

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

12th January 2022

Questions from Elected Members

Item 1 – Sustainable Low Carbon City Theme		
Question 1	Councillor Hussain – Gully cleaning – Has there been any slippage with this programme.	NRS
Answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood routes are currently on programme and are being completed within the 3 times per year cycle.• Out of the 6 Arterial Gully Routes created 50% are complete with follow up minor works within each and the remainder are to be programmed to be done before April 2022 (ARG 1, 2 & 6) as programmed.• The gully cleaning programme within the neighbourhood areas has some delays due to 4 extreme weather events between the 5th July and 27th October 2021 and prioritisation of areas affected by COP 26. However, following these flood events our teams used data from flood prevention team, elected members and reports from the performance management team where we could highlight and tackle the worst affected areas throughout the City. Once we had received the information, we assessed the reports and deployed resources to attend the worst affected areas to clean and test gullies that were blocked with debris and silt after the serious flood events. Our records show that over the 4 events, we attended 964 locations which were affected by serious flooding where water either ingressed properties, closed or partially closed roads. Therefore, on these 4 occasions, additional resources were deployed to target these areas and in some cases all the gullies within streets had to be cleaned and tested. We have calculated that circa. 3,500+ gullies have been cleaned and tested with the vast majority found to be working as designed.• Outwith the cyclic programme of gully cleaning I can advise that we received 2,720 reports of blocked gully reports from members of the public and our records show that 2,316 are completed (85%) and of 679 Elected member enquiries 490 of these reports have been completed (72%). It must be noted that some of these will be duplicates (Same location reported differently)	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going forward, to get the programme back on track, when the winter period is over our new interchangeable bodies will be changed from winter maintenance gritting units to gully vehicles which will assist us with targeting the neighbourhood routes throughout the spring and the summer. Our gully vehicle complement will increase from 2 units to 4 units with an additional 5th unit being available if required. By the summer, we will be back on programme and we will attempt to get ahead of programme before the onset of winter. 	
Question 2	Councillor McKenzie/Councillor Morgan – In respect of the Strategic Plan some of the wording has been changed for targets etc. – Further information on what has changed within the plan, why and where was that reported.	CED
Answer	<p>A review of the Strategic Plan Commitments was undertaken by Services and ALEOs to consider the impact of the pandemic on the Strategic Plan. Twelve out of the one hundred and five commitments have been amended mainly to better reflect strategies, decisions and policies agreed by council since 2017. City Policy Committees considered these amendments as part of the consideration of Annual Service and Improvement Plans during summer 2021.</p> <p>The table attached (Appendix 1) provides detail for each commitment : the original commitment agreed in 2017, the amended commitment and the reason for amending.</p>	
Question 3	Councillor Ahmed – Electric vehicles and charging points in the City – Information on their locations.	NRS
Answer	https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=55923	
Question 4	Councillor Ahmed – Roads and potholes – Send link to report considered by ESCR.	NRS
Answer	https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=102802	
Question 5	Baillie Dr Bartos – Pg 20 – CO2 emissions – Clarification of the disparity in the figures between local authorities and information on how the statistics are calculated.	NRS
Answer	<p>The City continues to perform well with regards to reducing its CO2 emissions per capita. When compared with other LAs there are many things to consider from an emissions per capita perspective. This can often reflect particular geographical specificity, an example would be that car ownership in Glasgow per capita is low, lower than in other LAs, thus this contributes to the per capita emissions as well as the actual emissions total and the reductions put in place.</p> <p>The most obvious disparity is with Falkirk. This disparity is mostly</p>	

	<p>to do with Falkirk having Grangemouth Refinery within its boundary, a massive contributor to its emissions total, which is then apportioned per capita.</p> <p>All data is provided 2 years in arrears by the Department for Business, Environment and Industrial Strategy. Information on how they collate the data sets can be found here - https://data.gov.uk/dataset/723c243d-2f1a-4d27-8b61-cdb93e5b10ff/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics-2005-to-2019</p>	
Question 6	Bailie Dr Bartos – Pg 37 (65.3) – Encourage greater use of active travel – Schools bike library – Update on the project, how it was progressing, and what the revenue budget situation was.	NRS
Answer	<p>The School Bike Library Pilot Project will create a bicycle lending facility scheme tailored specifically for primary schools under the jurisdiction of Glasgow City Council. The project will deliver a 3-year pilot which will target primary school pupils aged between 8 and 11 years old (P6 and P7). A key aim of the Bike Library Pilot Project is to provide access to a bicycle to children who would otherwise be unable to partake in the enjoyment and clear health benefits of cycling.</p> <p>The Sustainable Transport Team within NRS Technical Services is currently working on a proposed concept model of operation for approval of Project Sponsors and Senior Management. In advance of this task and in view of the current worldwide shortage of bikes, NRS Officers are working with Corporate Procurement colleagues for the procurement of 150, 24 inch children’s bikes and associated helmets, locks and protective covers in advance of the procurement of a service provider who will manage, operate and maintain the Bike Library fleet and associated components. Officers anticipate procuring bike assets and storage early 2022, then will target the award of a service provider contract thereafter. Again, it is anticipated that this will be in early-mid of 2022 with the objective to have the first Loan of the bikes to the selected Primary Schools summer 2022.</p> <p>With just over 2.5 months remaining of the current financial year and the issues outlined above it is clear that no revenue will be drawn down on the allocated FY21-22 £100K. In view of this and to ensure that the current Revenue £100K allocation is not lost, NRS Technical Services have formally requested that Corporate Finance approve the capitalisation of the FY21-22 £100K revenue or look to roll over this amount to FY22-23. This pragmatic and prudent solution would add to the current £350K Capital Budget and support the purchase of the Bike Library assets and its operation and maintenance over the full length of the 3-year contract period.</p>	
Question 7	Councillor Morgan – Pg 31 (59) – Progress on 20 mph speed limit on all suitable residential roads – Further details on this and how many or % of roads covered.	NRS

<p>Answer</p>	<p>Currently approximately 16% of our roads has a 20mph limit placed upon them. In terms of the roll out of 20mph across the city, this has been delayed due to covid restrictions, but we are in the process of tendering work to assist us with achieving and completing the 4 stage process to gain funding to implement the scheme. The current tender will assist us in meeting milestones for preparation of a brief and conceptual design for Sustrans. As part of this work, we will identify all areas in the city which will be suitable to implement a 20mph zone. The remaining 2 stages, developed design and technical design will be undertaken once funding is secured from Sustrans and construction will begin. We are anticipating that construction will start in financial year 23/24 although Road Safety and Parking teams will continue to implement 20mph schemes until this happens. Currently it is anticipated that we will be implementing around 6 schemes with 20 mph elements to them in 22/23.</p>	
<p>Question 8</p>	<p>Councillor Morgan – Pg 35 (63.1) – Upgrading school playgrounds and play areas – Update on this and if there has been any slippage on the March 2022 target.</p>	<p>NRS</p>
<p>Answer</p>	<p>Regarding play areas: a tender package has been developed by Parks Development and Corporate Procurement and will issued this financial year and implemented/delivered 2022/23. A further tender package will be delivered shortly thereafter again within financial year 2022/23.</p> <p>The refurbishment of Pollok Country Park play area is currently onsite and will be completed this financial year.</p>	