

Q.1	To be asked by: Councillor Stephen Docherty
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant Convenor what plans does the Council have to introduce or refresh city-wide public information campaign to encourage residents, visitors and businesses to help keep Glasgow clean and tidy?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>The Council recognises that keeping Glasgow clean and tidy depends on everyone playing their part. Effective public information, alongside visible frontline services and proportionate enforcement, is central to encouraging positive behaviour among residents, visitors and businesses.</p> <p>Officers are currently exploring options to refresh and strengthen a city-wide public information campaign focused on responsible waste disposal, recycling, civic pride and shared ownership of public spaces. This work is being developed in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful through a new litter and fly-tipping action plan aligned with the National Litter and Flytipping Strategy. Behaviour change is a key theme, with targeted engagement planned across schools, communities and the city’s visitor economy. The Council also continues to support national initiatives such as Spring Clean Scotland and the Upstream Battle campaign.</p> <p>Businesses have an important role, particularly in the city centre. Officers are reviewing arrangements for the presentation of commercial bins within agreed time windows and are working closely with the new City Centre Business Improvement District, Let’s Go Glasgow, to align efforts to prioritise cleanliness and improve the public environment.</p> <p>Significant investment is already supporting this work. Over £7.7 million has been committed through the 2025 to 2027 budgets to enhance frontline street cleansing services. This includes new deep clean teams, an expanded night shift service and additional Neighbourhood Clean Teams, with activity actively promoted through Council communications channels.</p> <p>Education and community participation remain central to our approach. Neighbourhood Improvement and Enforcement Services work with schools, volunteers and community groups to encourage local action, supported by clear guidance, equipment and targeted enforcement where necessary.</p> <p>Together, these measures reflect a strong and ongoing commitment to keeping Glasgow cleaner, greener and more welcoming, with public information, partnership working and community pride at the heart of that effort.</p>	

Q.2	To be asked by: Councillor Lilith Johnstone
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant Convener clarify the Council's policy on maintaining or replacing street lighting in private lanes that are used for Council services?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>Lighting in private lanes is not a statutory responsibility of the Council. However, where lighting is present, the Council will continue to support its safe operation through minor electrical repairs and lantern replacements where this is practical. Full replacement of life-expired columns in private lanes cannot be funded by the Council, as resources must be focused on the public road network where there is a legal duty and a significant programme of renewal is already under way.</p> <p>When lighting in a private lane reaches the end of its life or is assessed as unsafe, the Council will switch it off and remove it, providing as much advance notice as possible. The service will work constructively with residents, lane owners and community groups to plan ahead, minimise any period without lighting and reduce any potential impact on safety and amenity.</p> <p>Officers will provide clear technical advice and ongoing support to owners who wish to pursue new lighting. This will include guidance on suitable options, assistance in progressing replacement schemes and signposting to any Council or external funding opportunities that may be available to help support installation costs.</p>	

Q.3	To be asked by: Councillor Jill Brown
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant Convenor confirm what the current waiting times are for renewal of painted disabled parking bays?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convenor for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>From receipt of an application for a disabled parking bay, whether for a new installation or the renewal of existing road markings, the typical timescale to complete the work is between two and three months.</p> <p>Applications to refresh a painted disabled bay follow the same process as new applications. This requirement is set out on the Council website and reflects the need to confirm that eligibility criteria continue to be met. Circumstances can change over time, including expiry of a Blue Badge, changes in vehicle ownership or registration, or the introduction of off-street parking such as a driveway. Rechecking eligibility ensures bays remain appropriately allocated and avoids situations where bays would need to be removed shortly after being refreshed.</p> <p>Once an application is received, it is logged and assessed, and a site visit is carried out to confirm that the proposed location is suitable, safe and convenient. Approved applications are then grouped together and issued monthly to the Council's external road marking contractor, with each programme typically covering between 40 and 70 locations.</p> <p>This process cannot be accelerated. Grouping work into monthly programmes is necessary to ensure efficient use of contractor resources, consistency of standards and value for money. In addition, some locations cannot be marked as planned due to parked vehicles, access issues or adverse weather. Where this occurs, further arrangements such as temporary parking controls are required before the bay can be installed.</p> <p>This structured and consistent approach ensures fairness, safety and quality, while supporting disabled residents across the city with well maintained and reliable parking provision.</p>	

