

MINUTES
OF
GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL.

Hybrid meeting, 15th May 2025.

Present: The Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren (Chair).

JAMES ADAMS	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SAQIB AHMED	SEAN FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
SUSAN AITKEN	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
IMRAN ALAM	MARIE GARRITY	CHRISTY MEARNES
BLAIR ANDERSON	ZEN GHANI	ANGUS MILLAR
KEN ANDREW	ALLAN GOW	MALCOLM MITCHELL
ALEXANDER BELIC	WILLIAM GRAHAM	JON MOLYNEUX
RICHARD BELL	SHARON GREER	ROBERT MOONEY
DECLAN BLENCH	GREG HEPBURN	MARGARET MORGAN
EVA BOLANDER	FIONA HIGGINS	EVA MURRAY
ABDUL BOSTANI	SEONAD HOY	CECILIA O'LONE
PHILIP BRAAT	MHAIRI HUNTER	JILL PIDGEON
JILL BROWN	RASHID HUSSAIN	LINDA PIKE
HOLLY BRUCE	DAN HUTCHISON	DAVENA RANKIN
BILL BUTLER	FYEZA IKHLAQ	THOMAS RANNACHAN
CHRISTINA CANNON	EUNIS JASSEMI	GEORGE REDMOND
PAUL CAREY	ANN JENKINS	LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ANTHONY CARROLL	LILITH JOHNSTONE	ROZA SALIH
JOHN CARSON	JIM KAVANAGH	FRANNY SCALLY
ALLAN CASEY	RUAIRI KELLY	SORYIA SIDDIQUE
ANNETTE CHRISTIE	ALEX KERR	KIERAN TURNER
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM	THOMAS KERR	CATHERINE VALLIS
STEPHEN CURRAN	PAUL LEINSTER	MARTHA WARDROP
FEARGAL DALTON	PAUL MCCABE	ALEX WILSON
AUDREY DEMPSEY	ELAINE McDOUGALL	
STEPHEN DOCHERTY	DONNA MCGILL	
LAURA DOHERTY	NORMAN MacLEOD	

DEACON CONVENER

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Apologies: John Daly and Frank McAveety.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration

and Sustainability; P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

Pope Leo XIV Pontificate.

1 The Lord Provost offered the city's congratulations to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV Pontificate and that he may lead the Catholic community across the world with hope and peace.

Retirement of Lord Dean of Guild – Valediction.

2 The Lord Provost intimated that Mr Andrew McFarlane would shortly demit office from the position of Lord Dean of Guild. On behalf of the Council the Lord Provost thanked Mr McFarlane for his valuable assistance on civic and ceremonial occasions. Mr McFarlane replied in suitable terms.

Minutes approved.

3 The minutes of the Council meeting of 3rd April 2025 (Print 1, pages 1 to 38) were submitted and approved.

Minutes of committees submitted and approved.

4 The minutes of the undernoted committees were submitted and approved:-

- (1) City Administration Committee of 27th March and 24th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 39 to 50);
- (2) City Policy Committees
 - (a) Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration of 22nd April 2025 (Print 1, pages 51 to 58);
 - (b) Education, Skills and Early Years of 24th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 59 to 62);
 - (c) Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods of 29th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 63 to 66);
 - (d) Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring of 15th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 67 to 70); and
 - (e) Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement of 17th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 71 to 76);

- (3) Contracts and Property Committee of 1st May 2025 (Print 1, pages 77 to 80);
- (4) Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 26th and 27th March and 16th and 23rd April 2025 (Print 1, pages 81 to 96);
- (5) Personnel Appeals Committee of 1st, 23rd and 30th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 97 to 102);
- (6) Planning Applications Committee of 25th March and 22nd April 2025 (Print 1, pages 103 to 106);
- (7) Planning Local Review Committee of 1st, 15th and 29th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 107 to 112);
- (8) Scrutiny Committees
 - (a) Finance and Audit of 26th March and 23rd and 30th April 2025 (Print 1, pages 113 to 119).

Terms of Reference of committees etc approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing a proposed update to Terms of Reference for committees etc.

After consideration, the Council approved the updated Terms of Reference as submitted. The approved updated Terms of Reference is printed as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

Scheme of Delegated Functions approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration detailing a Scheme of Delegated Functions to committees, the Lord Provost and the Depute Lord Provost, the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and other officers, highlighting a number of changes to the existing scheme.

After consideration, the Council approved the changes to the Scheme of Delegated Functions. The approved Scheme is printed as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

Changes to committees approved.

7 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to committees:-

Committee etc

Appointment

City Administration Committee

Remove George Redmond, Soryia Siddique, Elaine McDougall and Bill

Butler and appoint Rashid Hussain,
John Carson, Catherine Vallis and
James Adams

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee	Remove Feargal Dalton and appoint Alex Kerr
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Appointments and representation on outside bodies approved.

8 The Council approved the following appointments and changes to its representation on outside bodies:-

<i>Organisation.</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
Glasgow East Arts Company	Remove Sharon Greer and appoint George Redmond
North East Area Partnership	Remove Ruairi Kelly as Chair and appoint Donna McGill
Wheatley Homes Glasgow Boards	Remove Frank McAveety and appoint Ann Jenkins

Questions.

9 Answers to the following questions, of which notice had been given under Standing Order No 11, were given as undernoted:-

<i>Question by</i>	<i>Question</i>	<i>Answered by</i>
Councillor Paul Carey	Can the relevant City Convener confirm whether any other senior officers have been provided with loss-of-hour payments upon leaving the Council or its ALEOs?	Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion
Councillor Jill Brown	Can the relevant City Convener explain why the Council was unable to demonstrate effective scrutiny, governance, and transparency in its decision-making regarding the exit of 5 senior officers between 2021 and 2024, as highlighted in the EY	Councillor Susan Aitken Leader and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition

annual audit report?

Bailie Soryia Siddique	To ask the relevant City Convener to advise if the City Administration has any plans to restore 24-hour CCTV monitoring?	Councillor Laura Doherty City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Councillor Thomas Rannachan	Can the relevant City Convener advise what discussions have taken place with event organisers at Hampden Park regarding the use of virtual-only ticketing, and what consideration has been given to the potential exclusion of individuals without access to digital technology?	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Councillor Elaine Gallagher	To ask the relevant City Convener to advise how the Council is upholding its agreed duties from the Council motion of 22nd June 2023, to protect the rights of transgender and non-binary people from the impact of the culture war and hostile anti-LGBTQ+ environment?	Councillor Susan Aitken Leader and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Councillor Jon Molyneux	To ask the City Treasurer what progress has been made in exploring how Glasgow's Common Good funds can support an annual civic fireworks display?	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations
Councillor Cecilia O'Lone	Can the relevant City Convener advise what discussions have taken place with Lidl to encourage them to locate to Dalmarnock?	Councillor Ruairi Kelly City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Councillor Donna McGill	To ask the Council	Councillor Susan Aitken

