



Glasgow City Council

Operational Performance & Delivery Scrutiny  
Committee (OPDSC)

**Item 4**

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Report by Head of Audit and Inspection

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### Committee Effectiveness – Independent Assessments

#### Purpose of Report

To advise members of the main findings of the Committee Effectiveness Independent Assessments that were recently undertaken and reported to the respective committees.

#### Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the content of the report, including the recommendations and themes emerging from each of the assessments;
2. Note that the Council's Corporate Management Team will take ownership of these actions; and
3. Instruct the Head of Audit and Inspection to monitor progress against the actions and report back to the appropriate committee later in 2022.

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No

consulted: Yes  No

## 1. Introduction

The Council's Standing Orders require all Committees to undertake an effectiveness evaluation each year, and in year 3 of the Council an independent assessment. Each of the following Council Committee's was recently subject to an independent assessment to ensure compliance with the Standing Orders. Assessments were carried out by senior officers, who have had no, or limited, interaction with the Committee being reviewed. The results of the assessments have been reported to each Committee as outlined below.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date results paper submitted</b>	<b>Survey response and rate</b>	<b>Number of recommendations made</b>
Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	7 out of 15 members (47%)	3
Environment, Sustainability & Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021	5 out of 15 (33%)	6
Operational Performance & Delivery Scrutiny Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	9 out of 15 (60%)	5
Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	4 out of 15 (27%)	2
General Purposes City Policy Committee	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	2 out of 15 (13%)	7
Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	6 out of 15 (40%)	2
Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	5 out of 15 (33%)	2

## 2. Summary of Findings

The full assessment reports for each Committee are appended to this report. Whilst each assessment has been considered by the relevant committee, it is useful to bring them all together for OPDSC to review in the round. A number of common themes have emerged:

- The overall findings for all assessments were generally positive. However, it was noted that for those where the survey response rate was low, the assessor was unable to make full assessments or draw firm conclusions.
- A number of the reviews recommended that the Terms of Reference for Committees should be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure they remain relevant.
- It was recommended that the chairs for both FASC and OPDSC should continue to work together to co-ordinate workplans and consider reports that impact both financial and operational matters.
- The aspect of training was highlighted for four of the committees. It was acknowledged that training has been offered, however recommendations were made that, at the appropriate time, additional training should be offered to committee members in their respective areas, and uptake to take part encouraged.

### 3. Next Steps

Comments are invited from members of OPDSC. The assessments have been shared with the Council's Corporate Management Team, and actions will be tracked at that forum. A number of the recommendations will be best addressed through consideration of any changes to Council governance structures following the 2022 local government election.

### 4. Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* None

*Legal:* None

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* None

**Council Strategic Plan:** Well Governed City

#### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.* n/a

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* No significant impact

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.* No significant impact

#### Climate Impacts:

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:*

There is a recommendation to consider the best way to reflect Carbon and Sustainability matters through Committee structures.

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

No significant direct impact

*Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?*

No significant direct impact

**Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:**

No significant impact