

Q.1	To be asked by: Councillor Rashid Hussain
Tabled Question	“Can the Convenor outline how the Council is implementing changes to burial rights under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016, particularly in relation to the duration, renewal, and potential reclamation of lairs, and what steps are being taken to ensure that families are fully informed of these changes?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Thank you for the question. The Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 introduces national changes from 1 March 2026. These are set by the Scottish Government and apply across all councils to modernise burial practices and support long term sustainability. This is understandably an emotive subject for constituents, and there is a lot more information available than I can highlight in my response, I've therefore asked the department that a fuller briefing note is prepared and shared with members. For new lairs purchased from that date, burial rights will last 25 years rather than in perpetuity. These changes are not retrospective, so existing lair holders are unaffected. Rights can be renewed in 10 year periods and can continue indefinitely if families wish. Any fees will be considered nearer the time of first renewals, around 2051. Where rights to unused lairs expire and are not renewed, councils may reclaim and reuse them. This is under consideration. While the Act allows reuse of partially used lairs in some cases, the Council has no plans to pursue this. Clear communication with families has been central. We have implemented a proactive communications plan including direct engagement with customers, elected members and faith groups, recognising the sensitivities involved. Information has been published and regularly updated on the Council website with accessible guidance and FAQs. Messaging has focused on clarity and reassurance, particularly that existing lairs are not affected. We will continue this engagement as implementation progresses, using multiple channels to ensure families are informed, supported and able to plan ahead.	

Q.2	To be asked by: Bailie Soryia Siddique
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant Convenor please advise what steps have been taken to ensure the Queen's Park Glasshouse remains open and is preserved for future generations?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Thank you for the question. The Queen's Park Glasshouse is a historic piece of the city's heritage, and we have been working tirelessly with officers to find a longer-term solution for it. I am pleased therefore to confirm that the Queen's Park Glasshouse will remain open while these discussions on that sustainable future continue, ensuring that public access to the glasshouses, and the toilets is maintained. I know this will be welcomed across the chamber. Officers will continue to engage with interested parties through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme with any proposed future use brought to committee following the usual process. I trust this shows that the SNP shares the desire for the same outcomes as local campaigns including the Save the Queen's Park Glasshouse Campaign and the Friends of Queen's Park. I am pleased that the significant work that has been undertaken by administration and local ward members alongside officers over recent months has been able to deliver this positive outcome and I want to thank them for that work and engagement. It is undeniable that the glasshouses will require significant capital investment, but we will keep the Glasshouse open, including the public toilets, until a longer-term solution is found which hopefully brings in the capital required to update the building alongside maintaining the public amenities that are currently provided.	

Q.3	To be asked by: Bailie Marie Garrity
Tabled Question	“Given the significant contribution of Sir Stanley Baxter to Scottish culture and his strong association with Glasgow, will the Leader or relevant Convenor outline whether the Council has considered, or will consider, formally commemorating his life and legacy within the city?”
Responder	Bailie Annett Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

In this creative city we all come home— we are blessed to have had and continue to produce incredible talents in the arts and culture sector.

Stanley Baxter, of course, epitomises that spirit of creativity and ingenuity. Born and raised in Glasgow- he attended Hillhead Secondary and later worked at the Citizens Theatre prior to his illustrious and groundbreaking career on television, where he developed his remarkable talents for mimicry, making the whole nation laugh. Stanley was a favourite son of this city which has been called ‘the funniest city in the world’ by another of her favourite sons Billy Connolly.

As City Convener for Culture, I would be very happy to honour and celebrate all of our great, gallus Glaswegians. In fact, there will shortly be an announcement from Glasgow Museums about another of our favourite sons, Alasdair Gray.

As we know, Stanley Baxter passed away in December 2025 at the age of 99, ironically just a few days before a wonderful Pantomime exhibition was unveiled right her in the City Chambers. Curated by academics linked to the University of Glasgow, the exhibition the Pantomime in Scotland exhibition played a starring role in the Get You in Panto Town celebrations we had during last year’s festive season, which brought our wonderful anniversary year and the Glasgow 850 programme to a glittering ‘Parliamo Glasgow’ finish.