	Leader what efforts they are making to secure recognition of, and support for, the specific challenges faced by Glasgow in regard to housing pressures in the city with the UK Government?	Leader and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Councillor Dan Hutchison	To ask the relevant City Convener if they agree that the reduction of bins in parks is causing more loose litter in our city parks?	Councillor Laura Doherty City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Councillor Sharon Greer	To ask the relevant City Convener why Council Taxpayers are facing rising bills while Glasgow is branded Scotland's pothole capital, with over 9,200 open reports?	Councillor Laura Doherty City Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets
Councillor Sharon Greer	To ask the City Treasurer what is the Council's current position on the Visitor Levy consultation, and how might any revenue be used?	Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion
Councillor Holly Bruce	To ask the relevant City Convener what action is being taken to ensure trans and non-binary people are still included within sport within schools and grassroots community groups?	Councillor Christina Cannon, City Convener for Education and Early Years

Councillor Ken Andrew	To ask the Council Leader to comment on the recent news that Glasgow has been included in the list of Europe's top cities, that we are 1 of only 2 UK cities to have been awarded EU Mission Status and that several city projects have been shortlisted in the 2025 Scottish Transport Awards?	Councillor Susan Aitken Leader and Convener for City and City Region Economy and Just Transition
Councillor Abdul Bostani	To ask the City Treasurer to update the Council on developments into the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee report into the outcome of an Independent Review into Exit Packages of Former Senior Officers at Glasgow City Council?	Councillor Richard Bell, Depute Leader and City Treasurer and Convener for Financial Inclusion
Bailie Martha Wardrop	To ask the City Convener for Housing what work is taking place with housing associations to gather data on under occupied homes across the city?	Councillor Ruairi Kelly City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use
Bailie Anthony Carroll	To ask the relevant City Convener what representations have been made to the Scottish and UK Governments in securing capital funding for any future options agreed after Summer recess towards a long term future of Whitehill Pool?	Bailie Annette Christie, City Convener for Culture, Sport and International Relations

Suspension of Standing Order No 13 (3).

10 The Council agreed to suspend the provisions of Standing Order No 13 (3) on each of the emergency motions with debate restricted to the mover and seconder of the motion and any amendment and one speaker from each of the other political groups.

Emergency Motion UK Government White Paper “Restoring Control over the Immigration System” – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

11 Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved that

“Council notes the publication this week of the UK Government’s White Paper ‘Restoring Control over the Immigration System’ and expresses concern at the rhetoric used by the Prime Minister including references to the UK becoming an “island of strangers” describing legal migration as an “open borders experiment” and, saying that high net migration has done “incalculable harm” to the country.

Council rejects this divisive language and affirms that migration has been overwhelmingly positive for Glasgow - enriching our diversity, supporting public services, increasing our working age population and strengthening our economy.

Council notes with alarm the impact of the proposals on the social care sector, where hundreds of vacancies currently exist both within and beyond the HSCP. Council agrees with Scottish Care's assessment that the White Paper is “reckless and inhumane.” Council rejects the assertion that social care roles are “low-skilled” and affirms that these roles are essential to the functioning of society. If the UK Government wishes to address low pay in the sector, the appropriate route is through improving wages and conditions, not closing off vital migration pathways.

Council further notes concerns raised by universities, businesses, and civic society regarding the impact of the White Paper on international students and skilled workers. Council also shares the deep concern of those whose settled lives in the UK have been thrown into uncertainty by sudden changes to migration and citizenship routes.

Council believes this White Paper represents an ill-considered and politically motivated reaction to the recent election results in England. Its impact will be far-reaching in Glasgow - disrupting key sectors, including the Council workforce - and will be unworkable without significant investment in domestic skills and training.

Council therefore reaffirms its support for a tailored Scottish Visa system to meet Scotland’s specific demographic and economic needs. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government and to Glasgow’s MPs to set out our opposition to the White Paper and to seek their support for a Scottish Visa.”

Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor Adams, moved as an amendment that:-

(1) delete the first paragraph and insert the following:

“Council reaffirms Glasgow’s proud record as a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming city over many decades, and recognises the positive social, cultural, and economic contributions of migrants to the city’s life.

Council notes the publication of the UK Government’s White Paper ‘Restoring Control over the Immigration System’ and recognises that immigration policy is a matter reserved to the UK Parliament.

Council believes that both the UK and Scottish Governments must work together constructively to address migration challenges and opportunities. Council further believes that there is merit in drawing on imaginative approaches, such as the 'Fresh Talent Initiative' and a Protocol on Asylum Seekers and Refugees of the early 2000s, to shape a humane, fair, and evidence-based migration policy.

Council believes that migrants are a positive force, and that migrants are not the source of economic and social challenges facing government today."

(2) delete the second paragraph;

(3) delete the third paragraph and insert the following:

"Council notes with concern the potential impact of the proposals on the social care sector, where hundreds of vacancies currently exist. Council affirms that social care roles are essential to the functioning of society and should be recognised and rewarded appropriately."

(4) at the fourth paragraph

(a) between "regarding and impact", insert "potential" to read "regarding the potential impact"; and

(b) remove the last sentence and insert "Council notes with concern those whose settled lives may be affected by suggested changes.";

(5) delete the fifth paragraph and insert the following:

"Council believes that immigration policies should be designed to avoid unintended consequences, and that adequate planning and investment in workforce development are essential to ensure positive outcomes."

(6) delete the last paragraph and insert the following:

"Council calls for immigration policy to reflect the specific demographic and economic needs of cities like Glasgow, ensuring that they must always provide the ability to develop a humane and rational immigration system.

Council encourages the Leader of the Administration to write to the Home Secretary in the above terms."

Bailie Carroll, seconded by Bailie Hoy, moved as an amendment:-

(1) at the end of the first paragraph insert the following:

"Council believes that it is policies from successive UK Governments which over the last 30 years, combined with pandering to the hostile, right wing agenda of media barons, have caused an increase of people treating each

other as strangers through the distrust which the Government seeds, dividing people based on disability, class, gender, and immigration status, and blaming those marginalised within these groups for the ills of the nation.”

(2) at the third paragraph after “...reckless and inhumane”, insert the following:

(a) as well as Scottish Care CEO Donald MacAskill’s suggestion that the Prime Minister’s language has “echoes of Enoch Powell at his worst”. Council urges Glasgow’s Labour MPs, MSPs, and Councillors to call out and oppose their leader’s rhetoric regarding migrants, and distance themselves from a man comfortable with using the language of Enoch Powell as a suitable person to be Prime Minister and lead a Government to unite our country against the real causes of community breakdown, being gross wealth inequality and austerity”; and

(b) at the end of the paragraph insert the following:

“Council notes that the Scottish Economic Bulletin reported in February 2025 that in January, 24.4% of Scottish businesses were experiencing worker shortages while 23.1% were experiencing recruitment difficulties.”

(3) at the fourth paragraph insert the following at the end:

“Legal migrants to the UK have been hammered by cruel charges by successive governments, who exploit the fact that migrants have no choice but to pay extortionate and unjustifiable fees which seem to be raised on a whim. The cost of an application for Indefinite Leave to Remain has risen from £155 when first introduced in 2003 to a non-refundable £3,029 as of April 2025. The Immigration Health Surcharge was £200 when introduced in 2015, and as of 2024 costs £1,035 annually for adults and £776 for students and children. This charge was cynically introduced by the previous Conservative government to imply that migrants are a drain on the health system, despite the fact that the vast majority are themselves taxpayers, and it is years of underfunding and poor future planning that has crippled the health service. It is shameful that the new Labour government is continuing the Conservative and Reform approach of deliberately misleading the public about the financial contributions that migrants bring to the British economy.”

