

**Item 1**

10th March 2020



**Glasgow City Council**

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

**Report by Convener**

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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

## 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 Green Party. 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. To date no approaches for co-optees have been received.

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. Work plan**

- 3.1 The Committee agreed a work plan at its initial meeting in October 2017 and an updated versions have been approved in January 2018, October 2018, and then in January 2019, August 2019 and January 2020.
- 3.2 All members of the Committee were invited to input into the work plan 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 28th January 2020, the Committee approved the work programme for the period January to June 2020 as set out below:

### **Meeting 28th January 2020**

- Workplan
- Film Office Annual Report
- Town Centre Fund
- Planning Performance
- Student Accommodation
- Planning Enforcement Charter
- George Square

### **Meeting 10th March 2020**

- City Centre Outdoor Café Policy
- Annual Assessment
- Employability Review
- Business Support Refresh
- Private Sector Grants
- Housing to 20-40 Consultation Response

### **Meeting 21st April 2020**

- Strategic Development Framework
- City Centre Living Strategy
- City Centre Strategy
- Public Realm Design Guidelines

- Sauchiehall BID Closure
- EU Funding

### **Meeting 2nd June 2020**

- City Centre Strategy 2020-2025
- PSHG Programme
- Affordable Housing Supply Programme
- Byres Road Public Realm Project

## **4. Short Life Working Group**

- 4.1 In June 2019 the City Administration Committee asked that the Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm Committee review the focus, emphasis and priorities within the Vacant and Derelict Land Plan, a complementary plan to the Council's overarching Property and Land Strategy 2019 to 2029.
- 4.2 The review was undertaken through the establishing of a Short Life Work Group (SLWG) to which all members of the Committee were invited to join.
- 4.3 The SLWG only required to meet on one occasion resulting in some minor revisions to the plan that were considered and approved by the City Administration Committee in October 2019.

## **5. Review of Student Accommodation: Supplementary Guidance**

- 5.1 Following on from the reported pressure to the Committee August 2019 further stakeholder engagement took place.
- 5.2 As a consequence of the above a number of revisions to the supplementary guidance was made and endorsed by the committee at its meeting in January 2020.

## **6. Policy and Resource Implications**

### **Resource Implications:**

*Financial:* N/A

*Legal:* N/A

*Personnel:* N/A

*Procurement:* N/A

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

**Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:** N/A

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-21*

N/A

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

(no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

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

N/A

### **Sustainability Impacts:**

*Environmental:*

N/A

Social, including opportunities under Article 20 of the European Public Procurement Directive

N/A

*Economic:*

### **Privacy and Data Protection impacts:**

## **7. Recommendations**

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