Q.4	To be asked by: Councillor Robert Mooney
Tabled Question	"To ask the relevant Convenor what general wellbeing or public safety awareness activity has been undertaken along the city's waterways over the past three years, including the use of signage, public messaging, or targeted outreach?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convenor for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>A range of activity has been undertaken over the past three years to promote wellbeing and public safety across Glasgow's waterways, supported by strong partnership working. The multi-agency Water Safety Group, which includes council officers and partners such as emergency services and water authorities, regularly reviews safety arrangements along the River Clyde and other waterways. This has helped coordinate practical measures such as the provision and maintenance of life saving equipment, including life belts, with information on their locations made publicly available through the Council's website. Partners also work together to promote wider safety messaging where appropriate.</p> <p>Alongside this, the Council and Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership are active members of the Locations of Concern Group, which brings together a wide range of partners including Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Samaritans and transport agencies. This group meets regularly to share insight and take coordinated, preventative action where risks are identified.</p> <p>Work through this partnership has supported a range of targeted interventions, including reviewing and refreshing signage, improving CCTV coverage where appropriate and considering changes to physical infrastructure such as barriers and access points. These actions are carefully planned and proportionate, with a strong focus on prevention, public reassurance and supporting people to stay safe.</p> <p>Importantly, this approach is intelligence led and follows national good practice. In some cases, it is not appropriate to publicise specific interventions in detail, as this can inadvertently draw attention to particular locations. However, members can be assured that there is a strong and active partnership approach in place, with a clear focus on safeguarding the wellbeing of residents and visitors and creating safer, more supportive environments across the city.</p>	

Q.5	To be asked by: Bailie Christy Mearns
Tabled Question	“Following the motion at April’s Full Council meeting, to ask the Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations for an update on safeguarding the future of Trongate 103, including engagement with tenants, moving the building management out of City Property’s portfolio, and the development and timescales for the new ‘Culture and Creative Industry Property Support Fund?”
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
<p>Following the motion agreed at April’s Full Council meeting, work is progressing at pace to safeguard the future of Trongate 103 and to support the artists and creative organisations based there.</p> <p>We were delighted to secure confirmation that the Council will cover the costs of the service charge this year, providing financial support to key organisations while we work on a longer-term solution.</p> <p>A meeting has now been confirmed for the morning of 27 May between Council officers, City Property, Glasgow Life and tenant representatives. This is an important step and demonstrates a shared commitment to open dialogue and finding a practical way forward.</p> <p>The meeting will provide a focused opportunity to explore options that could improve long-term sustainability for tenants. This includes discussion of new 10-year lease arrangements, potential measures to reduce overall costs, such as reviewing and sharing floorspace, and options to reduce service charges. Consideration will also be given to a possible head tenant model, where this could offer greater stability and flexibility for those based in the building. The intention is that this session will be collaborative and solution-focused, helping to build consensus around viable next steps.</p> <p>In parallel, the proposal to remove Trongate 103 from City Property’s management portfolio is being actively considered by senior officers. This is a complex matter that requires careful assessment of the financial, legal and operational implications, and the necessary diligence work is currently under way. No decision will be taken until this assessment is complete, but this option is very much part of the wider discussion about securing the building’s future.</p> <p>In addition, Glasgow Life officers have made strong progress in developing the governance arrangements for the new Culture and Creative Industry Property Support Fund. This work is nearing completion, and an announcement is expected soon.</p> <p>Taken together, these strands of activity reflect a clear intent to work with tenants and partners to protect Trongate 103 as a vital cultural asset for the city.</p>	

Q.6	To be asked by: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell
Tabled Question	"To ask the Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People for an update on plans to hold a cross-sector Mental Health summit, as agreed unanimously at the December 2025 Full Council meeting?"
Responder	Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People
<p>As I'm sure Cllr Reid McConnell is already aware, planning is currently underway to deliver a citywide Mental Health Summit in Glasgow, with a conference being scheduled for September.</p> <p>This will bring together partners across health, social care, education, council, third sector, wider statutory partners and people with lived and living experience to support a shared understanding of current challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>The proposed programme will include a focus on prevention, care and treatment approaches, and unscheduled care, alongside an overview of the current Mental Health Strategy and its alignment with national priorities.</p> <p>The summit will also provide an opportunity to highlight current investment across Glasgow City, reflect on progress to date, and identify any gaps in provision to inform future planning and the development of a local Mental Health Action Plan.</p> <p>Further detail on format, speakers and participation will be confirmed as planning progresses.</p>	

