



Welcome to the 10 June 2022 edition of the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability E-News.

This fortnightly email will provide you with a range of updates all in one place! With a range of actions, responses required as well as workplace, service and corporate updates.

## For Action

### Important Messages that require Action



#### Generic Mailboxes



Generic Mailboxes will soon be changing – Do you look after a generic mailbox as part of your role? If the mailbox still has legacy prefix attached to it such as [LESCoMmunications@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:LESCoMmunications@glasgow.gov.uk), [DRSCoMmunication@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:DRSCoMmunication@glasgow.gov.uk), over the next few months, these will be updated to reflect the service name.

This project was paused during COVID-19, however, will be completed in the coming months. If you have any questions regarding a generic mailbox, please get in touch using the button below.

[Click Here to contact the Promotions and Engagement Team](#)

#### Staff Briefings



There were no Managers' Briefs issued in the last fortnight. A full list of past briefings is available on the intranet using the button below.

[Click to view the briefings on the intranet](#)

# For Information

## Service News and Corporate Updates that might affect you



### Glasgow Walking and Cycling Index

Did you know that the people of Glasgow walk or wheel the equivalent of circling the globe 33 times every day, and cycle the equivalent of 11 times around the world every day?

These findings were revealed within a new report, the Glasgow Walking and Cycling Index 2021, produced by Sustrans in partnership with the Council. The Walking and Cycling Index (WACI) is a new reporting framework from Sustrans comprehensively assessing walking, wheeling, and cycling in 17 urban areas across the UK, including Glasgow. The study also found that people walk or wheel more frequently than any other form of urban transport in Glasgow, with 53% doing so at least five or more days each week. At the recent launch event for the report, local active travel organisations gave cycling demonstrations within the former road space at the east side of George Square, which the public were able to join in.

Dr Bike provided free bike servicing and local charity Bike for Good were there to demonstrate their fleet of e-cargo bikes and provide information on their bike loan scheme. Cycling Without Age Scotland, an innovative organisation aiming to give elderly and disabled people access to the outdoors, showcased their trishaw cycles at the event. The Glenburn Centre also demonstrated the work they do in Easterhouse and the wider community by bringing along a number of their new adaptive cycles. These cycles can open up the world of cycle journeys to people of different abilities, enabling greater accessibility to active travel in the area.

The Glasgow WACI report reveals that residents would like the government to provide more funding for walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport. It further details the progress so far made in delivering

active travel infrastructure, acknowledges the challenges that remain in making active travel the first choice of transport for city residents, and highlights how GCC is already responding, particularly through its Liveable Neighbourhoods programme and Active Travel Strategy 2022-2031, which includes plans for the City Network, a 270km network of protected cycle lanes across the City.

[Click here to read the Glasgow Walking and Cycling Index 2021 report](#)

[Click here for any enquiries about the programme or strategy](#)



### **Glasgow's Low Emission Zone – One Year to Go!**

Plans to effectively exclude the most polluting vehicles from driving into our city centre have been given the green light after Glasgow's Low Emission Zone (LEZ) was approved by Scottish Ministers.

Now in place but with a one-year 'grace period', Glasgow's LEZ will be enforced from 1 June 2023.

It will affect all vehicles entering the zone area, with a penalty charge payable if the emission standards are not met. Those with vehicles registered to a residential address within the zone have until 1 June 2024 to prepare.

Glasgow's LEZ is an essential measure to protect public health by tackling stubbornly high levels of harmful air pollution in our city centre. Its design also supports wider climate change ambitions by encouraging a move away from private car use towards more sustainable forms of transport.

It will operate 24 hours a day - all year round and cover an area of the city centre bounded by the M8 motorway to the north and west, the River Clyde to the south and Saltmarket/High St to the east.

Road signage will be installed in the coming months to ensure that drivers are aware of the LEZ boundary and the alternative routes available to avoid the zone area

if required.

For full details of how the LEZ will operate including the emission standards, exemptions and what funding support is available, you can use the button below.

[Click here to visit the council's LEZ webpages](#)

**WOMEN4CLIMATE**  
WOMEN4CLIMATE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

### **Mentoring Makes Glasgow: Hope Brings Energy. Glasgow's Women4Climate Programme**

We are delighted that as part of our legacy work post COP26 that we will be taking forward Glasgow's first Women4Climate Programme as part of an established C40 mentoring programme.

C40 is a network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities who are working to deliver the action needed to confront the climate crisis and create a future where everyone, everywhere can thrive. C40's work is made possible by three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

By emphasizing the inextricable link between climate change and the achievement of gender justice and equality, the Women4Climate initiative aims to help cities deliver ambitious and inclusive climate action. Women4Climate is a joint initiative of C40 Cities and the L'Oréal Foundation where women from cities can develop and implement actions inspired by the "think local, act global" philosophy. The newly established Glasgow Programme will begin post Summer 2022 for a 10 month period.

We are looking for volunteer, women mentors who can commit to the programme as detailed in the mentor guide, to work with future climate leaders in Glasgow, aged 18+.

