



Glasgow City Council

**Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm
City Policy Committee**

**Report by Executive Director of Regeneration and the
Economy**

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**Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee:
Annual Assessment**

Purpose of Report:

To provide an Annual Assessment of the work of the Committee as required by Standing Order 32(8).

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

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1 Background

1.1 The Council's Standing Order No 32 (8) notes that:

“An annual assessment will be carried out in each year to:

- assess the effectiveness of the workings of the committee, and to assess any training needs of members/officers; and*
- the effectiveness of the implementation of agreed policies.*

The assessment will be carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2, and an independent assessment will be carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter. A report setting out the findings of the annual assessment will be submitted to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.”

1.2 The Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee was established in September 2017 following a review of the committee structure by the new council administration elected in May 2017. The Committee has representation from all four parties on the Council. The Convener is a member of the administration and the Vice Convener is a member of the opposition. It has met every six weeks since October 2017 (outwith recess) and this report now takes the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the working of the Committee and assess any training needs.

1.3 Council on 14th September 2017 agreed the Terms of Reference for the committee. In summary the Committee has responsibility:

‘To address the work plan of the proposed Council Plan themes: A Thriving Economy; Resilient and Empowered Neighbourhood; and Vibrant City; and

to fulfil the functions of policy development (including consideration of equalities issues) as they relate to Council policies and services on neighbourhoods, housing and public realm but specifically excluding housing functions delegated to the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board. These functions include:

- planning and strategic and local housing policy;*
- regeneration and transport;*
- natural and built environment;*
- land and property management;*
- building control;*
- economic, business and social development initiatives;*
- derelict land;*
- city centre;*
- international links; and*
- partnership engagement.’*

2. Co-opted External Members

- 2.1 As part of its Terms of Reference the Committee can co-opt up to 4 people as non-voting co-optees to bring access to external expertise, knowledge or experience, as necessary.
- 2.2 The committee agreed that in relation to non-voting co-optees, members should put forward any suggestions, in the first instance, to the Chair. The Convener has previously indicated he is happy to receive suggestions. Members of this Committee may therefore wish to consider the use of co-opted individuals to support the overall function of the Committee, or specific areas of work. Any specific proposals can be discussed with the relevant lead officers who support the Committee, or the Convener directly.

3. Workplan

- 3.1 The Committee agreed a Workplan at its initial meeting in October 2017 and an updated version was approved in January 2018, October 2018, and then in January 2019.
- 3.2 All members of the Committee were invited to input into the Workplan during the meetings. Members are welcome at any time to raise suggestions with the Executive Director or the Convener.
- 3.3 At the meeting on the 29th January 2019, the Committee approved the work programme for the period January to June 2019 as set out below:

Meeting 29th January 2019

- Workplan
- Water Row Masterplan
- Affordable Warmth
- Property and Land Strategy

Meeting 12th March 2019

- Inclusive Growth Diagnostic
- City Policy Committee – Annual Assessment
- The Avenues
- Glasgow Planning Charter

Meeting 23rd April 2019

- Employability Support Update
- Inward Investment Strategy
- Byres Road Public Realm Design Proposal
- Regeneration of River Corridor Quay Walls Strategy – Custom House Quay
- Community Asset Strategy
- Built Heritage Strategy
- Business Innovation Districts (BIDS)

Meeting 4th June 2019

- City Centre Living Strategy
- Glasgow City Centre Avenues Update
- Open Space Strategy
- Cowlairs Masterplan

4. Student Accommodation Event

- 4.1 On the 5th February 2019, the Convener hosted a Student Accommodation Event in the Satinwood Suite and elected members of the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm and City Policy Committee were invited to attend this event which was open to representatives from community councils, universities and colleges, local councilors, students, and other stakeholders. The event provided a platform for a discussion of the opportunities and challenges presented by student accommodation in the city.

5. Work of the Committee

- 5.1 Over the last 12 months the Committee has undertaken a wide range of work and received a number of reports, some of these are highlighted below:
- A report into the condition of pre-1919 tenement housing stock in the city;
 - A progress report on the Glasgow Film Office and implementation of Council policy in support of film and television production;
 - Central Govan Action Plan and Govan Cross Townscape Heritage initiative
 - City centre commercial waste pilot project;
 - A report on the Economic trends in Glasgow over the last 5 years;
 - Consideration of the findings of a public consultation into the Byres Road (Wards 11 and 23) public realm project;
 - The Committee has contributed towards the content of the submission of the City Development Plan to Scottish Ministers;
 - Supporting proposals to amend the Planning (Scotland) Bill that would bring about equal rights of appeal for planning decisions;
 - Monitored progress on the delivery of key actions contained within Glasgow's Housing Strategy 2017 to 2022
 - The Development and Regeneration Services Annual Service Plan and Improvement Report 2018/19;
 - Invest Glasgow Annual Report 2017/18;
 - City Deal Progress Report;
 - Draft Glasgow Open Space Strategy; and,
 - City Centre Residential Strategy – Research into the Student Accommodation Market in Glasgow.

6. Effectiveness of the Working of the Committee

- 6.1 The Committee has generally worked very effectively over the last year. Members behave with good conduct and show a wide understanding of the range of issues within the Committee's Terms of Reference. Attendance by members has been good.
- 6.2 The meetings are chaired well by the Convener and Members work constructively on a cross-party basis.
- 6.3 Reports are keenly scrutinised by members and Members regularly question Council officers and where questions cannot be answered at the meeting, written answers are provided after the next meeting.
- 6.4 Meetings are now webcast and are therefore available to be watched on the internet.

7. Training Needs

- 7.1 It is noted that members received mandatory and non-mandatory training sessions following their election to the Council in May 2017. These training sessions are ongoing. There is no specific training required to sit on Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee.
- 7.2 Members may wish to raise with their Group's business manager any suggestions for training sessions which can be fed into the Business Bureau. Lead officers are also available to brief any Member on specific areas as required. However, the Committee may wish to discuss specific training they feel is needed to assist with their role.

8. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	No specific financial resource implications identified.
<i>Legal:</i>	No specific legal resource implications identified.
<i>Personnel:</i>	No specific personnel resource implications identified.
<i>Procurement:</i>	No specific procurement resource implications identified.
Council Strategic Plan:	The annual review of the committee supports the Council Strategic Plan priority of a Well Governed City that Listens and Responds.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

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

No significant impact identified

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

No significant impact identified

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

No significant impact identified

Social, including Article 19 opportunities:

No significant impact identified

Economic:

No significant impact identified

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

No significant impact identified

9 Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the Annual Assessment.