(4) at the last paragraph insert the following at the end:

“, as well as for UK Government to significantly increase investment in further and higher education and training for social care, funding towards the services’ charges for Local Authorities to assist increased pay for workers, and also request that they strengthen the Employment Rights Bill for the care sector in areas such as the right to breaks, paid leave, and on sick pay”

During the debate, Councillor Casey and Bailie Carroll, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Council notes the publication this week of the UK Government’s White Paper ‘Restoring Control over the Immigration System’ and expresses concern at the rhetoric used by the Prime Minister including references to the UK becoming an “island of strangers” describing legal migration as an “open borders experiment” and, saying that high net migration has done “incalculable harm” to the country.

Council believes that it is policies from successive UK Governments which over the last 30 years, combined with pandering to the hostile, right wing agenda of media barons, have caused an increase of people treating each other as strangers through the distrust which the Government seeds, dividing people based on disability, class, gender, and immigration status, and blaming those marginalised within these groups for the ills of the nation.

Council rejects this divisive language and affirms that migration has been overwhelmingly positive for Glasgow—enriching our diversity, supporting public services, increasing our working age population and strengthening our economy.

Council notes with alarm the impact of the proposals on the social care sector, where hundreds of vacancies currently exist both within and beyond the HSCP. Council agrees with Scottish Care’s assessment that the White Paper is “reckless and inhumane”, as well as Scottish Care CEO Donald MacAskill’s suggestion that the Prime Minister’s language has “echoes of Enoch Powell at his worst”. Council urges Glasgow’s Labour MPs, MSPs, and Councillors to call out and oppose their leader’s rhetoric regarding migrants, and distance themselves from a man comfortable with using the language of Enoch Powell as a suitable person to be Prime Minister and lead a Government to unite our country against the real causes of community breakdown, being gross wealth inequality and austerity. Council rejects the assertion that social care roles are “low-skilled” and affirms that these roles are essential to the functioning of society. If the UK Government wishes to address low pay in the sector, the appropriate route is through improving wages and conditions, not closing off vital migration pathways. Council notes that the Scottish Economic Bulletin reported in February 2025 that in January, 24.4% of Scottish businesses were experiencing worker shortages while 23.1% were experiencing recruitment difficulties.

Council further notes concerns raised by universities, businesses, and civic society regarding the impact of the White Paper on international students and skilled workers. Council also shares the deep concern of those whose settled lives in the UK have been thrown into uncertainty by sudden changes to migration and citizenship routes. Legal migrants to the UK have been hammered by cruel charges by successive governments, who exploit the fact that migrants have no choice but to pay extortionate and unjustifiable fees which seem to be raised on a whim. The cost of an application for Indefinite Leave to Remain has risen from £155 when first introduced in 2003 to a non-refundable £3,029 as of April 2025. The Immigration Health Surcharge was £200 when introduced in 2015, and as of 2024 costs £1,035 annually for adults and £776 for students and children. This charge was cynically introduced by the previous Conservative government to imply that migrants are a drain on the health system, despite the fact that the vast majority are themselves taxpayers, and it is years of underfunding and poor future planning that has crippled the health service. It is shameful that the new Labour government is

continuing the Conservative and Reform approach of deliberately misleading the public about the financial contributions that migrants bring to the British economy.

Council believes this White Paper represents an ill-considered and politically motivated reaction to the recent election results in England. Its impact will be far-reaching in Glasgow - disrupting key sectors, including the Council workforce - and will be unworkable without significant investment in domestic skills and training.

Council therefore reaffirms its support for a tailored Scottish Visa system to meet Scotland's specific demographic and economic needs. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government and to Glasgow's MPs to set out our opposition to the White Paper and to seek their support for a Scottish Visa, as well as for UK Government to significantly increase investment in further and higher education and training for social care, funding towards the services' charges for Local Authorities to assist increased pay for workers, and also request that they strengthen the Employment Rights Bill for the care sector in areas such as the right to breaks, paid leave, and on sick pay."

On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 27 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Butler and 47 for the motion as adjusted with 1 abstention.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.

Emergency Motion Response to escalating tensions between India and Pakistan – Motion as adjusted approved.

12 Bailie Hussain, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved that:-

"Council notes with deep concern the recent escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, which has resulted in violence, civilian casualties, and widespread fear within the region.

Council recognises the deep personal and emotional impact such international developments can have on Glasgow's Indian, Pakistani, and wider South Asian communities, many of whom have family and cultural ties to the region.

Council reaffirms Glasgow's proud tradition of international solidarity and peacebuilding, and condemns all forms of hatred, violence, and community division.

Council calls for:

- An immediate de-escalation of conflict and a return to peaceful dialogue in line with international law and UN resolutions.
- The UK Government and international partners to support diplomatic efforts and humanitarian assistance to those affected.
- Glasgow City Council to continue working with community organisations to promote cohesion and offer support to those distressed by the current situation.

Council expresses solidarity with all those affected by the conflict and commits to ensuring that Glasgow remains a place of safety, unity, and mutual respect for all communities.”

Councillor Massie, seconded by Councillor Molyneux, moved as an amendment:-

- (1) after the first paragraph insert the following additional paragraph:

“Council recognises that decades of conflict between India and Pakistan have been focused on Kashmir and its people. That the Kashmiri people have a right to self-determination that has been recognised by three successive United Nations resolutions and that neither India, Pakistan or China have the right to continue to extend sovereignty over the region without the consent of the Kashmiri people. Council recognises that the Kashmir Conflict which has killed tens of thousands is part of the broader India-Pakistan conflict forced on the region and supports calls for a plebiscite in Kashmir as an answer to its political status - not war.”; and

- (2) at the end of the second bullet point ending “...to those affected”, insert the following:

“and to support Kashmir’s right to self-determination in line with UN resolutions 47, 51 and 122.”

During the debate, Bailie Hussain and Councillor Massie, with the approval of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendment resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Reaffirming Palestinian Solidarity

Council notes with deep concern the recent escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, which has resulted in violence, civilian casualties, and widespread fear within the region.

Council recognises that decades of conflict between India and Pakistan have been focused on Kashmir and its people. That the Kashmiri people have a right to self-determination that has been recognised by three successive United Nations resolutions and that neither India, Pakistan or China have the right to continue to extend sovereignty over the region without the consent of the Kashmiri people. Council recognises that the Kashmir Conflict which has killed tens of thousands is part of the broader India-Pakistan conflict forced on the region and supports calls for a plebiscite in Kashmir as an answer to its political status - not war.

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Council calls for:

- An immediate de-escalation of conflict and a return to peaceful dialogue in line with international law and UN resolutions.
- The UK Government and international partners to support diplomatic efforts and humanitarian assistance to those affected and to support Kashmir's right to self-determination in line with UN resolutions 47, 51 and 122.
- Glasgow City Council to continue working with community organisations to promote cohesion and offer support to those distressed by the current situation.

