipment. This will extend the life expectancy of the equipment and reduce the need to purchase new equipment. 	<p>The CPU Sustainable Procurement Register has been updated to capture projects with whole life costing and circular economy outcomes, as presented to Contracts and Property Committee in February 2025.</p> <p>KPI's on the reuse and repurpose of stairlifts and track hoists under development.</p>	