



Welcome to the 24 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



Covid Absence Management



As outlined in our previous Managers' Briefing, the national agreement for a 10 day period of Special Leave to be given to staff suffering from COVID-19 will come to an end on 1 July 2022.

In agreement with COSLA and the Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers (SNCT) from this date, if you are diagnosed with COVID-19, it will be recorded and managed in line with our existing Maximising Attendance Policy and sickness pay arrangements. It will be recorded as COVID-19 in SAP or through your normal absence reporting returns.

[Click here to read more](#)



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training and Support

It's important when we're dealing with members of the public and colleagues that we meet the ethos of our equality outcomes and that we recognise and value each other's differences, and treat each other with respect.

To support our staff to achieve this, we have developed

a suite of equality, diversity, and inclusion training and support which includes face to face sessions, online learning and information and other resources.

[Click here to view the Managers' Brief](#)

NRS Staff Text Messaging Service

NRS has a staff text messaging service which we can use to push out key service information to a staff member's personal mobile phone via a text message. This service will specifically allow non pc facing staff to receive information regarding Health and Safety / COVID-19 updates, job vacancies and key work related information. Although aimed at non pc facing staff, we would encourage all staff within Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to sign up, allowing urgent information to be issued, for example, a winter weather warning or temporary workplace closure.



[You can sign up now by clicking on the button below](#)



Think Before You Print

Before the pandemic, the council family used around 90 million sheets of paper a year to help it run all its different services. That's a lot of paper!

Glasgow has been set a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. To help with this, we have moved our supply of paper to recycled sources, saving us £60,000 per year, halving our carbon footprint for paper and saving the equivalent annual energy consumption of over 160 homes. We have also launched a council wide project to review all our printing and mail processes to reduce our energy consumption, carbon footprint and saving us significant time and money in the process.

To do this, we've launched a council wide project to review all our printing and mail processes to try and reduce our energy consumption and save us money at the same time. Led by Financial Services, the project

aims to explore how we can deliver our print and mail services differently to make significant reductions where we can.

The project will also look at how we make best use of our printing contracts to get the most efficient postal costs and investigate how we can move more hardcopy mail to digital channels. Moira Carrigan, Project Sponsor said "As a council we are committed to a Digital Glasgow, changing hardcopy mail to digital formats reduces our carbon footprint, as well as providing better customer journeys, improving information security, supporting a more flexible workforce, and saving us money. All of these things are vitally important as we move forward beyond the pandemic."

[Click here for more information](#)

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, 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

The undernoted Managers' Briefs have been issued in June for managers to cascade the information contained to staff within their area of responsibility.



- Equality, diversity and inclusion training and support
- Covid Absence Management
- Procurement Update

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

For Information

Service News and Corporate Updates that might affect you



Seven Lochs Wetland Park

Director of City Operations, Andy Waddell heard from NRS officers and partner organisations at a recent visit to sites across the Seven Lochs Wetland Park being delivered as part of a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Glasgow City Council and other funders. This included hearing from Provanhall Community Management Trust in relation to current works to restore Provanhall House, from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club about their plans for Lethamhill Golf Course to make golf more accessible, appealing and inclusive to all members of society, from officers at North Lanarkshire Council about the Crannog Play Area at Drumpellier Country Park and about Food Growing proposals being brought forward near Ruchazie Pantry.

Andy said: "It was fantastic to see the scale of investment being rolled out across the Seven Lochs Wetland Park and how this work is contributing to the Council's response to the climate and ecological emergency. In addition, it was great to witness first hand the energy and commitment of our partner organisations and the professionalism and passion of our officers. I look forward to coming back and exploring the Seven Lochs Trail by bike."



Clean Air Day 16 June 2022

Clean Air Day took place on Thursday 16 June 2022.

Science minded youngsters at a north Glasgow school have been working on a project to find out more about the air around them and ways it can be improved.

The pupils of Abercorn Secondary School - which caters for young people with additional support needs, have embraced the unique online learning programme 'Our Amazing Air' which is part of Glasgow Science Centre's Learning Lab programme.