This very special exhibition celebrated the rich history of Glaswegian and Scottish pantomime, offering visitors a festive journey through one of Scotland’s most beloved traditions- our other national theatre

Stanley’s portrayal of the panto dame is legendary, and he was a key focus of the exhibition. From the Victorian origins of panto right up to the present day, the exhibition featured pictures, photographs, programmes and playbills from a wide range of sources, including the Scottish Theatre Archive in Special Collections at the University of Glasgow Library, and the collections of performers, producers and audience members themselves.

Rare home movie footage from the National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive, showing pantomimes from the 1930s to the 1950s, and audio recordings of interviews and music are also included- with clips of Stanley recalling his experiences of going to, and performing in, pantomime.

Glasgow Life is currently exploring opportunities to celebrate the centenary of Stanley Baxter’s birth, including remounting the Pantomime in Scotland exhibition boards in Glasgow City Chambers this December, which features the contribution Stanley Baxter made to the city’s pantomime legacy.

Q.4	To be asked by: Councillor Fiona Higgins
Tabled Question	"In light of reports that fly-tipping incidents have increased by around 35% across the city and by approximately 67% in the Canal ward since 2021/22, can the relevant Convenor explain why response times in the Canal ward are consistently among the slowest in Glasgow, and how the Council ensures that its reported average response time of one day accurately reflects residents' experience?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Thank you for the question. Reported fly-tipping in the Canal ward has risen, from 738 cases in 2021/22 to 1,236 in 2025/26. Residents are encouraged to keep reporting incidents so we can act quickly and build enforcement cases. Therefore some of this increase reflects improved reporting, rather than a direct rise in incidents. However, we recognise the impact on communities that the blight of fly-tipping can have. Much of the fly-tipping in this ward involves bulk waste left at long-standing informal collection points, which leads to recurring issues. The target response time for clearing fly-tipping is five days. In the Canal ward, the average has been around three days over recent years, which is within this target. However, we recognise this does not always match residents' experience, particularly at repeat hotspot locations. Environmental HEalth continue to investigate offences and take enforcement action where evidence allows. This also includes site inspections, gathering evidence and issuing fixed penalties. Officers also work with local businesses to ensure proper waste arrangements are in place. In addition, regular Weeks and Days of Action deliver intensive, place-based environmental improvements, with Neighbourhood Clean Teams and Deep Clean Teams forming the core operational response. These initiatives are data-led and informed by local intelligence, community feedback and ETAC processes, ensuring that resources are focused where they are most needed while maximising impact and supporting longer-term behaviour change. The deep cleans in Canal are Lambhill & Milton starting on 27th July, Ruchill and Possipark is currently on site and will return on 24th August and the Maryhill Road corridor which will be undertaken next week.	

Q.5	To be asked by: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell
Tabled Question	“Can the relevant City Convener provide an update on the number of pieces of playground equipment within the whole city that are known to be out of service or in need of repair ahead of the school summer holiday?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets

Thank you for the question.

As of the week beginning 22 June, there are 432 outstanding repairs to play equipment across the city. With around 2,500 items in total, these repairs vary in scale, and many pieces remain safe to use while works are scheduled.

We take a risk based approach, with safety always the priority. Urgent issues are dealt with quickly and, where necessary, equipment is removed straight away. Lower risk repairs are planned as part of ongoing maintenance.

Play areas are inspected regularly in line with national standards, including routine checks several times a week, with increased inspections during busy periods such as the summer holidays. We have also strengthened our inspection programme by training additional staff and improving how we track and prioritise repairs.

We know how important play spaces are for children and families, especially over the summer, and we will continue to carry out regular inspections and maintenance across all sites to keep them safe and in good working order.

Q.6	To be asked by: Councillor Jon Molyneux
Tabled Question	"To ask the City Treasurer to provide an update on implementing the Visitor Levy, including the work of the Visitor Levy Forum?"
Responder	Councillor Richard Bell, City Convenor for Financial Inclusion and City Treasurer
The implementation of the Visitor Levy is progressing and on target to meet the implementation date of the end of January 2027. The council is progressing plans for system implementation and creation of a small team to administer the levy. There is ongoing engagement with accommodation providers through various forums but also at an individual level to ensure their readiness for next January. The council has also established a dedicated web page which will continue to be updated as we get closer to go live. The Visitor Levy Forum has now had two meetings. These have focussed on agreeing terms of reference and providing members with the background to the visitor levy including the overarching aim of the scheme which is to grow the value of tourism in Glasgow aligned to various city strategies. The group has also received a presentation on the Glasgow Tourism Strategy.	