Council expresses solidarity with all those affected by the conflict and commits to ensuring that Glasgow remains a place of safety, unity, and mutual respect for all communities."

The motion, as adjusted, was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

13 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1300 hours until 1400 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

14 The meeting resumed at 1400 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

JAMES ADAMS	STEPHEN DORNAN	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SAQIB AHMED	SEAN FERGUSON	ANNE McTAGGART
SUSAN AITKEN	ELAINE GALLAGHER	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
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THOMAS KERR
PAUL LEINSTER
PAUL MCCABE
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NORMAN MacLEOD

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Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Democratic Services; S Millar, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; R Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability P Togher, Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; and C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance.

River Clyde – Motion as adjusted approved.

15 Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved that:-

“Council notes the importance of the River Clyde's past and future to Glasgow and Scotland: and recognises the desire of Glaswegians to have our river placed back at the heart of our city's life and economy once again.

Council agrees that the river should play a central part of our 850th anniversary celebrations and welcomes Clyde Chorus, a three-day music featuring performances across multiple venues highlighting Glasgow's vibrant music scene and celebrating its status as a UNESCO City of Music.

Council further notes the Clyde has been a crucial waterway for trade and transportation from pre Roman through to medieval times, facilitating connections between Scotland and Europe and the wider world, being both connected to periods of inequity like slavery and empire, and innovation, welcoming migrants many of whom were Irish, and the means of exporting Scottish innovation and people across the globe.

Council acknowledges that communities close to the river are among the most disadvantaged in Scotland, with 18% of the population living within the 500 metre buffer in the top 5% SIMD areas, and that these communities also face issues with connectivity and proximity to Vacant and Derelict Land, but that after decades of neglect the Clyde has been recognised as an asset critical to the health and

wellbeing of riverside communities living well locally, the economic potential of the region, and vital to Scotland' sustainability and goals.

However, Council also recognises the strides that the riverside has made in recent years, with investments made in the Govan / Partick bridge that has reconnected two of our most ancient burghs; the Renfrew bridge that connects close to Yoker and the new Yoker Wharf development; plans for the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District that will see our future economy literally built on the site of our industrial past in Govan; the Barclays Tradeston Campus that brought hundreds of millions of pounds of investment and thousands of jobs into the city while also unlocking development in that part of the city; investments by BAE Systems in a ship build hall and Applied Shipbuilding Academy on either bank; and the upgrading the tidal weir at Glasgow Green spanning the Calton and Gorbals areas - vitality and investment returning to the river for its whole Glaswegian course.

Council commends the interest in the Clyde being raised through the work of writer & University of Glasgow Professor Louise Welsh and architect and director at Collective Architecture Jude Barber in their podcast "Who owns the Clyde". Council notes its examination of river ownership, exploring how privatisation of formerly public assets has created a disconnect with the interests of local people.

Council welcomes the inclusion of Clyde Mission in National Planning Framework 4 by the Scottish Government as advocated for by Climate Ready Clyde, the Council and others as a national, place based Mission a collective, cross-sector effort and partnership working to take forward assets and sites that are ready for repurposing, reinvigorating brownfield and supporting local living as well as adapting the area to the impacts of climate change, where nature-based solutions are particularly supported.

Council notes also that NPF4's overarching spatial principles include an emphasis on 'compact urban growth' and 'rebalanced development' that the River Clyde is able to provide in abundance: acknowledging that the surest way to regenerate and revitalise our river is to make it as liveable, as productive and as sustainable a place for as many people as possible.

Council further notes the publication of Scottish Government guidance on Masterplan Consent Areas (MCAs) from January this year, which provides a broader framework and expanded powers to work within NPF4: Council hope that these will allow GCC and our partners in the City Region and neighbouring municipalities to show place leadership, taking a proactive approach, streamlining consenting and facilitating investment in existing and new communities along the river.

Council further recognises that this strategic approach to the river is being taken by Clyde Mission, a £40 million regeneration programme by the Scottish Government, which recognises the river as a national, strategic asset, and administration of which is now led by Glasgow City Region. Council welcomes this handover to the eight local authorities of the responsibility to progress what it believes is the greatest untapped development opportunity in western Europe, provides many of the levers we need to address growth, productivity and the wellbeing of the 1.8

million citizens of the City Region like the city and region's Innovation Districts, to tackle the ingrained social and economic inequalities within many of Scotland's most deprived communities.

Council notes that Glasgow City Region is currently moving at pace in discussions with Scottish and UK Governments around devolution and city deals that will place Clyde Mission and our river back at the heart of spatial planning and development of our city. Council hopes that in progressing discussions, both Scottish and UK Governments' ambitions will match those of our City and our City Region partners.

Council therefore instructs the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Regenerations Services to report to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Committee on delivery of the River Strategic Development Framework in due course, including an update on use of Masterplan Consent Areas to facilitate rebalanced development and compact urban growth along our river."

Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Carson, moved as an amendment:-

- (1) after the fifth paragraph insert the following 2 paragraphs:

"Council also notes Peel Land & Property's recent planning consent to develop Yorkhill Quay and recognises this significant opportunity to revive the historic home berth for Anchor Line vessels, one of Glasgow's most iconic shipping companies. Council encourages officers to commission a feasibility study into a heritage tramway shuttle along Yorkhill Quay, using existing quayside tram track, to connect the Riverside Museum to the Clydeside Distillery, similar to the Glasgow Garden Festival 1988 tramway and Summerlee Museum's tramway, to enhance Glasgow's national historic transport offering and permanently revive heritage trams.

Council also notes the recent launch of the B-Neatpump system by Glasgow-based firms Malin Marine and Star Refrigeration to deploy river-source heat pumps on floating barges. Council asks officers to explore how they could enable rapid deployment and integration of this technology as part of the city's district heat networks strategy and support export-led manufacturing.";

- (2) at the seventh paragraph after "change, where nature-based solutions are particularly supported", insert the following 2 paragraphs:

"Council encourages officers to engage with Peel Ports Group and Scottish Enterprise to promote further development of the Clydeport cluster and upper Clyde as an operational harbour, including investigating a berth for smaller cruise ships at the SEC, operationalising Govan Graving Dock No.1 for ship repair, developing a marina at Pacific Quay, restoring the Millennium Bridge and Broomielaw pontoon, and improving dredging operations to ensure safe navigation to the tidal weir.

Council expresses concern at Peel Ports Group's proposal to impose an annual conservancy fee of £120 on leisure vessels between 6m and 24m,

covering waters from Glasgow Green to Arran. Council regards this as an unaccountable private levy lacking public benefit, notes the absence of a published investment plan for the upper Clyde, and calls on the Scottish Government to review the Harbours Act 1964 and Clyde Port Authority Order Confirmation Act 1969 to ensure public accountability for the development of Clyde infrastructure.”;

- (3) after the eleventh paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“Council notes the limited public access along the southern embankment from the Gorbals to Govan and instructs officers to report on the feasibility of establishing a riverside right of way at Springfield Quay, Mavisbank Quay and Plantation Quay. Council further regrets the abandonment of the Windmillcroft Quay improvement due to cost, and asks officers to engage with residents and explore alternative financing methods, including a potential land sale at Shearer Street for high-density development to support quay wall reconstruction.”; and

- (4) after the last paragraph insert the following:

“Council notes that LED lighting on George V Bridge, Glasgow Bridge, St Andrew’s Suspension Bridge and Victoria Bridge, installed in 2003, is no longer fully functioning. Council further notes issues with buddleia overgrowth and paint defects, particularly on the Albert Bridge. Council asks officers to prepare a maintenance and lighting upgrade programme to restore these landmark bridges and enhance the city’s riverfront appeal.

