Future Glasgow: City Vision

Purpose of Report:
To update members on progress in developing the Future Glasgow project

Recommendations:
It is recommended that the Committee:

- notes the contents of this report
- notes the Future Glasgow update and discussion event for elected members, scheduled for 21 June 2011
- notes that the Future Glasgow draft recommendations will be reported through the Executive Committee
- notes that the Future Glasgow final report will be reported through the Regeneration and the Economy committee in January 2012
- notes that there are no issues pertaining to Sustainable Procurement and Article 19.

Ward No(s):     Citywide:  X
Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  Consulted: Yes  No
1. **Background**

1.1 Committee will be aware that the Future Glasgow project was launched by the Leader of the Council and the Executive Member of Development and Regeneration Services on 11 February 2011.

1.2 The objective of Future Glasgow is to deliver a new vision for the city, looking forward 50 years to 2061, with additional focus on the shorter term post-Commonwealth Games period of 2014-2025.

1.3 The visioning exercise will link to the outcomes of the Glasgow Economic Commission which is expected to report in June 2011, and will inform the current evaluation of City Plan 2 and subsequent preparation of City Plan 3. The scope of the exercise will explore the key priorities of Glasgow residents through its community engagement programme, and how these priorities should be redefined to ensure the future development and ambition of the city can be realised.

2. **Progress**

2.1 It is important that the Future Glasgow project establishes agreement around the city’s aspirations for the future: what kind of city should Glasgow aspire to be; what differentiates Glasgow from other cities and competitors; and what issues, trends and other factors may influence the competitiveness and liveability of the city in the future.

2.2 Central to this process is obtaining the views of Glasgow residents and businesses, in order that the vision does emerge in consensus from the people of Glasgow. The Future Glasgow project is consequently being undertaken in two stages: public engagement, and technical analysis. The outcome of this will be consolidated into a draft vision document in late 2011, which will go out for public consultation following approval by the Executive committee.

2.3 The public engagement programme has been underway since April and is being delivered in a range of ways, with schools, youth groups, FE organisations, community structures, housing bodies, and public and private sector employees all actively involved. The Council is being supported in this process by a range of Council Services, ALEOs and external organisations including the Community Council network, Community Planning, Glasgow Housing Association, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, and Scottish Council for Development and Industry. These structures are either facilitating the delivery of Future Glasgow discussion events, or delivering them directly on behalf of the Future Glasgow team. There has been a huge amount of interest and positive participation from all involved so far.
2.4 In addition to these events, an open public event is being held at the Lighthouse on 16 June to enable other interested parties to participate directly in a discussion on the city’s future. Each of these events is aimed at encouraging people and businesses to think about Glasgow, how the city changes over time, what they want it to be like in 2061, and, crucially, what we need to do now to realise that vision for 2061.

2.5 All elected members have been invited by the Executive Member for DRS to a specific event on 21 June, the purpose of which is to bring members up to date with the emerging issues and ideas raised across the community and business sessions (programmed to complete at the end of June), in addition to some specific discussion on members’ personal thoughts, ideas and aspirations for Future Glasgow.

2.6 For people unable to participate in any of these conversations, they can have their say through the Future Glasgow website (www.glasgowcityvision.com). They can either complete the online form which comprises a series of six questions around how Glasgow has changed, and the future of the city, or alternatively can complete a “postcard from the future”, with just two questions on what Glasgow should be like in 2061 and what we should do now to help get there.

2.7 The outcomes of this public and business engagement will be fed into the 11 technical workshops which are being chaired by prominent leaders from the fields of business, public sector and academia. These will look not only at the issues raised through the public engagement, but will also undertake specific inquiry into key areas and seek to:

- Factor in trends and research from home and abroad
- Derive responses distinctive to Glasgow
- Identify “big-picture” issues or decisions which, if postponed, could influence radically Glasgow’s competitiveness or liveability in the future

2.8 The final vision document will consolidate the findings of the public engagement and technical analysis, and is expected to be drafted by September 2011. A delivery plan will also be developed in consultation with the other key Council strategies and policies, focusing on high level strategic issues over the long term. This will be progressed following approval of the final vision recommendations.
3. SERVICE IMPLICATIONS

Financial: DRS has allocated a revenue budget for the consultation process and delivery of the final report.

Legal: There are no legal implications for the Service from these proposals.

Personnel: There are no personnel implications for the Service from these proposals.

Environmental: There are no environmental implications for the Service from these proposals.

Service Plan: The proposals are compatible with the existing DRS Service Plan.

Sustainable Procurement and Article 19: There are no implications for the Council’s Sustainable Procurement and Article 19 from these proposals.

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