Q.7	To be asked by: Councillor Thomas Rannachan
Tabled Question	"Can the relevant Convenor explain the lengthy delay in recruiting staff to allow city CCTV monitoring to go back to 24/7, so long after funding was agreed?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
The additional funding for a 24/7 CCTV service, approved as part of the 2026/2027 budget, is welcome. Formal consultation with current staff and trade unions on proposed changes to shift patterns – moving to a four on, four off working pattern - took place before the new recruitment started. This was done to ensure that the final decision relating to updated shift patterns had this valuable staff and union input. These patterns are now agreed, and the job adverts for these posts are currently live, closing on the 5th July. When candidates receive a conditional offer of employment, they then must complete the Security Industry Authority CCTV Operator training and satisfy Non-Police Personnel Vetting. Therefore, we are looking at full recruitment and the updated shift pattern going live by the end of September.	

Q.8	To be asked by: Councillor Declan Blench
Tabled Question	"To ask the Leader of the Council her response to the publication of the EHRC's updated code of practice?"
Responder	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City Region, Economy and Just Transition
The Code of Practice sets out guidance on how service providers and organisations should treat trans people following the Supreme Court ruling on the meaning of "sex" in the Equality Act. However, it has prompted significant concern among many LGBT and other service-providing organisations. In a joint statement, Scottish Trans, alongside Trans Actual and the Trans + Solidarity Alliance, have said that they believe that: <i>"This guidance is often contradictory and confusing, providing no clear advice for how services can include trans people, while also often acknowledging that providers risk discriminating against trans people."</i> These concerns are echoed in a collective letter addressed to the current Prime Minister, where they state that: <i>"The Code does not provide clarity; it exacerbates confusion, conflict, and risk. We have consistently argued that a Code of Practice must pass three tests to be workable: it must protect trans people's ability to participate fully in society, support organisations that wish to remain inclusive, and comply with the UK's domestic and international human rights obligations. This Code fails on all counts."</i> They further warn that: <i>"This Code will not be remembered as a technical piece of guidance. It will be remembered as a political choice: one that upended a norm of inclusion for trans people and service providers, one that pushed a minority group further out of public life, and one that accelerated the UK's rapid fall in international standing on LGBTQ+ rights."</i> I share these concerns. It is vital that any Code of Practice is clear, consistent and workable in practice, supports inclusion, provides confidence to those delivering services, and protects the rights and dignity of everyone affected. This is essential for public bodies and for the many organisations and frontline services that rely on this guidance every day. I don't believe this guidance does that in its current form and hope that the EHRC will carefully consider the views, not only of organisations who provide specific support services to trans people, but also of those of us tasked with providing public services to everyone in our population, and will update the guidance to address these contradictions and provide the clarity that is so clearly needed.	

Q.9	To be asked by: Councillor John Daly
Tabled Question	“To ask the relevant City Convener what assurance Glasgow City Council can provide that it is properly prepared for Martyn’s Law ahead of the 2026 Commonwealth Games?”
Responder	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City Region, Economy and Just Transition
The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act (commonly referred to as Martyn’s Law) came into force as an Act of Law in 2025 and organisations have least 2 years (at least until 4 April 2027) to be compliant with the requirements of the Act – beyond Glasgow 2026. However, the principles underpinning the legislation have been considered as part of the planning, an approach that reflects relevant best practise in relation to public safety and security.	

Q.10	To be asked by: Councillor Jill Brown
Tabled Question	"Can the Convenor advise how many play parks are currently awaiting repair, what the average repair timescale is, and what action is being taken to reduce delays?"
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
As updated earlier in the meeting there are there are 432 outstanding repairs to play equipment across the city. Repair demand is not uniform and often reflects the size of the estate, usage levels, and age of equipment. Repair timescales vary depending on complexity, availability of parts, and whether specialist contractors are required. Minor repairs can often be addressed within days via routine maintenance activity, while more complex or bespoke equipment repairs may take several weeks. The Service is working to reduce delays through improved scheduling and contractor capacity.	