Q.7	To be asked by: Bailie Christy Mearns
Tabled Question	"To ask the relevant City Convener for an update on developing plans for pedestrianising the city centre?"
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery
<p>The Council is continuing to progress various projects aimed at creating more space for pedestrians and reducing car dominance within the city centre.</p> <p>In addition to the transformational Avenues programme which is rebalancing streetspace in the city centre towards pedestrians, active travel and public transport, the recent introduction of People First Zone interventions at Queen Street and Ingram Street has seen extensive pedestrian improvements.</p> <p>These include footway extensions which double the width of the pedestrian footway, the creation of a step free pedestrian crossing arrangement at the junction of Queen Street and Ingram Street, the installation of new tactile surfaces for the use of the visibility impaired and finally the installation of planting and seating throughout the area.</p> <p>Further greening will take place during June of this year with the introduction of trees along both Ingram and Queen Street.</p> <p>Members will appreciate the very considerable amount of transformation works taking place in the city centre at the moment and the focus of Council officers is on delivering the existing programme.</p> <p>However, as we continue to develop options for public realm improvements beyond the Avenues programme, we will retain the principles of seeking to create more people-friendly and rebalanced streets as well as looking for opportunities for pedestrianising streets as part of future projects.</p>	

Q.8	To be asked by: Bailie Martha Wardrop
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what engagement there has been as part of the process to establish a new national housing agency, More Homes Scotland?”
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
<p>The First Minister announced the creation of the agency in January 2026, followed by a detailed update from the Cabinet Secretary to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee in March 2026. That update set out the early priorities for the agency, including stronger land assembly powers, enhanced support for planning and development delivery, and more flexible funding approaches.</p> <p>Engagement between the Council and the Scottish Government on the establishment of the new national housing agency, More Homes Scotland, is already well under way.</p> <p>Prior to the election I met with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and the housing director at the Scottish Government where More Homes Scotland was discussed.</p> <p>Council officers are also in regular and active dialogue with Scottish Government officials and are represented on national local authority lead officer groups across housing and planning where the development of More Homes Scotland is being discussed.</p> <p>Since Glasgow declared a Housing and Homelessness Emergency in November 2023, the Council has consistently engaged with the Scottish Government to highlight the scale of the city’s housing pressures and the actions needed to accelerate delivery. The Scottish Government has confirmed that the new agency will focus on several of Glasgow’s key priorities, including addressing infrastructure and remediation constraints, supporting cross tenure development and targeting investment at areas of greatest need. Emerging regeneration approaches at Cowlands and Red Road have also been cited as examples helping to shape the agency’s focus.</p> <p>Glasgow has a strong track record of delivering affordable housing and housing led regeneration at scale. The Council welcomes the opportunity to work closely with More Homes Scotland as it is established and will continue proactive engagement to ensure the agency supports faster and more effective housing delivery in the city.</p> <p>When it is known who will be responsible for housing in the next Scottish Government, I will also engage directly with them on these issues which are essential to Glasgow.</p>	

Q.9	To be asked by: Councillor Elaine McSporran
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets for an update on our efforts to tackle gambling harms?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
<p>Members will be aware that I brought forward a motion on gambling harms in September last year, alongside hosting a Scotland wide summit here in Glasgow. Since then, we have made strong progress.</p> <p>Working with partners across the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership, we submitted a bid to the Scottish Government for support from the new statutory Gambling Levy. I am pleased to confirm that Glasgow has been awarded £3.44 million over three years to deliver the Glasgow Project, a citywide public health programme embedded within our communities and existing services.</p> <p>This is a significant step forward. The programme will take a whole system, preventative approach, supporting workforce training, early intervention, youth services, financial inclusion and targeted community activity. It will also ensure that lived experience helps shape delivery, alongside strong data and evaluation.</p> <p>This sits alongside further national investment secured by Public Health Scotland to strengthen research and data, and additional funding for partner organisations working on related issues such as homelessness and recovery support.</p> <p>While this funding is welcome and long overdue, we recognise there is still more to do given the scale of harm. However, Glasgow is in a strong position and is leading the way with a coordinated, multi agency approach.</p> <p>Delivery of the Glasgow Project is now under way, with oversight through the Health and Social Care Partnership. I am grateful to the Health Improvement Team for their work in securing this investment, and I look forward to providing a further update to members in August as the programme progresses.</p>	

