



Glasgow City Council

**Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities,
Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee**

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Item 1

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Appointment of Co-Optees

Purpose of Report:

To seek appointment of non-voting co-optees to the Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Note the report
- Appoint nominated non-voting co-optees in line with the recommendations in paragraph 3.2
- Note the arrangements for Third Sector representation in paragraph 3.3
- Instruct the Head of Communities to continue engaging with Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) as the Third Sector Representation Framework is developed with a view to securing a co-optee for the committee as soon as is practicable

Ward No(s): All

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No ✓

consulted: Yes No ✓

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The guidelines for City Policy Committees provides the capacity to appoint up to four non-voting co-optees. This enables the Committee to access external expertise, knowledge and experience, as necessary.

2 Process

- 2.1 The Committee previously instructed officers to seek nominations from the following:
- Community Councils within the city
 - Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network
- 2.2 The Committee agreed that co-opted members serve terms of 12 months and are required to adhere to the Councillors' Code of Conduct. Membership will be reconsidered annually.

3 Nominations

- 3.1 Input from the Community Councils and Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network has proven valuable to the Committee over the past 12 months. It is therefore proposed that Committee continue to have representation from these forums where possible.
- 3.2 Following an election process in 2022, Irene Loudon has been nominated by Community Councils within the city for the duration of the Council term. *Irene Loudon, Blythswood & Broomielaw Community Council*, is therefore proposed as the co-optee for a further 12 month term.
- 3.3 Committee are advised that Third Sector organisations in the city are currently revising the approach to representation on partnership structures, following the disbandment of the Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network . This work is being led by Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) with a Third Sector Representation Framework being developed. Elections for the co-optee membership of this Committee are due to be held later this year using this revised Framework. The Head of Communities is actively engaging with GCVS in relation to this work.

4 Support for Co-Optees

- 4.1 A support offer is in place for co-optees to facilitate their involvement in Committee discussions. This offer has been designed using feedback received from co-optees themselves. Training is being offered in similar terms to Elected Members, as appropriate.
- 4.2 An open communication channel between the co-optees and Programme Manager in the Communities Team exists for any discussions or queries to be progressed.

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: GRAND CHALLENGE FOUR – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities

MISSION 2: Run an open, well governed council in partnership with all our communities

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify. N/A

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? N/A

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

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: N/A

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? N/A

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? N/A

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N No data protection impacts noted

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

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