

NET ZERO AND CLIMATE PROGRESS MONITORING CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 11th August 2026.

Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee.

Present: Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Blair Anderson, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Christina Cannon, Stephen Docherty, Marie Garrity, Mhairi Hunter, Paul McCabe (substitute for Chris Cunningham), Malcolm Mitchell and Thomas Rannachan.

Also present: Angus Millar.

Apology: Chris Cunningham.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); and G Slater (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Proposed committee workplan August - December 2026 approved.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability detailing a list of planned reports for the proposed workplan for the period from August to December 2026.

After consideration, the committee approved the workplan, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow Low Emission Zone – Annual update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 23rd September 2025 (Print 4, page 91) providing an update on the Glasgow Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Annual Report 2024/25, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the statutory reporting for financial year 2025/26, advising

- (1) that the Glasgow LEZ final scheme general enforcement began on 1st June 2023 and that within Section 29 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 a local authority which operated a LEZ scheme during a financial year, must prepare and publish an annual report on the operation and effectiveness of the scheme and provide a copy of the report to the Scottish Parliament;
- (2) of the required content of the LEZ Annual Report provided within Transport Scotland's document "Low Emission Zone Guidance";
- (3) that as the first LEZ to be enforced in Scotland, the quantity of penalty charge notices issued continued to be of significant public and media interest and updated figures were published on a monthly basis on the Council's LEZ website;

- (4) of the LEZ Penalty Charge Notices, Appeals and Exemptions, use of LEZ Residual Revenue and next steps, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone Annual Report 2026 as detailed in an appendix to the report; and
- (6) that the committee would be updated on LEZ on an annual basis.

2026 Air Quality Annual Performance Report noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Glasgow's 2026 Air Quality Annual Progress Report (APR), advising

- (1) that the Environment Act 1995 required local authorities to regularly review and assess the air quality within their area of responsibility and this review and assessment process had been the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) and compared current and future concentrations of key air pollutants against the objectives detailed in the regulations;
- (2) that in accordance with LAQM requirements, the APR considered monitoring data available since the last round of review and assessment, as well as assessing the impact from various potential sources of pollution, such as any major new developments;
- (3) that previous rounds of the LAQM review and assessment process had seen Glasgow declare 4 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs), as detailed in the report, due to elevated levels of the air pollutants nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter (PM₁₀);
- (4) of an update on actions to improve air quality, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that as a result of progress made to address pollution levels, improvements in air quality continued to be achieved with the city centre the only active AQMA in the city; and
- (6) of an update on the main pollutants of concern, the initial appraisal of the impact of the city's Low Emission Zone on pollution levels and the APR conclusions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the

- (a) new data available on pollution levels;
- (b) continued assessment of the impact of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone on city centre pollution levels; and
- (c) continued compliance with statutory air quality objectives.

