



Glasgow City Council

Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement
City Policy Committee

Report by Director of Community Empowerment & Equalities

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Social Recovery Taskforce

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on progress to date on Glasgow's Social Recovery Taskforce.

Recommendations:

The Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee is asked to:

- i. Note report
- ii. Request regular updates on the Social Recovery Taskforce

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No ✓

consulted: Yes No ✓

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Social Recovery Taskforce was established as a vital component of Glasgow City Council's Renewal Programme Strategy and Governance Framework.
- 1.2. The role of the Taskforce is to provide leadership and direction and to set out a shared vision that will drive the city's response to the impact of the Coronavirus in relation to a broad range of themes.
- 1.3. Membership is wide ranging and draws extensively, though not exclusively, from partners on the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership and the GCPP Executive Group. There is a strong focus on equalities and on ensuring that agreed priorities and recovery approaches are shaped by a strong voice from those with lived experience of poverty and inequality in particular.
- 1.4. The Social Recovery Taskforce will complement the work of the Economic Recovery Taskforce through a shared focus on inclusive economic growth and tackling inequalities. In recognition of the linkages and dependencies between economic and social recovery, minutes of meetings and papers are shared between both groups.

2. Progress to date

- 2.1. The Social Recovery Taskforce has held three meetings to date, on 2 July, 31 July and 3 September; and will continue to meet monthly thereafter up until the end of July 2021. Given that the Taskforce will meet over a 12 month period, a focus on delivering outcomes under identified key priorities and evidencing impact, is critical.
- 2.2. The initial meeting included a round table discussion, facilitated by the Chair, to give all partners the opportunity to update the group on their responses to the pandemic, including challenges, lessons learned, plans for recovery and the three key priorities for action that they would like to progress through the Taskforce.
- 2.3. Themes emerging from the discussion were distilled and clustered into suggested priorities for action. (See attached diagram in appendix 1). Whilst most already have a home within existing community planning structures and groups, new work streams are also proposed to focus on the Third Sector, Disabled Communities, Young People and Colleges.
- 2.4. These suggested priorities were discussed further at the second meeting and follow up work is ongoing with relevant groups and partners to progress. Each will be asked to focus on their aims, the outcomes / solutions they want to see, key priorities in relation to their assigned theme, how they can make a difference and how they will know they have achieved their aim. Each group will feed back to the main Taskforce on the key priorities that they have agreed to focus on and drive forward.
- 2.5. It is critical that all the priorities are woven into one narrative for the Taskforce to achieve system change, rather than progressing as individual work streams and themes. It is also critical that equalities underpins the work of each. In addition, proposals are being developed by Glasgow Centre for Population Health

colleagues as to how embed Participatory Budgeting principles of dialogue and deliberation in the work of the Taskforce, to ensure that it is underpinned by a strong voice from those communities – of place, interest and identity – disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

3. Community Action Plan

- 3.1. The work plan of the Social Recovery Taskforce and its work streams will in turn become the refreshed Community Action Plan for Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.
- 3.2. The purpose of the Community Action Plan, as part of the Glasgow Community Plan, is to set out the shared ambition for the city and the collective actions that will be taken to deliver on these at both city and locality levels. Whilst the Community Plan currently has a number of years still to run, the Community Action Plan is due to be refreshed by end August 2020 (within this Locality Plans will evolve in line with local priorities determined by residents). The Social Recovery Taskforce and its work streams will ensure the Community Action Plan is being taken forward appropriately.
- 3.3. In terms of the refresh of the Community Action Plan, it is crucial that we take cognisance of the new environment in which we all operate – the impact of COVID-19 and the resultant establishment of both the Social Recovery Taskforce and the Economic Recovery Taskforce.
- 3.4. There is therefore an opportunity to utilise the focus of the Social Recovery Taskforce to ensure that we create a 'bottom up' response to dealing with the issues that have deepened as a result of COVID-19, how Glasgow responds as a city and how we use this to inform and collaborate around a shared renewal programme going forward. This mirrors the ambition of the Community Planning Partnership, the Community Plan and the Community Action Plan.
- 3.5. A further update on the priorities that will form the basis of the new Community Action Plan will be considered by community planning structures as soon as possible, once each work stream has had the opportunity to agree the key priorities that they will focus on over the life span of the Social Recovery Taskforce. This update can also be provided to this Committee.

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None.

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which theme(s) and outcome(s) the proposal supports

Resilient and Empowered Neighbourhoods and
A well Governed City that Listens and
Responds
Priorities 74, 95.

Equality Impacts:

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

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

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: Not Applicable

Social: Not Applicable

Economic: Not Applicable

Privacy and Data Protection impacts: Not Applicable

5. Recommendations

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