



**Glasgow City Council**

**Full Council**

**Report by Business Manager and City Convener for Open Government**

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**TWINNING PROPOSAL WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Purpose of Report:**

To update Council on discussions with the city of Boston, United States around a proposed twinning agreement between our cities

**Recommendations:**

**Council is asked to:-**

- Agree that Boston and Glasgow become Twin Cities; and
- Note that a formal signing ceremony will follow.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Members will be aware that the Scotland Men's Football Team qualified for their first FIFA Men's World Cup in 28 years when it qualified for it in November 2025. Council notes the event is currently underway across the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- 1.2. Scotland's first and second matches in the World Cup are taking place around Boston. This excitement surrounding Scotland's presence in Boston has sparked many conversations about the deep connections between our communities and the opportunities to strengthen those ties for years to come.
- 1.3. The Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu, has reached out to Glasgow noting that Boston has been absolutely energised by the FIFA World Cup and, in particular, by the tremendous spirit and enthusiasm that Scotland and the Tartan Army have brought to Boston, not just through their passion for the game, but through their warmth, friendliness, and unmistakable sense of humour. They have been true ambassadors for Scotland, and for Glasgow, showing the very best of who we are as a nation.
- 1.4. Alongside strong historical, cultural, educational and economic links between our two cities, we are also working with Boston including through our shared membership of the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance and the Global Resilient Cities Network.
- 1.5. The Glasgow Chambers of Commerce visited Boston earlier this year as part of its wider trade delegation to North America coinciding with Tartan Week.
- 1.6. Mayor Wu noted her formal declaration of intent, included in the Appendix to express its intention to explore a future partnership with the City of Glasgow, Scotland and to explore opportunities for cooperation in areas including economic development, education and workforce development, research and innovation, arts and culture, tourism, sustainability, public health, and major international events.
- 1.7. Through these efforts, Boston seeks to strengthen ties with Glasgow and lay the groundwork for a meaningful and mutually beneficial partnership that benefits the people of both cities.

## 2 Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* N/A

*Legal:* N/A

*Personnel:* N/A

*Procurement:* N/A

**Council Strategic Plan:** Specify which theme(s) and outcome(s) the proposal supports

**Equality Impacts:**

*EQIA carried out:* No

*Outcome:* N/A

**Sustainability Impacts:**

*Environmental:* N/A

*Social:* N/A

*Economic:* N/A

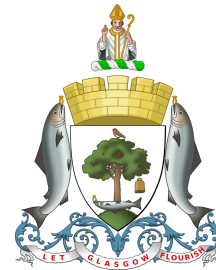
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**4 Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Formal Declaration of Intent



## FORMAL DECLARATION OF INTENT

### City of Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America And The City of Glasgow, Scotland

The City of Boston expresses its intention to explore a future partnership with the City of Glasgow, Scotland.

Building upon the longstanding friendship between Scotland and the United States, the strong connections between our communities, and the goodwill fostered during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Boston recognizes Glasgow as a city whose success is rooted in the strength, creativity, and resilience of its people. Both cities share a commitment to investing in people as the foundation for economic opportunity, innovation, cultural vitality, and inclusive growth.

As Boston prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States and Glasgow continues to demonstrate global leadership in culture, sustainability, education, and innovation, both cities recognize the value of stronger collaboration among residents, businesses, universities, cultural institutions, and civic leaders.

The City of Boston intends to explore opportunities for cooperation in areas including economic development, education and workforce development, research and innovation, arts and culture, tourism, sustainability, public health, and major international events. Through these efforts, Boston seeks to strengthen ties with Glasgow and lay the groundwork for a meaningful and mutually beneficial partnership that benefits the people of both cities.

This Letter of Intent reflects the goodwill and aspirations of the parties and does not create any legally binding obligations or financial commitments.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2026.

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**The Honorable Michelle Wu**  
*Mayor of the City of Boston*