Q.11	To be asked by: Councillor Abdul Bostani
Tabled Question	"To ask the Leader of the Council whether she agrees "it's more important than ever to tell a friend, a loved one or a stranger that they are not alone"?"
Responder	Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council and City Convener for City Region, Economy and Just Transition
I agree that it is more important than ever to remind people that they are not alone, particularly in the face of language that risks dividing our communities. As highlighted in recent commentary, the phrase "tell a friend, a loved one or a stranger that they are not alone" was originally used in a spirit of compassion and solidarity. Yet, more recently, the same term "strangers" has been deployed in a very different way, used to demonise people coming to rebuild their lives here, and as rhetoric that risks fostering division rather than unity. This contrast underlines why the message of inclusion matters so much. Glasgow has long prided itself on being a welcoming, outward-looking city, and it is essential that public discourse reflects those values. Elected members language should bring people together, not create barriers or encourage division. Against that backdrop, I agree that reaffirming to everyone - whether friend, loved one or newcomer - that they are not alone is a powerful statement of the kind of city we are. It is a reminder that compassion, respect and solidarity must remain at the heart of Glasgow's identity, particularly at times when they are most needed.	

Q.12	To be asked by: Councillor Elaine McSporran
Tabled Question	“To ask the Depute Leader/ City Treasurer to outline how recent and planned investment in community play spaces and green infrastructure are being aligned with tackling child and family poverty across Glasgow?”
Responder	Councillor Richard Bell, City Convenor for Financial Inclusion and City Treasurer
Investment in high-quality, free and accessible community spaces is central to the Council’s approach to tackling child and family poverty, particularly through targeted, place-based regeneration in areas of greatest need. Projects such as Pigeon Park and the new permanent home for Baltic Street Adventure Playground in Dalmarnock highlight how physical infrastructure investment is being aligned with social impact. These initiatives go beyond improving the built environment; they directly enhance the everyday lives and opportunities of children and families. The £1.1 million Baltic Street facility, for example, will strengthen a vital community resource offering free play, food provision, skills development and family support. This integrated model helps reduce financial pressures on low-income households while promoting wellbeing, inclusion and community resilience. Similarly, expanding accessible green space across the city—including the £2.4 million Riverside Park at Govan Graving Docks—provides safe, free environments for play and family activity. These spaces are particularly important in communities most affected by poverty, supporting both physical and mental health while contributing to wider regeneration and reconnecting communities to local assets such as the River Clyde. These investments form part of a wider, evidence-led approach that links regeneration, community planning and statutory duties under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act, ensuring resources are targeted effectively toward priority neighbourhoods identified through the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.	

Q.13	To be asked by: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell
Tabled Question	“Can the relevant City Convener advise on engagement with Voi to ensure adequate maintenance of bikes over summer months, increased capacity and parking as well as consideration of cheaper travel during the Commonwealth Games?”
Responder	Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery
“Council officers meet with representatives from Voi on a monthly basis to ensure that the cycle hire scheme operator is performing in line with all required standards and KPI’s as set out in the operational contract. I am advised that at the most recent review meeting held on Wednesday 17th June, officers found that all KPI’s including maintenance visits were achieved. “The Council has facilitated a direct relationship between Voi and the Commonwealth Games Organisation, ensuring that Voi facilities will be available at all Commonwealth Games locations. We have in particular highlighted the opportunity for promotions during the Commonwealth Games, and are advised that Voi are currently finalising a variety for discounts and offers to be made available in this period. “In addition, this past weekend for the TRSMT festival Voi tested a “manned parking location” as part of a trial for Large Scale Events support, ensuring that users receive a positive experience and assets are kept neat and tidy. Following a review of this trial it is proposed to use this model to support the venues of the Commonwealth Games.”	

