



Glasgow City Council

**Economy, Housing, Transport and
Regeneration City Policy Committee**

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Local Place Plans Update

Purpose of Report:

To update Committee on delivery of Local Place Plan Delivery in Glasgow

Recommendations:

Committee is asked to note progress on delivery of Local Place Plans by community groups across Glasgow and how they are being used to inform Planning delivery in the city.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1** In 2019 the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 was passed by the Scottish Parliament. [Section 14](#) of the Act amends the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to introduce a new right for communities to produce Local Place Plans (LPPs) for their places, with scope for these plans, or parts of them, to become a part of the Local Development Plan. The aim is to significantly enhance engagement in development planning, effectively empowering communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places by setting out their proposals for the use and development of land. Local Place Plans also give communities scope to identify land and buildings that may be of particular significance to the relevant local area.
- 1.2** The legislation states that Local Place Plans may be prepared by a community-controlled body as defined in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 or by Community Councils established in accordance with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. In this regard, this would apply to a wide range of community organisations in Glasgow, provided they can demonstrate that they meet these criteria.
- 1.3** The legislation also sets out the role of local authorities in relation to Local Place Plans. Prior to the preparation of a Local Development Plan, or in Glasgow's case, the next iteration of the City Development Plan, the planning authority is required to publish an invitation to local communities to prepare Local Place Plans, with information on the assistance available to do so, and on the manner in which and date by which Local Place Plans must be prepared in order to be taken into account in the preparation of the local development plan.
- 1.4** The Act then requires that the Planning Authority must take account of any registered Local Place Plan within their boundary in the preparation of the Local Development Plan, noting that the Local Place Plan must have regard to the Local Development Plan, the National Planning Framework and any other relevant matters as prescribed in emerging guidance.

2 Current Position

- 2.1** In order to support groups seeking to develop LPPs, guidance was developed to provide information and support for the process and requirements for their preparation and submission to the City Council for validation. In 2024, following the required invitation to community groups to develop LPPs, limited funding was secured to support a first phase of LPPs in the city in line with the programme for the preparation of the proposed [City Development Plan 2 \(CDP 2\)](#) and an open call to community groups to bid for funding was issued.
- 2.2** In that first phase, 10 community groups successfully bid for funding support and subsequently developed LPPs, all of which have now been validated and registered by the City Council. During their development, the Planning Service also hosted 2 workshops with these groups to support them during the LPP development phase. The first 10 LPPs completed during this phase were:

- Anderson Matters
- Barmulloch, Balornock and Robroyston
- Broomhill
- Craigton
- Garthamlock Craigend and Gartloch
- Mount Florida
- Queens Park Neighbourhoods
- Royston and Germiston
- Shettleston
- Springburn

2.3 In line with legislation, the Planning Service reviewed these valid LPPs and where appropriate took cognisance of land use proposals contained within the LPPs when preparing the proposed CDP2. The proposed CDP2 was presented to Committee and approved for period for representations to be made in June this year at [City Administration Committee](#) and Full Council. The Representation period is currently live and runs until 18 November 2026.

2.4 Since validation of the 10 LPPs listed above, a further 4 LPPs have since been developed by community groups and validated. These are:

- Blythswood and Broomielaw
- Kinning Park & Surrounding Areas
- Merchant City & Trongate
- Possilpark

2.5 In addition, a further 5 are currently in development. These are:

- Cathcart
- Cranhill
- Dundasvale and Cowcaddens
- Garnethill
- Maryhill

2.6 In September, a further workshop was arranged to which all groups involved in developing LPPs, either completed or in progress, were invited in order that the Planning Service could provide an update, particularly in relation to the current representation period for CDP2, advising how LPPs shaped its content and also how groups can use their LPPs to inform any representation to the proposed Plan during this period.

3 Next Steps

3.1 The LPP legislation is open ended, therefore the invitation to community groups to prepare LPPs remains open, and the Planning Service will continue to support those groups seeking to develop LPPs.

3.2 It should be noted that Planning Legislation specifically references LPPs as material considerations when assessing planning applications. To this end a

series on internal information sessions are being arranged with Development Management staff to ensure that all officers are aware on the LPPs that have already been validated or are in development.

- 3.3** Planning Services will continue to update the required register of LPPs as required when new LPPs are validated. The register of LPPs and all supporting information can be found here [Local Place Plans](#).
- 3.4** Officers from GCC Planning also attend a national benchmarking group, the Local Place Plans and Community Action Plans Working Group, hosted by the Improvement Service. This group is attended by all Scottish Local Authorities and the Scottish Government and provides the opportunity for shared learning emerging from Local Place Plans. The Scottish Government are also expected to undertake a monitoring and evaluation review of how Local Place Plans and the legislation is working in practice. The timescale for this review has still to be confirmed.

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Delivery of LPPs and any projects identified within is not the direct responsibility of the City Council, but we will work with Community Groups where required to identify possible funding opportunities.

Legal: Projects will be delivered in line with the legal requirements of various funders where appropriate.

Personnel: Officers within GCC will support delivery of LPPs in line with legislation.

Procurement: Individual projects will be delivered in line with relevant procurement guidance.

Council Strategic Plan: The LPPs are considered to support the following Grand Challenges and Missions:
GC3 M2 C30: Deliver place-based interventions and key local regeneration projects.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's LPPs seek to promote an ethos of placemaking that improves the lives of

Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.

all citizens in line with the aims of the City Development Plan, noting that the Council is not responsible for the content of LPPs, all of which are prepared by Community Groups.

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

It is envisaged that the LPPs will have a positive impact on equality.

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

A number of the LPPs could support the regeneration of areas of social and economic disadvantage as identified within the SIMD.

Climate Impacts:

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

While GCC is not responsible for the content of the LPPs, it should be noted that most of the LPPs do reflect a commitment to sustainability.

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

This is difficult to quantify at this time until more detailed projects arising from the LPPs are brought forward in more detail.

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

The LPPs developed to date support active travel, greenspace and biodiversity and local living interventions which have the potential to reduce carbon emissions in line with Council targets.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

No - There are not considered to be any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report.

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

5 Recommendations

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