Council resolves to:

1. Engage with other cities across the UK to explore collaborative opportunities for the development of urban waterfronts, sharing best practices and innovative approaches for riverside regeneration.
2. Commit to ensuring the River Clyde remains a central focus in any future City Deal follow-up initiatives, recognising that key projects, such as the new bridges and Custom House Quay, are already part of the City Deal framework.
3. Explore the development of a comprehensive riverside path network, including the enhancement and connection of existing routes, and work towards creating a heritage trail from the People’s Palace to the Riverside Museum to improve public access, heritage education, and tourism potential.
4. Prioritise the creation of a proper River Activation Strategy that incorporates sustainable development, increased public engagement, and the promotion of vibrant cultural and recreational uses of the riverfront.

5. Organise a summit to bring together key stakeholders, including representatives from the UK Government, Scottish Government, Peel Ports, and community groups (such as those behind “Who Owns the Clyde?”), to discuss and agree upon a unified, long-term plan for the future development and stewardship of the River Clyde.”

Councillor Reid-McConnell, seconded by Councillor Massie, moved as an amendment that:-

- (1) after the first paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“Council recognises that while this motion pertains only to Glasgow City Council, that the River Clyde exists as an indivisible whole to which we are custodians of much of its lower stretches. That the Clyde is a key ecosystem that provides nutrient and sediment deposition which supports key industries on the Firth of Clyde including farms on its banks and coasts and a significant fishing industry. We reaffirm our recognition of the Clyde as a life-giving resource and a key environment that virtually all of the thousands of species in the region depend on and without which, our city would not exist.”;

- (2) after the third paragraph insert the following 2 paragraphs:

“Council notes and pays tribute to generations of Glaswegians who relied on the River Clyde as a source of food and water as well as for travel, industry and leisure. Council also recognises that our inherent right as Glaswegians to enjoy and utilise the River Clyde sustainably has been profoundly disrupted by years of private, fractured and inactive ownership. While historical and contemporary human pressures mean the river is too sensitive to use in some of the ways past generations have, Council recognises that the Clyde still has a vital role in Glaswegian society for the purposes of education, leisure, travel and as a natural landscape.

Council recalls the historic role of Bailie of the River and Firth of Clyde, who had responsibility for enforcing regulations, resolving disputes, and ensuring the smooth operation of the river and harbour. Council believes that a modern equivalent could be an important figurehead in steering the course of the modern Clyde, and agrees to create the role of a River Clyde Champion to prioritise and support the ongoing discussions and developments concerning the Clyde.”;

- (3) after the fifth paragraph insert the following paragraphs:

“Council notes that the Council have taken positive steps in activating the riverbanks, notably at Clyde Place Quay, Yorkhill Quay, Water Row, and with future works planned for Clyde Place and Carlton Place. Council reaffirms its support for the further development of the Clyde River Park. Council notes the ongoing consultation on the Visitor Levy proposal and notes calls for levy proceeds to be spent on riverside activation, investment in communities along the Clyde and delivery of the River Clyde Development Corridor Strategic Development Framework.

Council notes the long term inactive ownership over significant sections of the Clyde, including two sectors of the Clyde's north bank at Thornwood/ Whiteinch, including next to the Riverside Museum and calls on the owners to allow safe access to the sites and asks Council officers to explore means of making this compulsory.

Council acknowledges that Glasgow is one of the few European river cities which has not utilised leisure space on the riverside fully. Council commits to considering opportunities for promoting water sports along the river, take steps towards realising a river bus, and notes that funding is required to repair the East Boathouse and weir at Glasgow Green so that rowing clubs can use it once again. Council further agrees to carry out a review of existing water sporting activity, commits to creating an action plan to meet current demand and to create a unique water sport strand of the recently agreed Physical Activity and Sport Strategy. Council supports the creation of a lido on the river Clyde within the Glasgow City boundary and commits to considering locations and opportunities for taking this forward.”;

- (4) after the seventh paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“Council notes the substantial work that has already gone into revitalising the Clyde catchment and commends the efforts of various individuals and organisations who help reduce pollution, support the river ecosystem and advocate for accessibility to the river for all peoples, including work via the River Activation Programme and the creation of Glasgow's first ever Legal Graffiti Wall and commits to continuing these efforts to create/ support opportunities at our riverside. Council reaffirms its support for the Circular Economy Action Plan item to seek funding from the Marine fund to install a River Clyde fence boom and commits to exploring other funding resources should that be unsuccessful, given the importance of preventing waste entering the Firth of Clyde.”;

- (5) at the end of the last paragraph insert the following:

“Council requests that this report includes what steps can be put in place to ensure that new developments coming forward on and near to the river contains plans to improve pedestrian experience and amenities, and does not restrict existing access.”

During the debate Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Turner and Councillor Reid-McConnell, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Council notes the importance of the River Clyde's past and future to Glasgow and Scotland: and recognises the desire of Glaswegians to have our river placed back at the heart of our city's life and economy once again.

Council recognises that while this motion pertains only to Glasgow City Council, that the River Clyde exists as an indivisible whole to which we are custodians of

much of its lower stretches. That the Clyde is a key ecosystem that provides nutrient and sediment deposition which supports key industries on the Firth of Clyde including farms on its banks and coasts and a significant fishing industry. We reaffirm our recognition of the Clyde as a life-giving resource and a key environment that virtually all of the thousands of species in the region depend on and without which, our city would not exist.

Council agrees that the river should play a central part of our 850th anniversary celebrations and welcomes Clyde Chorus, a three-day music featuring performances across multiple venues highlighting Glasgow's vibrant music scene and celebrating its status as a UNESCO City of Music.

Council further notes the Clyde has been a crucial waterway for trade and transportation from pre Roman through to medieval times, facilitating connections between Scotland and Europe and the wider world, being both connected to periods of inequity like slavery and empire, and innovation, welcoming migrants many of whom were Irish, and the means of exporting Scottish innovation and people across the globe.

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Council recalls the historic role of Bailie of the River and Firth of Clyde, who had responsibility for enforcing regulations, resolving disputes, and ensuring the smooth operation of the river and harbour. Council believes that a modern equivalent could be an important figurehead in steering the course of the modern Clyde, and agrees create the role of a River Clyde Champion be added to the remit of the City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use.

Council acknowledges that communities close to the river are among the most disadvantaged in Scotland, with 18% of the population living within the 500 metre buffer in the top 5% SIMD areas, and that these communities also face issues with connectivity and proximity to Vacant and Derelict Land, but that after decades of neglect the Clyde has been recognised as an asset critical to the health and wellbeing of riverside communities living well locally, the economic potential of the region, and vital to Scotland's sustainability and goals.

