

Our Dear Green Place – A vision for Glasgow’s parks and greenspaces – Progress noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

3 With reference to the minutes of 25th November 2025 (Print 5, page 126) 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 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) of the publication of the Integrated Weed Management Plan setting out Glasgow’s approach to weed control, demonstrating the approach to a reduced reliance on chemical herbicides within the public realm;
- (3) that the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund and Placemaking Investment had been supplemented by the Council with funds from the Parks and Open Spaces Fund, Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund and supplemented by developer contributions;
- (4) of the status and delivery timescale of programmed funded works for play areas and park projects, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (5) of the tender process for the provision of external annual play area inspections, and that 9 additional members of staff had been trained to undertake inspections that would increase in-house capacity and resilience across the inspection programme;
- (6) of the delivery of further measures arising from the review of parks lighting that had been undertaken in 2023 and 2024, including engagement work in the development and delivery of projects from the Feminist Urbanism Working Group and Police Scotland that contributed to the development of parks to embed gender equality and make parks safer and welcoming; and
- (7) of proposals to renew the Council’s Park Management Rules as they were due for renewal every 10 years, as set out under Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

After consideration, and having heard a presentation by Kevin McCormack, (NRS), the committee

- (a) noted the
 - (i) outcomes to date for Our Dear Green Place – A vision for Glasgow’s parks and greenspaces;

- (ii) Integrated Weed Management Plan;
 - (iii) consultation methodology and progress for the Scottish Government Play Renewal Programme and individual projects prioritised to reflect the Council's approach to child poverty;
 - (iv) initiatives currently being developed to enhance our parks estate;
 - (v) updated details of the review of parks lighting; and
 - (vi) that the Park Management rules were due for renewal; and
- (b) recommended the renewal of the Council's Park Management Rules to the City Administration Committee for approval.