Q.14	To be asked by: Councillor Sean Ferguson
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Housing in light of recent analysis comparing major UK cities, including Manchester and Glasgow, what lessons can be drawn from the contrasting housing markets?”
Responder	Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Earlier this year, Colliers published its tenth edition UK Residential Investment Insights report which considers factors including house price growth, rental yields, purchasing affordability and income-to-rent ratios. Glasgow took first place for the first time, as strong yields and economic momentum drive the city to this position. Glasgow remains a more affordable city to live than some of its comparator cities including Manchester, marking Glasgow as an attractive prospect for investors and developers looking for resilient residential markets with growth potential. On the subject of affordability, Glasgow has delivered a significantly higher number of new affordable homes than comparable UK cities, with 3,407 since 2019/20—outstripping Bristol (1,708), Manchester (2,158), Birmingham (2,514) and Leeds (2,579) Homelessness pressures underline the importance of prevention and support. Manchester’s figures, 2.6 times as much as Glasgow —around 1 in every 61 people (9,589) without a permanent home, including 4,678 children—illustrate how affordability constraints and limited social housing can escalate demand. Glasgow faces its own challenges, including a declared housing emergency, but is advancing supply and support measures. Where Glasgow fell behind some of its comparator cities was in the delivery of new build private housing and this was in some way down to the uncertainty around the Housing Bill, which has thankfully now been addressed. The Building Safety Regulator has had the same impact on development in England and there is an opportunity for Glasgow to position itself as the best place to build and do business while others work through their difficulties. One of the clear conclusions is that there are national and international factors that impact all cities and housing markets. However, a clear and consistent approach over the long term from a local authority can really make a difference in the deliver of both affordable and market housing. And that collaborative partnerships are required, such as those at Cowlares and the Growth Fund we are working on, to really kick start delivery in the challenging times we are dealing with.	

Q.15	To be asked by: Bailie Anthony Carroll
Tabled Question	“To ask the Convener for Culture whether she has been provided with a timescale of how long the newly announced Scottish Government’s partnership will exist to resolve the outstanding funding gap needing filled to re-open the People’s Palace and Winter Gardens?”
Responder	Bailie Annett Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Thank you, Bailie Carroll. Like many others, I was very pleased to see the First Minister’s clear commitment to the People’s Palace and Winter Gardens ahead of the Scottish Parliament elections. The project is already underway, and I welcome the Scottish Government’s pledge to help support its delivery. We are keen to see that commitment matched by the UK Government. The Council Leader has written to the Secretary of State for Scotland to ask for that support. The vision for the renewed Palace is ambitious and exciting, with a modern museum telling the story of Glasgow alongside a revitalised Winter Gardens that will form the new reception area to the museum. It will function both as a high-quality events space and as a welcoming park amenity, with a café alongside spaces for people to bring their own picnics and, importantly, public toilets that can be accessed directly from the park. These plans have been shaped through extensive engagement with the local community and are due to be submitted in the coming weeks. In terms of the partnership, officials from the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life are already in discussion, with work underway this week to agree a Terms of Reference. The partnership will meet over the summer, and an update report from Glasgow Life and Council officers setting out detailed costs and timeframes will come to the City Administration Committee ahead of the National Lottery Heritage Fund’s decision relating to funding in September.	

Q.16	To be asked by: Councillor Donna McGill
Tabled Question	“To ask the City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets does she join me in congratulating St Paul’s Youth Forum winning the Excellence in Social and Community Value award at the recent Scottish Transport Awards 2026?”
Responder	Councillor Laura Doherty, City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
I warmly welcome the opportunity to congratulate St Paul’s Youth Forum on winning the Excellence in Social and Community Value award at the Scottish Transport Awards 2026. Their partnership with the Council to refurbish and redistribute bikes has already transformed hundreds of lives, supporting young people and families to access affordable, sustainable travel while promoting recycling, reuse and active lifestyles. This success sits alongside another recognition, with our Education Services winning the Excellence in Transport Accessibility award for its Travel Skills Programme, which helps young people with additional support needs build confidence, independence and access new opportunities. An update was provided to the Education committee last year on the 16-week comprehensive training course - originally piloted in five secondary schools across the city: Cardinal Winning in my own ward Shettleston, Abercorn, Parkhill, St Oswald’s and Hollybrook Academy – and I congratulate teachers and pupils on their success. Together, these achievements highlight Glasgow’s leadership in inclusive, community-focused and sustainable transport.	