Delivered by teachers in the classroom with support from the Learning Lab team and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the 8 week programme included a visit to Glasgow Science Centre, lesson plans, video content and sessions with STEM professionals to support young people investigate the importance of air and the negative impacts of air pollution.

Building on a strong track record of learning about environmental issues, the pupils undertook team activities to investigate air pollution across Europe and closer to home - conducting their own experiments to measure levels of harmful pollutants in the air around their school which is situated near a busy road and the M8 motorway.

This practical learning was reinforced through expressive art, with the two winners of a competition run by SEPA to highlight the ways air quality can be improved (Cordell and Andrew shown below), seeing their artwork turned into large, vibrant banners which will be displayed outside of the school.

Now in its sixth year, Clean Air Day, is the UK's largest air pollution campaign. It seeks to drive a positive shift in public knowledge and action as well as encouraging people to find out more about air pollution and make the air cleaner and healthier for everyone.

In Scotland, the campaign is coordinated by Environmental Protection Scotland (EPS), on behalf of the Scottish Government, working with UK organisers Global Action Plan.

[Click here to visit the Clean Air website](#)

New River Clyde Boom to Net Marine Litter

A boom is set to be built on the River Clyde to net plastic and litter pollution before it heads downstream.

A new environmental scheme will see a steel boom suspended across part of the Clyde to catch debris as it flows towards the sea.

We have teamed up with Marine Scotland, SEPA and Peel Ports to deliver a one year pilot project tackling marine pollution and will remove, weigh and analyse litter caught in the device in a bid to identify the most common types of litter in the river.



The project aims to reduce litter in the river and also stop it being swept downstream to places like the Arrochar Litter Sink - a spot where winds and tides deliver large amounts of rubbish - including litter from the Clyde. The foreshore at Arrochar lies at the head of Loch Long, a sea loch off the Firth of Clyde.

The boom project supports Glasgow's Plastics Reduction Strategy, released in 2019, to tackle waste in the River Clyde and its tributaries as a preventative approach to marine pollution.

Please visit our website to read the full story.

[Click here to read the full story](#)



Clifford Lane Day of Action

The Lanes and Streets Improvement Project, are a group of local residents who have come together to improve Clifford Lane in Kinning Park. With the support from Govan Neighbourhood Coordinator Jim Ellis and the GCC Private Lane Strategy the group have met regularly to discuss ongoing improvements to the lane and surrounding area.

Clifford Lane has had a number of issues over the

years and has fallen into a state of disrepair. On Saturday 28 May a group of 20 residents got together to clean up the lane. GCC helped by providing a skip, link-tip and litter picking equipment.

The event was the first stage in the transformation of the lane, working together they are now looking to apply for funding through “The Support for Lanes Fund” this will allow the group to apply for between £1000 - £20,000 to make long term improvements to the lane.

As well as group regulars, the event encouraged other neighbours to get involved in the clean up and boost the organisations numbers.

On 4 June a second group, The Clifford Lane Clean Up Group, held a day of action, cleaning another part of the lane. They also had support from GCC who supplied a skip and litter picking equipment.

Both groups had linked up at earlier meetings and supported each other on their day of action.

There are currently 4 different lane groups in the Ibrox/Cessnock area who are now looking to work together to enhance their lane and the surrounding area.

[Click here to view the Lane Strategy Toolkit](#)

General Interest

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



East City Way Consultation - Use THIS?

The public are being asked for their views on the next phase of the East City Way through an online consultation which will run on the Council's consultation portal until 15 July 2022.

Glasgow's "City Ways", as part of the Glasgow Active Travel Strategy, are routes which radiate from the city

centre and provide key walking and cycling corridors to encourage and provide sustainable transport opportunities.

When completed the East City Way will provide a continuous and segregated cycle route linking the existing routes from Bridgeton to Daldowie Road near the Glasgow boundary.

This project is in line with Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council objectives to encourage cycling and use of sustainable transport, which is within the Glasgow Active Travel Strategy.

[Click here to take part in the survey](#)



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 until 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](#)

Get in Touch

If you have any information you would like to share through this fortnightly email, please get in touch with the NRS Promotions and Engagement Team.

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