Q.10	To be asked by: Councillor Eva Bolander
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Culture, Sport & International Relations does she welcome a public art policy?”
Responder	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
<p>Yes, I very much welcome the development of a public art policy for Glasgow.</p> <p>Making, sharing and enjoying the arts sits at the heart of our Culture Strategy, and public art plays a vital role in delivering this ambition. It brings art and our shared cultures directly into our streets and public spaces and serve as a means to attract further investment to our city , making creativity visible, accessible and relevant to everyone. Public art can animate our city, foster a sense of identity and belonging and create meaningful opportunities for communities to engage with the arts.</p> <p>We already see the benefits of this approach across Glasgow. Projects such as the City Centre Mural Trail have transformed buildings into vibrant canvases that celebrate our history and culture, while contemporary works—from large-scale installations to innovative illuminated sculptures—continue to enhance our skyline and public realm. Closer to our communities, initiatives like Bella the Beithir by Make It Glasgow and projects within the Sauchiehall Street Culture &amp; Heritage District demonstrate how artists can work collaboratively with local people and businesses to shape places and tell shared stories.</p> <p>I am delighted that Turner prize nominee Nathan Coley’s iconic WE ARE THE MONUMENT artwork, part of the city’s museum collection has been installed in a public location on Sauchiehall Street for the next twelve months.</p> <p>There is strong support for public art across our artists, cultural organisations and council services, with valuable partnerships extending across the UK and Europe through the Eurocities Working Group in Art in Public Spaces and specific conversations with Munich, Dublin and Brno just to name a few other cities. Building on this foundation, I believe it is right that we now take a more strategic and coordinated approach to how public art is developed, delivered and—crucially—maintained in the city over the long term.</p> <p>Our draft City Development Plan already recognises the important contribution public art makes to placemaking, social cohesion and high-quality design. A dedicated public art policy will strengthen this further, providing clarity, consistency and ambition for future projects.</p> <p>In summary, I fully support the development of a public art policy as the next step in ensuring Glasgow continues to thrive as a creative, vibrant and culturally rich city.</p>	

Q.11	To be asked by: Councillor Robert Mooney
Tabled Question	<p>“Can the relevant Convenor advise what assessment has been made of the February 2026 University of Glasgow report “The Price of Bus Delays in Glasgow”, which estimates that congestion on five key bus corridors results in approximately 1.2 million hours of passenger time lost each year, with an associated economic cost of around £24 million per annum, and what steps the Council is taking, or plans to take, to use this evidence to accelerate bus priority and reliability measures on the corridors identified?”</p>
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery
<p>The University of Glasgow report “<i>The Price of Bus Delays in Glasgow</i>” commissioned by First Bus, estimates that congestion on key corridors results in approximately 1.2 million hours of passenger time lost annually, with an associated cost of around £24 million.</p> <p>These findings are consistent with existing evidence used by the Council and the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership (GCRBP) to identify congestion hotspots and priority corridors and therefore reinforce the established strategic case for intervention. The report’s findings also align with the Strategic Business Case work being developed to underpin Bus Infrastructure Fund (BIF) investment, strengthening the justification for prioritised corridor-based improvements.</p> <p>Through the Bus Infrastructure Fund, the Council is progressing a programme of corridor-based bus priority schemes aligned with this evidence, including work on corridors such as Pollokshaws Road and Paisley Road West. These schemes incorporate infrastructure and operational measures to improve journey times and reliability, with ongoing delivery dependent on funding and programme progression.</p> <p>As Convener for Transport, I have argued forcefully for the city to receive greater investment from national government to progress such bus priority measures and I will continue to do so with the incoming Transport Minister.</p> <p>In so doing the Council will be able to use this strengthened evidence base, including the University of Glasgow report, to support prioritisation, funding bids and the phased expansion of bus priority measures across the network.</p>	

