



**Glasgow City Council**

**Operational Performance and Delivery  
Scrutiny Committee**

**Item 4**

**5th August 2026**

**Report by Head of Audit and Inspection**

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### **Committee Effectiveness – Independent Assessments**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To advise members of the main findings of the Committee Effectiveness Independent Assessments that were recently undertaken and reported to the respective committees.

#### **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the content of the report, including the recommendations and themes emerging from each of the assessments;
2. Note that the Council's Corporate Leadership Team will review these actions; and
3. Instruct the Head of Audit and Inspection and Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to monitor progress against the actions and coordinate a review of the committee structure in advance of the council elections in May 2027.

**Ward No(s):**

Citywide: ☐

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐

consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

## 1. Introduction

The Council's Standing Orders require all Committees to undertake an effectiveness evaluation each year, and in year 3 of the Council an independent assessment. Each of the following Council Committee's was recently subject to an independent assessment to ensure compliance with the Standing Orders. Assessments were carried out by senior officers, who have had no, or limited, interaction with the Committee being reviewed. The results of the assessments have been reported to each Committee as outlined below.

| <b>Committee</b>                                                                 | <b>Date independent report presented to Committee</b> | <b>Number of Recommendations</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee               | 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                           | 5                                |
| Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee                          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026                           | 4                                |
| Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee                    | 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                           | 6                                |
| Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee                                             | 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                            | 4                                |
| Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026                            | 7                                |
| Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee                          | 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2026                           | 4                                |
| Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee | 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                            | 1                                |

## 2. Summary of Findings

The full assessment reports for each Committee are appended to this report. Whilst each assessment has been considered by the relevant committee, it is useful to bring them all together for OPDSC to review in the round. A number of common themes have emerged:

- Overall workplans for a number of the committees;
- The method and timing of following up on questions that were unable to be answered in the meeting;
- Encouraging members to attend meetings in person, and
- For some committees, the frequency of the meetings.

## 3. Next Steps

Comments are invited from members of OPDSC. The assessments have been shared with the Council's Corporate Leadership Team, and actions will be tracked at that forum. A number of the recommendations will be best addressed through consideration of any changes made following a review of the committee structure in advance of the council elections in May 2027.

#### 4. Policy and Resource Implications

##### Resource Implications:

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| <i>Financial:</i>   | None |
| <i>Legal:</i>       | None |
| <i>Personnel:</i>   | None |
| <i>Procurement:</i> | None |

##### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.</i>     | N/a                    |
| <i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>                    | No significant impact. |
| <i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.</i> | No significant impact  |

##### Climate Impacts:

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| <i>Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:</i>  | No significant direct impact |
| <i>What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?</i> | No significant direct impact |
| <i>Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?</i>    | No significant direct impact |

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| <b>Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:</b> | None |
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