Knowledge of sustainability/Climate and related areas of expertise would be required.

Mentees will be matched with mentors in the coming months and as we prepare for the launch we will bring together our mentors and mentees to take forward this exciting initiative.

Please visit our website to find out more about how to be a mentor and view a range of information about the commitment involved.

[Click here to find out more and to complete the application form online](#)

Your application must be received by no later than 1 July 2022.

All mentors and mentees will be brought together in an introductory session at the launch of the programme in September. We look forward to hearing from you!

[Click here to register your interest in being a mentor](#)

### **Single Use Plastics Ban**

Scotland has become the first part of the UK to implement a ban on many of the most problematic single-use plastics, as legislation came into force last week. The ban means it will be an offence for businesses in Scotland to provide the items – which include plastic cutlery, plates and stirrers. Around 700 million of these single-use items are currently used in Scotland every year.



The regulations came into force following a six month grace period, during which Zero Waste Scotland ran a business campaign to raise awareness on how to prepare. The legislation, which was passed by the Scottish Parliament during COP26 last year, includes exemptions for single-use plastic straws, to make sure that those who need them for independent living or medical purposes can still access them.

The ban applies to single-use items including plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks), plates, straws, beverage stirrers and balloon sticks; food containers made of expanded polystyrene; and cups and other beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene, including their covers and lids. Enforcement will be the responsibility of local authorities. Failure to comply with the regulations carries a maximum fine of £5,000.



## **Communities Central to Decisions on £23m infrastructure Investment**

Options for a £23m package of investment in roads, lighting, footways, traffic signals and other vital infrastructure are being put before communities across Glasgow.

The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund will see £1m allocated for improvements in each of the city's 23 council wards with community representatives having a direct say on how the money will be spent.

Detailed proposals that provide costings and specifications for potential work are being presented to Area Partnership committee for all wards and members of the committee will then help to determine the priorities for their area. Area Partnerships bring together elected members at local and national level, community councils and other community representatives.

Investment available through the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund will be in addition to finance routinely available for addressing the most pressing infrastructure issues across the city. In total over £65m of investment in public roads, lighting and other infrastructure is planned for the city over the next three years.

Hillhead, Baillieston and Southside Central are among the first Area Partnerships to consider their options, but proposals for all 23 wards will be presented before the council breaks for the summer recess at the end of June. Other options to be presented include measures to prevent fly-tipping such as installing large concrete blocks and CCTV, street furniture improvements and drainage repairs.

It is expected that work identified through the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund will be delivered over the next two years.

### **Comms Champions Call to Action**

This is your chance to become involved as we review our strategy and discuss what works and what doesn't in how we as a service share messages out across the



different areas in NRS. The Promotions and Engagement team are looking for volunteers from within each division. This forum will meet quarterly over MS Teams to review the NRS Internal Communications Strategy. A copy of the strategy can be found by clicking the following link.

[Click here to view the Strategy document](#)

Please register your interest by clicking the button below by Wednesday 22 June 2022. If you have previously registered your interest you will be contacted after this date.

[Click here to register your interest](#)



### **New PECOS Account Details**

On 16 May, NRS updated our PECOS System which has led to changes to cost codes and login details. All staff should now have updated “NR” login details issued. Any staff experiencing issues should contact Bridie Martin or Gillian Tough for support.

[Click here to get in touch](#)

## **General Interest**

### **What other teams do and events and activities that you can join**



### **HM The Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours List 2022**

Denise Hamilton is set to receive the MBE medal for her services to local government and her role in the successful delivery of COP 26. This was one of the largest events ever staged in the UK and was delivered under very difficult circumstances.

She began her council career almost 28 years ago as a trainee Environmental Health Officer and is now

Glasgow's Head of City Services and Major Events – a role that sees Denise, along with the wider events and neighbourhood liaison teams, act as a liaison between event organisers, GCC Services, local communities and businesses; ensuring events contribute to the city's vibrant culture, but still take account of GCC services requirements and the needs of local communities.

“I am delighted and surprised to receive an MBE for COP 26. I was lucky to be given the opportunity to lead the COP 26 team and would like to extend my thanks to them and to all the NRS and GCC teams and partners who supported delivery of the event. I would also like to dedicate it to my late friend Kirsty Walker with whom I started my Glasgow environmental health journey and would no doubt be ensuring I was relentlessly mocked 😊.”



### **The Loop Newsletter**

Previous issues of the Loop are available through the link below. Find out what has been happening within NRS.

[Click Here to View the Loop](#)

### **Fundraising**



Joseph Rodgers, Multimedia and Communications officer, with his friend Stephen McLaughlin, Police Inspector who is retiring, are walking the West Highland Way from 20-25 June to raise funds for Care of Police Survivors. COPS is a UK charity dedicated to helping the families of police officers and police staff who have lost their lives on duty to rebuild their lives. They aim to ensure that surviving family members have the help they need to cope with such tragedy and they remain part of the police family.

If you are able to donate no matter how small an amount please do so using the link below. Thank you.

[Click here to Donate](#)



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