Q.12	To be asked by: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell
Tabled Question	"To ask the Leader of the Council for her reaction to Scotstoun being named one of the best places to live in Scotland?"
Responder	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City Region, Economy and Just Transition
<p>I very much welcome the recognition of Scotstoun as one of the best places to live in Scotland in The Sunday Times Best Places to Live 2026 guide. This reflects exactly what local residents already know, that Scotstoun offers a strong sense of community, excellent amenities and a high quality of life.</p> <p>Scotstoun's appeal lies in its balance of city living and neighbourhood character, with access to green space such as Victoria Park, strong local schools, excellent transport links and a growing mix of local businesses and facilities. It continues to attract families and residents seeking space, connectivity and a genuine community feel.</p> <p>Importantly, this recognition also speaks to Glasgow's wider strengths as a place to live, work and invest. The city continues to receive national and international recognition for its quality of life, cultural offer and economic potential. Glasgow has been ranked among the best cities in the world and is one of the top cities in Europe, with particular strengths in culture, education and affordability.</p> <p>The city is also recognised for its strong communities and growing economy, with high quality neighbourhoods, world leading universities and a vibrant cultural sector helping to attract residents, visitors and businesses alike.</p> <p>Scotstoun's inclusion in this list is therefore not an isolated success. It is part of a wider story about Glasgow's continued transformation and growing reputation. It highlights the importance of investing in our neighbourhoods, supporting local communities and ensuring that growth is shared across the city.</p> <p>We will continue to build on this momentum, working with residents and partners to ensure that areas like Scotstoun, and Glasgow as a whole, remain attractive, inclusive and successful places to call home.</p>	

Q.13	To be asked by: Councillor Allan Gow
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Treasurer for an update on the Glasgow Futures employability programme?"
Responder	Councillor Richard Bell, City Convenor for Financial Inclusion and City Treasurer
<p>Launched in June 2024, Glasgow Futures delivers the city's commitment to an all-age, needs-led employability pipeline, supporting those furthest from the labour market and those experiencing in-work poverty — including disabled people, ethnic minority communities, parents and young people.</p> <p>Support is centred on dedicated key workers providing tailored one-to-one help, alongside routes into work such as training, paid placements, recruitment incentives, and in-work support. The programme brings together over 40 partners across more than 30 projects, operating a 'no wrong door' model.</p> <p>With £18.5m investment in 2026/27, overseen by the Local Employability Partnership, Glasgow Futures has supported over 6,000 people since launch.</p> <p>Outcomes include, 2,500+ qualifications achieved, over 1,600 people into employment with 900 more moving into Further or Higher Education and 1,200 people gaining work experience the length and breadth of this city.</p> <p>Yesterday I spoke at the Glasgow Futures (Where Futures Connect) conference at the Technology Innovation Centre where I met over 300 employability practitioners collaborating to deliver on this agenda. The conference reflected on successes, recognised achievement, and facilitated collaboration around some of the key employment challenges facing communities.</p> <p>Members should also note the £5m Employer Engagement Challenge Fund. This will appoint a single city-wide partnership to redesign how services connect with employers — strengthening recruitment pathways, improving progression, and supporting those who remain furthest from sustained work. It aims to better join up provision, embed person-centred support, and address long-standing gaps between employability services and employer needs. Awards are expected in June, with delivery commencing in October 2026.</p>	

Q.14	To be asked by: Councillor Franny Scally
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Convener for Housing and Development does he agree that governments and developers should be looking to Glasgow to invest in housing?"
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
<p>Yes, Glasgow continues to demonstrate why it is one of the most important places in the UK for housing investment.</p> <p>We have a strong track record of delivering affordable housing at scale, underpinned by long standing partnerships with our housing associations. That approach has transformed housing across the city and continues to deliver one of the most effective social housebuilding programmes in the UK.</p> <p>Importantly, that delivery is not theoretical, it is happening right now. For example, at Cowlairs in the north of the city, we are progressing a major regeneration project that will deliver up to 1,500 new mixed tenure homes and transform a long-term derelict site into a new community. Across the city, our Strategic Housing Investment Plan sets out delivery of almost 6,400 new affordable homes on 165 sites over the next five years, with the majority for social rent. This builds on a wider pipeline that has already supported thousands of homes in recent years and continues to scale up.</p> <p>We very much welcome the Scottish Government's commitment to long term investment and the development of More Homes Scotland, which will help accelerate this work further. At the same time, we are actively creating the conditions for private and institutional investment, including pension funding, to support a wider mix of housing delivery.</p> <p>So yes, Glasgow is not only open for investment, it is already leading delivery. We have the sites, the partnerships and the ambition, and we stand ready to work with both governments and developers to build the homes our growing city needs.</p>	