However, Council also recognises the strides that the riverside has made in recent years, with investments made in the Govan / Partick bridge that has reconnected two of our most ancient burghs; the Renfrew bridge that connects close to Yoker and the new Yoker Wharf development; plans for the Glasgow Riverside Innovation District that will see our future economy literally built on the site of our industrial past in Govan; the Barclays Tradeston Campus that brought hundreds of millions of

pounds of investment and thousands of jobs into the city while also unlocking development in that part of the city; investments by BAE Systems in a ship build hall and Applied Shipbuilding Academy on either bank; and the upgrading the tidal weir at Glasgow Green spanning the Calton and Gorbals areas - vitality and investment returning to the river for its whole Glaswegian course.

Council notes that the Council have taken positive steps in activating the riverbanks, notably at Clyde Place Quay, Yorkhill Quay, Water Row, and with future works planned for Clyde Place and Carlton Place. Council reaffirms its support for the further development of the Clyde River Park. Council notes the ongoing consultation on the Visitor Levy proposal and notes calls for levy proceeds to be spent on riverside activation, investment in communities along the Clyde and delivery of the River Clyde Development Corridor Strategic Development Framework.

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Council commends the interest in the Clyde being raised through the work of writer & University of Glasgow Professor Louise Welsh and architect and director at Collective Architecture Jude Barber in their podcast "Who owns the Clyde". Council notes its examination of river ownership, exploring how privatisation of formerly public assets has created a disconnect with the interests of local people.

Council welcomes the inclusion of Clyde Mission in National Planning Framework 4 by the Scottish Government as advocated for by Climate Ready Clyde, the Council and others as a national, place based Mission a collective, cross-sector effort and partnership working to take forward assets and sites that are ready for repurposing, reinvigorating brownfield and supporting local living as well as adapting the area to the impacts of climate change, where nature-based solutions are particularly supported.

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Council therefore instructs the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Regenerations Services to report to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration Committee on delivery of the River Strategic Development Framework in due course, including an update on use of Masterplan Consent Areas to facilitate rebalanced development and compact urban growth along our river. Council requests that this report includes what steps can be put in place to ensure that new development coming forward on and near to the river contains plans to improve pedestrian experience and amenities, and does not restrict existing access."

The motion, as adjusted, was unanimously approved.

Reaffirming Palestinian Solidarity – Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

16 Councillor Molyneux, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that:-

"Council recalls its motion of 28th March 2024 which expressed solidarity with the people of Palestine, reaffirmed its calls for peace in the region, and mandated the Council to take steps to ensure it complies with the interim judgment of the International Court for Justice.

Council expresses deep disappointment at the failure to, so far, secure a lasting ceasefire and condemns the Israeli government's ongoing blockade of Gaza and its resumption of air strikes which have continued the killing of innocent Palestinians. Council also condemns the 'Trump Plan' for Gaza and Israel's plans to seize territory in Gaza, which, if enacted, would amount to an egregious breach of international law.

Council commends those who have continued to campaign for peace and justice.

Council supports the call of the Muslim Council of Britain, supported by the Labour Muslim Network, for the Prime Minister to recognise Palestinian statehood and demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Council supports the Glaswegian LGBTQI+ collective, No Pride in Genocide, who stand for the complete liberation of Palestine, and who have campaigned against mainstream pinkwashing. Council calls on Glasgow's Pride to establish ethical partnerships and sponsors which adhere to the Palestinian led Boycott, Divestment Sanctions (BDS) guidelines and the Fossil Free Pride pledge, committing to social and environmental justice.

Council notes the trials of several people in Glasgow relating to their involvement in pro-Palestinian protest. Council reaffirms the rights of citizens to lawful protest as a vital part of our democracy and calls on the UK Government to repeal the Conservative's draconian anti-protest legislation. Council also asks the Safe Glasgow Partnership to urgently undertake a review of the policing of protest in Glasgow, as previously agreed in the Council's Strategic Plan, and for this to include taking evidence from those involved in protests.

Council expresses its concern about the reaction to Irish musical act Kneecap's performance at California's Coachella Music Festival and the resulting smear campaign, which has included calls by politicians for Kneecap to be removed from this year's TRNSMT festival on Glasgow Green. Council considers this reaction is a direct result of Kneecap's outspoken support for Palestine and should not be indulged. Council acknowledges that some Glaswegians will choose not to support an act with views that Kneecap hold, just as others will not support acts which support violence within their music or who have convictions for violence, specifically domestic violence. Council notes that such acts are scheduled to play in Glasgow this summer and have received no similar condemnation."

Councillor Aitken, seconded by Councillor Alex Kerr moved as an amendment:-

- (1) at the fifth paragraph before "establish ethical partnerships..."; insert the following:

“Council acknowledges the challenging sponsorship environment facing event organisers but requests that Glasgow's Pride seek to..”;

- (2) at the last paragraph, delete “Council considers this reaction is a direct result of Kneecap's outspoken support for Palestine and should not be indulged.” and replace with the following:

“Council considers that while some have expressed serious concerns about on-stage remarks by Kneecap that have been interpreted as endorsing violence against elected Members of Parliament – for which the artists have since apologised – others have been more concerned about Kneecap’s outspoken support for Palestine. Council understands that there is a long history in music and other art forms of deliberately provocative statements and actions that in order to convey ideas and agrees that upholding the principles of freedom of artistic expression involves accepting that offence and disagreement will sometimes take place.”

Bailie Hussain, seconded by Councillor Ahmed, moved as an amendment:-

- (1) to delete the second paragraph and insert the following:

“Council remains deeply concerned at the continuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the loss of innocent life, and the ongoing suffering of civilians, and the continued holding of hostages. Council reiterates its support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the release of hostages and for unrestricted humanitarian access to those in need. Council condemns the continued failure of the Netanyahu government to work with the Palestinian Authority in this regard.

Council condemns all violations of international law, including the collective punishment of civilians, the targeting of civilian infrastructure, the taking of hostages and any proposals that seek to annex or unlawfully occupy territory in contravention of the Geneva Conventions. Council recognises that no state has the right to veto the existence of another, and reaffirms its support for a two-state solution that guarantees the rights, dignity and security of both Palestinians and Israelis.”

- (2) delete the fourth paragraph and replace with the following:

“Council recognises the call by the Labour Muslim Network for the UK Government to recognising Palestinian statehood and demand immediate ceasefire in Gaza.”;

- (3) at the fifth paragraph delete all after “pinkwashing”;

- (4) delete last paragraph and insert the following:

“Council affirms that cultural and artistic expression should be protected but must not promote violence. Council notes the recent controversy involving performers scheduled to appear at events in Glasgow and believes that any

allegations of incitement or associations with extremist views must be taken seriously and handled in accordance with legal, licensing, and safety frameworks. Programming decisions should be based on artistic merit and public responsibility, without political interference, while ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all communities.

(5) insert the following last paragraph:

“Council resolves to:

Encourage the Leader of the Council to write to the Foreign Secretary urging continued efforts to achieve a just peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza”.

