

**WEST OF SCOTLAND ARCHAEOLOGY SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE'S
MINUTES.**

By video conference, 24th April 2026.

West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee.

Present:	Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair)	Glasgow City Council
	Councillor Jan Brown	Argyll & Bute Council
	Councillor Danny Logue	West Lothian Council
	Councillor Calum Smith	East Dunbartonshire Council
	Councillor Mags MacLaren	Renfrewshire Council
Apologies:	Councillor Gavin Scott	South Ayrshire Council
	Councillor Eva Bolander	Glasgow City Council
	Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick	West Lothian Council
	Councillor John Millar	West Dunbarton Council
Also present:	Hugh McBrien	West of Scotland Archaeology Service
	Susan Wilson	East Ayrshire Council
	Rob Jones	Ernst & Young LLP
	Pamela Yule (Clerk)	Glasgow City Council
	Gillian Dick	Glasgow City Council
	Anne Ross	Glasgow City Council
	James Hall	South Ayrshire Council

Appointment of Chair approved.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Greg Hepburn as Chair, with Councillor Jan Brown as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, the joint committee unanimously agreed to both appointments.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the Joint Committee of 6th March 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Councillor Logue from West Lothian Council was also present who had been the substitute for Councillor Fitzpatrick.

West of Scotland Archaeology Service – 2024/25 Annual Audited Accounts – Independent auditor’s report noted.

3 There was submitted a report by EY LLP regarding an audit of the 2024/25 financial statements of the West of Scotland Archaeology Service that detailed key messages and significant findings that had arisen from the 2024/25 audit.

After consideration and having heard Mr Rob Jones, EY LLP, the Joint Committee noted the report.

West of Scotland Archaeology Service - 2024/25 Audited Annual Accounts approved.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Financial Services, Glasgow City Council regarding the 2024/25 Annual Accounts for the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, advising that

- (1) the balance of usable reserves at 1st April 2024 was £148,920; and
- (2) in 2024/25 total expenditure was £153,941 and total income £174,671, which resulted in a surplus for the year of £20,730, with a balance of usable reserves at 31st March 2025 of £169,650.

After consideration of the audited annual accounts and reported governance arrangements, the Joint Committee approved the 2024/25 Audited Annual Accounts for the West of Scotland Archaeology Service.