Q.15	To be asked by: Bailie Christy Mearns
Tabled Question	“Following the Council’s recent response to Transport Scotland’s consultation into the future of the M8 Woodside viaduct, will the relevant City Convener commit to writing to the relevant Minister once they are appointed to urge them to pursue the ‘remove’ option, and offering the Council’s full support?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery
<p>The Council’s recent response to Transport Scotland’s public engagement exercise on permanent works options for the M8 Woodside viaducts offered support for the ‘Remove’ option.</p> <p>As we have discussed in this Chamber previously, the removal of the city centre stretch of the M8 and its replacement with a boulevard-style road presents major regeneration opportunities for Glasgow in restitching the city centre to surrounding neighbourhoods and healing the scar in our urban fabric caused by the motorway.</p> <p>It is clear that the transport solutions of the 1960s and 70s are not those of the 2030s and beyond – and I don’t think anyone is seriously arguing that if we were starting from scratch, we would choose to replicate the way the M8 has bulldozed through the city centre and caused such disconnect.</p> <p>In the context of Transport Scotland’s engagement exercise on the future of the Woodside viaducts, in which their removal is identified as likely the cheapest option for the public purse versus a direct replacement or repair in situ, this is clearly therefore the opportune time to seriously consider options to rethink the future of the city centre M8 corridor.</p> <p>As agreed previously by the Council and as reflected in the Council’s response to the recent engagement exercise, obviously any such change would require extensive exploratory work including business case development and transport modelling. The Council has advocated for several years that Transport Scotland should take this required work forward, and we will continue to do so.</p> <p>Senior officers met with the Transport Scotland project team in late April to discuss the project programme and the next steps following the public engagement exercise, and a technical workshop focused on option development is taking place today with Transport Scotland, their appointed technical consultants, and GCC officers.</p> <p>In terms of my political engagement with the incoming Scottish Government, as members will appreciate there are a number of early priorities I will be raising with the new Transport Minister, but I can assure members that progressing this discussion and reinforcing the Council’s position in relation to the recent engagement exercise will certainly feature in my correspondence.</p>	

Q.16	To be asked by: Bailie Seonad Hoy
Tabled Question	“Does the relevant city convenor share my concern about the threat of closure affecting the women’s service at Murray’s Initiative, and will he commit to having urgent talks with the relevant Scottish Government minister about providing a funding package to sustain the service until the next round of funding opens?”
Responder	Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care and Caring and Older People
<p>We recognise the vital contribution services such as Murray’s Initiative make in supporting women affected by gender-based violence and substance use in Glasgow, and we fully acknowledge the significant pressures facing third sector partners, alongside statutory services, within an increasingly challenging financial context.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I regret to say that the Health and Social Care Partnership is not in a position to offer direct financial support or bridging funding at this time. This reflects the ongoing and acute financial pressures across their own statutory services, as well as existing commitments within established commissioning and budget frameworks.</p> <p>That said, the work of Murray’s Initiative aligns strongly with the priorities set out in the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy, particularly in relation to trauma informed and gender competent practice, early intervention, and support for women experiencing multiple and intersecting harms.</p> <p>While the HSCP are unable to provide funding directly, they would be open to a discussion about the avenues that have been explored to date and what advice or support they may be able to offer. In this regard, they would suggest an initial conversation with Lynsey Smith, Assistant Chief Officer, who leads on the Domestic Abuse Strategy.</p> <p>We wish Murray’s Initiative every success in securing the support required to sustain this important work to women in Glasgow who are at risk of harm, and we wish them well with their appeal and future funding efforts.</p>	