During the debate Councillor Molyneux and Councillor Aitken, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:

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Council expresses deep disappointment at the failure to, so far, secure a lasting ceasefire and condemns the Israeli government's ongoing blockade of Gaza and its resumption of air strikes which have continued the killing of innocent Palestinians. Council also condemns the 'Trump Plan' for Gaza and Israel's plans to seize territory in Gaza, which, if enacted, would amount to an egregious breach of international law.

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On a vote being taken electronically and by roll call, 26 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Butler and 47 for the motion as adjusted, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Adjournment.

17 In terms of Standing Order No 17, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1545 hours until 1555 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

18 The meeting resumed at 1555 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Chair, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren

JAMES ADAMS	STEPHEN DORNAN	NORMAN MacLEOD
SAQIB AHMED	SEAN FERGUSON	ELAINE McSPORRAN
SUSAN AITKEN	ELAINE GALLAGHER	ANNE McTAGGART
IMRAN ALAM	MARIE GARRITY	LEÒDHAS MASSIE
BLAIR ANDERSON	ZEN GHANI	CHRISTY MEARNIS
KEN ANDREW	ALLAN GOW	ANGUS MILLAR
ALEXANDER BELIC	WILLIAM GRAHAM	MALCOLM MITCHELL
RICHARD BELL	SHARON GREER	JON MOLYNEUX
DECLAN BLENCH	GREG HEPBURN	ROBERT MOONEY
EVA BOLANDER	FIONA HIGGINS	MARGARET MORGAN
ABDUL BOSTANI	SEONAD HOY	EVA MURRAY
PHILIP BRAAT	MHAIRI HUNTER	CECILIA O'LONE
JILL BROWN	RASHID HUSSAIN	JILL PIDGEON
HOLLY BRUCE	DAN HUTCHISON	LINDA PIKE

BILL BUTLER
GRAHAM CAMPBELL
CHRISTINA CANNON
PAUL CAREY
ANTHONY CARROLL
JOHN CARSON
ALLAN CASEY
ANNETTE CHRISTIE
CHRIS CUNNINGHAM
STEPHEN CURRAN
FEARGAL DALTON
AUDREY DEMPSEY
STEPHEN DOCHERTY
LAURA DOHERTY

FYEZA IKHLAQ
EUNIS JASSEMI
ANN JENKINS
LILITH JOHNSTONE
JIM KAVANAGH
RUAIRI KELLY
ALEX KERR
MATT KERR
THOMAS KERR
KEVIN LALLEY
PAUL LEINSTER
PAUL MCCABE
ELAINE McDOUGALL
DONNA MCGILL

HANIF RAJA
DAVENA RANKIN
THOMAS RANNACHAN
GEORGE REDMOND
LANA REID-MCCONNELL
ROZA SALIH
FRANNY SCALLY
SORYIA SIDDIQUE
KIERAN TURNER
CATHERINE VALLIS
MARTHA WARDROP
ALEX WILSON

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Apologies: John Daly and Frank McAveety.

Attending: M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; R Emmot, Executive Director of Financial Services and C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance).

Living With Rain – Motion as adjusted approved.

19 Bailie McCabe, seconded by Councillor Kelly, moved that:-

"Council notes the publication of the landmark 'Living with Rain - Planning for Everyday Life in Glasgow' report by Dr Andrew Hoolachan and Dr Victoria Lawson of the University of Glasgow, and funded by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI); further notes the astonishing finding that despite being technically within the zone of what meteorologist would classify as a temperate rainforest, rain and wetness has never featured prominently in planning and other spatial and cultural strategies for our City.

Council is pleased to note the report's acknowledgement of the way that direct impacts of rain and flooding are taken seriously in the Council's work; likewise the positive impact the widespread adoption of 'Blue-Green' infrastructure like Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDs) in planning policy across the city; the pursuance of high-quality urban realm transformation projects like that of the Argyll St West Avenue at Heilanman's Umbrella that provides high-quality and free dry public space; and the acknowledgement of Glasgow's precipitative climate in the Golden Z spatial strategy.

Council commends the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Glasgow City Region Deal funded flood risk management and greenspace improvement project in Cardonald flats, as part of the work of the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, which won the Building with Nature National Award at the Landscape Institute Awards in 2021. Council further commends the significant community co-design and creation at Queensland Court and Gardens transforming underused greenspace and creating a community park and a dedicated toddler and children's play spaces, food growing spaces and a community orchard, and another informal woodland featuring local flora and fauna ensuring the enjoyment for residents.

Council recognises that our Open Space Strategy already sets out as an outcome the need for a Resilient Glasgow as more of the City will be exposed to flood risk associated with an increased intensity of rainfall and with sea level rise, and people, nature and infrastructure can all be vulnerable to a changing climate, and how the European Commission Horizon 2020 Connecting Nature project ensured Glasgow was at the forefront of Nature Based Solutions.

However, Council agrees that it is not enough to simply mitigate the effects of our climate: and notes the conclusion of the report that 'there is a general absence of an explicit understanding of Glasgow as a distinctively wet city, that could benefit from a holistic set of plans, programmes and developments to improve and enhance the urban experience in the city'. In a setting that receives 1370mm of rainfall each year and was accepted to be a wet place even before climate related changes, Glasgow must learn to better 'live with rain'.

Council notes with approval the examples of cities around the world that have adopted 'living with rain' principles: from the example of Bergen, Europe's wettest city with 2495mm p/a rainfall: something that it has embraced in many of its own socio-cultural practices, emphasising the necessity of being able to live an outdoor lifestyle in all weathers; Vancouver, where specific design guidance has been developed, along with public and active travel infrastructure; or Singapore, where rain has been used to inform world-leading and distinctive urban design.

Council also instructs officers to further engage with other cities either bilaterally and through our participation in networks like UN Generation Restoration Cities, Cities with Nature to engage in further knowledge exchanges to living with rain and delivering large scale nature-based solutions and explore further funded partnership opportunities.

Council agrees that there must be a deeper and more comprehensive acknowledgement of itself as a rainy city in the new City Development Plan and attempt to bring spatial coherence to these disconnected programmes in relation to the experience of rain - and ensure Living with Rain is reflected in future supporting guidance.

Council resolves to adopt a living with rain approach to planning, to ensure that we create a resilient urban environment that does not repeat the mistakes of the past and acknowledges Glasgow's distinct climate with the context of these islands; this includes investigating weather protection, shelter and other rain-friendly design

features where appropriate in future public realm improvements, including the use of permeable materials where appropriate, working with urban rainfall is not limited to traditional policies on managing water but cuts across policy domains like public transport and active travel, and ensure living with rain is considered in the future Climate Plan update, new City Development Plan and other plans."

