



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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Briefing note on the Petition “Keep Queen's Park Glasshouse Open and Council-Owned”

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on the Petition “Keep Queen's Park Glasshouse Open and Council-Owned”.

Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.

1. Purpose of report

To provide information on the Petition – Keep Queen's Park Glasshouse Open and Council-Owned.

2. Background

The proposal to review the ongoing operating viability of Queen's Park Glasshouse formed part of 2023 Glasgow City Council's budget-setting process. The budget was approved by Full Council on 16 February 2023 and included a requirement for service reforms across a number of service areas. The associated savings relating to Queen's Park Glasshouse were originally approved for 2023/24 and were subsequently reprofiled into later budget years.

Since 2023 GCC had been working in partnership with Glasgow Building Preservation Trust to develop a long-term sustainable future for Queen's Park Glasshouse with a particular focus on proposals that maintain public access, and restore portions of the building that are historically important, such as the dome.

As confirmed at the Full Council meeting of 25 June 2026 a commitment was made that Queen's Park Glasshouse would remain open to the public while discussions continue regarding its longer-term sustainable future and potential uses.

It is important to emphasise that it has always been the Council's intention that Queen's Park Glasshouse remains in public ownership. The building is not being marketed for sale. The Council is seeking a suitable tenant (or tenants), or sustainable operating arrangement that will secure the building's continued use while protecting this important historical asset.

3. Response to Specific Petition Requests

- **Halt the closure and reinstate staff and maintenance plans**

As confirmed at the Full Council meeting of 25 June 2026 a commitment was made that Queen's Park Glasshouse would remain open to the public.

- **Keep the Glasshouse free and open to the public**

Queen's Park Glasshouse remains free and open to the public while discussions continue regarding its longer-term sustainable future and potential uses.

- **Undertake public consultation and Equality Impact Assessment**

The Council will commit to engagement with local stakeholders including local Elected Members and the Queens Park Working Group. In addition, any future proposals requiring formal decisions will be considered through the Council's governance processes and subject to all relevant statutory requirements.

- **Reaffirm commitment to public ownership and oversight**

The Council can provide reassurance that it has always been the intention that Queen's Park Glasshouse remain in public ownership. Discussions remain on-going as we seek to identify a tenant, operator or partner which can support the building's long-term future use, while preserving its heritage value and public benefit for future generations.

4. **Policy and Resource Implications**

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.
<i>Legal:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.
<i>Procurement:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which Grand Challenge (s) and Mission (s) the proposal supports. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify. Not Applicable

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? Not Applicable

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. Not Applicable

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition.

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

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

5. Recommendation

- 5.1** The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled "Keep Queen's Park Glasshouse Open and Council-Owned" as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.