



Glasgow City Council

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

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**DELIVERING THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:
LOCAL PLACE PLANS**

Purpose of Report:

To update members on the introduction into planning legislation of Local Place Plans as part of the City Development Plan process and the guidance to be made available to communities to support their development.

Recommendations:

Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the intention to invite local communities to develop Local Place Plans to inform the next iteration of the City Development Plan
2. Consider the intention create an online information resource to support communities wishing to undertake a Local Place Plan.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In June 2021, a report was submitted to the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm Committee advising of the Scottish Government's intention to introduce Local Place Plans as part of their proposed reforms to the planning system.
- 1.2 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, introducing a new right for communities to produce Local Place Plans for their places, with scope for these plans, or parts of them, to become a part of or inform 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.
- 1.3 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. As such, this would apply to a wide range of community organisations in Glasgow, provided they can demonstrate that they meet this criteria.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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. This will also include approved Locality Plans, where relevant. In Glasgow there are currently ten approved Locality Plans, which have been delivered via the Thriving Places Programme.
- 1.6 With the introduction of the relevant secondary legislation and adoption of National Planning Framework 4 on 13 February 2023, which now forms part of the statutory development plan, alongside with the Council's City Development Plan, the transition to the new Planning system is now effectively complete. As such the Council is now obliged to introduce Local Place Plans as part of the process of developing the next iteration of the City Development Plan.

2 Next Steps

- 2.1 In addition to the national guidance that is available to local Communities, more specific Glasgow focused guidance has been developed by officers in NRS to guide local communities interested in preparing a Local Place Plan. This will be lodged on the Council's website. Communities will also be directed to resources available to support them in preparing their plans, including where they can access relevant mapping and data resources, and relevant engagement resources such as the Place Standard Tool. A copy of the draft guidance is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 2.2 Elected members and relevant local community bodies will be advised once this guidance is publicly available on the Council's website.
- 2.3 The City Council will issue a formal invitation to local communities, inviting them to prepare local place plans, in line with planning legislation. As part of the guidance to be issued, we would expect local community groups to engage with the relevant local members as part of development of their Local Place Plan. The timeline for this invitation will be incorporated within the programme for the Development Plan Scheme which will be reported to Committee following the summer recess.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	At this moment in time no additional funding has been allocated to Council to support the delivery of Local Place Plans and impact of resources is undetermined.
<i>Legal:</i>	Local Place Plans will be delivered in line with the relevant Scottish Planning legislation as per the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Staff from within NRS Planning Services will support the delivery of Local Places Plans as required. The specific resource requirement will not be known until such time as the level of interest in developing Local Place Plans is known.
<i>Procurement:</i>	It is not anticipated that GCC will be involved in any procurement processes linked to Local Place Plans.

Council Strategic Plan: The introduction of Local Place Plans as part of the planning process supports the following Grand Challenges (GC) and Missions.

Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce poverty and inequality in our communities:

Mission 3 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities.

Grand Challenge 4 – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities:

Mission 1 – Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods.

Mission 2 - Run an open, well governed council in partnership with all our communities

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

Yes. The invitation to prepare Local Place Plans, should broaden access to participation in local planning and decision making across all citizen groups.

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

It is envisaged that Local Place Plans will have a positive impact on equality by improving citizen participation in the plan making process across all demographic groups.

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

Local communities will be able to identify localised opportunities for inclusive economic growth in line with local priorities.

Climate Impacts:

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

Local Place Plans have the potential to support Action 56: Reduce the need to own and use a car through measures in the City Development

Plan 2, Glasgow Transport Strategy and the Liveable Neighbourhoods.

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

While it is not known at this stage how many Local Place Plans will be developed, they will have to be developed in line with emerging national and city policy in terms of climate impacts, and have the potential to make a positive contribution to climate measures across the city.

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

Local Place Plans have the potential to contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target by supporting a sustainable urban form with 20-minute neighborhoods and by promoting active travel.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Local Place Plans will be developed in line with relevant data protection policies and legislation.

4 Recommendations

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