Bailie Wardrop, seconded by Councillor Reid-McConnell, moved as an amendment that:-

- (1) after the first paragraph insert the following paragraph:

"Glasgow is experiencing extreme rainfall and storms. Storm Éowyn in January 2025 was classified as an "extremely powerful and record-breaking extratropical cyclone" and was the biggest storm seen in Scotland in over twenty years. This storm caused significant disruption across Glasgow, including a red weather warning being issued. The World Weather Attribution group has concluded that human-induced climate change has made heavy storm downpours and total rainfall more frequent and intense.";

- (2) after the fifth paragraph insert the following paragraph:

"Council acknowledges that whilst Glasgow is heading in a positive policy direction, there has not been adequate level of implementation of SUDs and that greater investment is required. Whilst there have been significant projects completed with the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, SUDs and other flood mitigation infrastructure must become integral to the Council's infrastructure budgets and what they mandate of other developers in the city. Council requests a report to the relevant committee within three cycles to outline a business case for implementing further Blue-Green infrastructure. Further, Council calls on greater funding from Scottish Government and Scottish Water to support the implementation of more Blue-Green infrastructure which will lead to reduced pressure on our drainage system, helping to prevent flooding and damage to public realm, active travel routes, homes, workplaces and more.";

- (3) after the sixth paragraph insert the following paragraph:

"Council recognises that housing retrofits can significantly impact a home's ability to withstand increased rainfall and potential flooding. By improving insulation, ventilation, and drainage systems, retrofits can make homes more resilient to moisture and prevent issues like damp, condensation, and mould. Conversely, paving over gardens and green spaces with non-porous materials results in excessive uncontrollable water runoff and should be discouraged where possible. Council instructs that detail on existing policy and work in relation to housing retrofit for flood risk management be brought to the relevant committee with examples on improvements to drainage and water management such as gutters and downpipes, as well as windows to protect the city's homes from the impact of heavy rainfall.";

- (4) at the end of the seventh paragraph insert the following paragraph:

“Glasgow is within a temperate rainforest climate zone, and therefore, Council agrees to engage with the work of the Alliance for Scotland’s Rainforest to share learning and best practice in rainforest habitat work, as well as support communities to become more resilient.”

Councillor Vallis, seconded by Councillor Mooney, moved as an amendment that:-

- (1) after the sixth paragraph insert the following:

“Council also recognises that climate impacts, including heavy rainfall and poor drainage, disproportionately affect residents in lower-income communities. Council therefore commits to prioritising investment in low-income areas more vulnerable to flooding and infrastructure deficits.” ;

- (2) after the last paragraph insert the following:

“Council further agrees that this must be accompanied by robust delivery and maintenance plans, learning lessons from delay and criticisms of recent active travel and public realm projects. Council therefore instructs the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Services to bring forward a design code framework to ensure that maintenance is fully costed in all future rain-friendly infrastructure projects.

Council further instructs that an EQIA be carried out for all new rain-adaptive infrastructure to ensure appropriate accessibility for marginalised groups.”

During the debate Bailie McCabe, Councillor Vallis and Bailie Wardrop, with the agreement of their seconders, agreed to combine their motion and amendments resulting in the following adjusted motion:

“Council notes the publication of the landmark ‘Living with Rain – Planning for Everyday Life in Glasgow’ report by Dr Andrew Hoolachan and Dr Victoria Lawson of the University of Glasgow, and funded by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI); further notes the astonishing finding that despite being technically within the zone of what meteorologist would classify as a temperate rainforest, rain and wetness has never featured prominently in planning and other spatial and cultural strategies for our City.

Glasgow is experiencing extreme rainfall and storms. Storm Éowyn in January 2025 was classified as an "extremely powerful and record-breaking extratropical cyclone" and was the biggest storm seen in Scotland in over twenty years. This storm caused significant disruption across Glasgow, including a red weather warning being issued. The World Weather Attribution group has concluded that human-induced climate change has made heavy storm downpours and total rainfall more frequent and intense. Council recognises these impacts, including heavy rainfall and poor drainage, disproportionately affects residents in lower-income communities. Council, therefore, commits to prioritising investment in low-income areas more vulnerable to flooding and infrastructure deficits.

Council is pleased to note the report's acknowledgement of the way that direct impacts of rain and flooding are taken seriously in the Council's work; likewise the positive impact the widespread adoption of 'Blue-Green' infrastructure like Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDs) in planning policy across the city; the pursuance of high-quality urban realm transformation projects like that of the Argyll St West Avenue at Heilanman's Umbrella that provides high-quality and free dry public space; and the acknowledgement of Glasgow's precipitative climate in the Golden Z spatial strategy.

Council commends the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Glasgow City Region Deal funded flood risk management and greenspace improvement project in Cardonald flats, as part of the work of the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, which won the Building with Nature National Award at the Landscape Institute Awards in 2021. Council further commends the significant community co-design and creation at Queensland Court and Gardens transforming underused greenspace and creating a community park and a dedicated toddler and children's play spaces, food growing spaces and a community orchard, and another informal woodland featuring local flora and fauna ensuring the enjoyment for residents.

Council recognises that our Open Space Strategy already sets out as an outcome the need for a Resilient Glasgow as more of the City will be exposed to flood risk associated with an increased intensity of rainfall and with sea level rise, and people, nature and infrastructure can all be vulnerable to a changing climate, and how the European Commission Horizon 2020 Connecting Nature project ensured Glasgow was at the forefront of Nature Based Solutions.

However, Council agrees that it is not enough to simply mitigate the effects of our climate: and notes the conclusion of the report that 'there is a general absence of an explicit understanding of Glasgow as a distinctively wet city, that could benefit from a holistic set of plans, programmes and developments to improve and enhance the urban experience in the city'. In a setting that receives 1370mm of rainfall each year and was accepted to be a wet place even before climate related changes, Glasgow must learn to better 'live with rain'.

Council notes with approval the examples of cities around the world that have adopted 'living with rain' principles: from the example of Bergen, Europe's wettest city with 2495mm p/a rainfall: something that it has embraced in many of its own socio-cultural practices, emphasising the necessity of being able to live an outdoor lifestyle in all weathers; Vancouver, where specific design guidance has been developed, along with public and active travel infrastructure; or Singapore, where rain has been used to inform world-leading and distinctive urban design.

Council also instructs officers to further engage with other cities either bilaterally and through our participation in networks like UN Generation Restoration Cities, Cities with Nature to engage in further knowledge exchanges to living with rain and delivering large scale nature-based solutions and explore further funded partnership opportunities. Glasgow is within a temperate rainforest climate zone, and therefore, Council agrees to engage with the work of the Alliance for Scotland's

Rainforest to share learning and best practice in rainforest habitat work, as well as support communities to become more resilient.

Council agrees that there must be a deeper and more comprehensive acknowledgement of itself as a rainy city in the new City Development Plan and attempt to bring spatial coherence to these disconnected programmes in relation to the experience of rain – and ensure Living with Rain is reflected in future supporting guidance.

Council resolves to adopt a living with rain approach to planning, to ensure that we create a resilient urban environment that does not repeat the mistakes of the past and acknowledges Glasgow's distinct climate with the context of these islands; this includes investigating weather protection, shelter and other rain-friendly design features where appropriate in future public realm improvements, including the use of permeable materials where appropriate, working with urban rainfall is not limited to traditional policies on managing water but cuts across policy domains like public transport and active travel, and ensure living with rain is considered in the future Climate Plan update, new City Development Plan and other plans.

Council further instructs that an EQIA be carried out for all new rain-adaptive infrastructure to ensure appropriate accessibility for marginalised groups.

The motion, as adjusted, was unanimously approved.

Adjournment.

20 In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 9(f) and 9(g).