



Glasgow City Council

**Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement
City Policy Committee**

Report by Director of Community Empowerment and 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 complements 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.
- 1.5. This committee previously received a report on the work of the Social Recovery Taskforce at its meeting on 24/09/20. This report provides an update.

2. Progress to date

- 2.1. The Social Recovery Taskforce has met monthly since July 2020. The primary focus of the Taskforce is to deliver outcomes under identified key priorities and to provide evidence of impact.
- 2.2. Key themes have emerged and have been grouped into 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 have been established to focus on the Third Sector, Disabled Communities, and Young People/Transitions. Workstreams have been established to address each key theme.
- 2.3. Each workstream focusses on outcomes, and delivering against the key priorities identified in their theme. Workstreams feed into the Taskforce on the key priorities. Feedback is provided to each meeting of the Social Recovery Taskforce using an agreed template (see appendix 2) which details the structure used for consistency of approach across the workstreams.
- 2.4. Appendix 2 provides an update from each of the workstreams. This specific template was considered by the Social Recovery Taskforce at its most recent meeting on the 18th March 2021.
- 2.5. All agendas, minutes, and papers are publicly available on the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership webpage:
www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/socialrecoverytaskforce

- 2.6. 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. Equalities continues to underpin the work of each.
- 2.7. Work is being undertaken to ensure that the principles of Participatory Democracy are embedded in the Community Planning structure which will support the work of the Taskforce.
- 2.8. A community engagement exercise has been undertaken and presented to the Taskforce (this will in due course be considered by the appropriate Community Planning structures). The output from this exercise will assist the Taskforce to underpin in its desire to listen to the voices of those communities – of place, interest and identity – who have been 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 requires to be refreshed periodically (within this Locality Plans will evolve in line with local priorities determined by residents). The Social Recovery Taskforce and it's 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. The current status of each of the Social Recovery Taskforce workstreams is provided in the reporting template (appendix 2).

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

When implementing the priorities of the Taskforce, we will aim to ensure services are equalities sensitive and targeted appropriately. In line with Council policy, an assessment of the impact of any Council service changes on protected characteristic groups will be carried out as appropriate.

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

Positive impact – the Taskforce aims to ensure increased access to services.

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

Positive impact – the Taskforce aims to decrease socio economic disadvantage.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: Not Applicable

Social: Not Applicable

Economic: Not Applicable

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:** Not Applicable

Recommendations

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