

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Monday, 10 December 2018 | 11:15 | Glasgow City Council, Ground Floor, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RX, |

KENNETH GRAHAM
Clerk

Membership

Councillors Johnston and Moir (East Dunbartonshire Council); Lafferty and Miller (East Renfrewshire Council); Elder and MacLean (Glasgow City Council); Clocherty and Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Curran and Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council); Begg and McGurk (Renfrewshire Council); Anderson and Fulton (South Lanarkshire Council); and McColl and O'Neill (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Councillor O'Neill (Convener); Councillor Wilson (Vice-Convener).

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| 1 | Minute | 3 - 8 |
| | Minute of meeting of the Joint Committee held on 10 September 2018. | |
| 2 | Revenue Budget Monitoring | |
| | Report by Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager. (not available - copy to follow) | |
| 3 | Revenue Estimates 2019/20 | 9 - 14 |
| | Report by Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager. | |
| 4 | Planning (Scotland) Bill Update | 15 - 20 |
| | Report by Strategic Development Plan Manager. | |
| 5 | Glasgow City Region Update | 21 - 24 |
| | Report by Strategic Development Plan Manager. | |
| 6 | Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2017/20 and Programme Plan 2019/20 | 25 - 60 |
| | Report by GCV Green Network Partnership Manager. | |
| 7 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Note that the next meeting will be held at 11.15 am on 11 March 2019 in Glasgow City Council, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow. | |

Minute of Meeting

Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

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Present

Councillor Alan Lafferty (East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Glenn Elder (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Jim Clocherty (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor John Anderson and Councillor Alistair Fulton (both South Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Lawrence O'Neill (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Chair

Councillor O'Neill, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

S Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager and D McDonald, Assistant Strategic Development Plan Manager (both Strategic Development Plan Core Team); A Laurence, Team Leader – Land Planning Policy (East Dunbartonshire Council); G McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager (East Renfrewshire Council); S Taylor, Principal Planner (Glasgow City Council); A Williamson, Planning Policy Team Leader (Inverclyde Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); F Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing Services, K Festorazzi, Senior Accountant, and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); M McGlynn, Executive Director of Communities and Enterprise Resources (South Lanarkshire Council); and A MacDonald (Audit Scotland).

Apologies

Councillor Denis Johnston and Councillor Alan Moir (both East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Stewart Miller (East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Kenny McLean (Glasgow City Council); Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Agnes Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Jonathan McColl (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Annual Audit Report 2017/18

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018 there was submitted a report by Audit Scotland relative to the Annual Audit Report 2017/18 for the Joint Committee, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report intimated that the audit certificate issued by Audit Scotland provided an unqualified opinion that the annual accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Joint Committee as at 31 March 2018, in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in the accounts.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Audited Annual Accounts 2017/18

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018 there was submitted a report by the Treasurer relative to the audited annual accounts for the Joint Committee for 2017/18, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report intimated that in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 the audited accounts must be approved for signature by the Joint Committee no later than 30 September each year. Following approval, the audited accounts would be signed by the Strategic Development Plan Manager, Convener and Treasurer.

DECIDED: That the audited accounts 2017/18 be approved for signature by the Strategic Development Plan Manager, Convener and Treasurer.

4 Revenue Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager for the period 1 April to 17 August 2018.

The report intimated that gross expenditure and income were currently breakeven.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the matters relating to the ongoing consideration by the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The report intimated that the most relevant aspects of the Bill as it pertained to Clydeplan were the removal of the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans and a requirement on planning authorities to provide information to assist the Scottish Ministers in their preparation of the National Planning Framework.

Clydeplan had submitted both written views and oral evidence to the Local Government and Communities Committee and the Committee's final Stage 1 report on the Bill had been published on 17 May 2018. The Minister for Local Government and Housing provided the Scottish Government's response to the Stage 1 Report on 24 May 2018 and a full debate in Parliament took place on 29 May 2018. In closing remarks on the debate there were two specific references to Clydeplan, firstly from Monica Lennon MSP and secondly by Adam Tomkins, MSP. The acknowledgement of the history of successful joint working of Clydeplan was welcomed as consideration of these matters continue through Parliament.

Councillor O'Neill, Convener, wrote to all Scottish MSPs in June 2018 to highlight the important role of strategic planning in Scotland and the positive experience of Clydeplan. This correspondence was tweeted by Clydeplan and a news item had been placed on the Clydeplan website. This item had been retweeted and the Convener had received a number of direct responses.

The Ministerial commitment to bring forward an amendment at Stage 2 to introduce a clearer duty for planning authorities to work together on strategic planning was welcomed. It had been confirmed that a Scottish Government amendment would be promoted for consideration by the Local Government and Communities Committee at its meeting to be held on 12 September 2018, and a copy of the proposed amendment was circulated.

It was noted that around 100 amendments were being promoted and that one such amendment was to not remove SDPs. All amendments would be debated through the Local Government and Communities Committee and ultimately determined at Stage 3 by parliament which was likely to be towards the end of 2018.

DECIDED: That the report and the progress and Parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill be noted.

6 Glasgow City Region Partnership Update

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the ongoing role of Clydeplan within the portfolios and wider activities of the Glasgow City Region (GCR).

The report intimated that the emerging GCR was an important consideration for the activities and potentially the governance arrangements of Clydeplan. GCR was continuing to evolve beyond the delivery of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Fund into a 'regional partnership model' to take forward delivery of its Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan through eight subject-based portfolio groups. It was noted that Clydeplan was an active participant in four of the eight portfolio groups as well as the overarching Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Working Group; had played a leading role in the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study, led by East Renfrewshire Council, to support the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio; had recently reconvened the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership in recognition that a third Glasgow City Region HNDA would be required to support the preparation of the next round of Local Housing Strategies, Local Development Plans and potentially NPF4; and was working with SPT to consider the potential for joint working on a number of issues in support of the Active Travel Task Force Plan published in June 2018.

The report detailed the implications for Clydeplan; the key elements of the Core Team work plan until the end of 2018; and observations on matters Clydeplan could support; the delay in the timetable for the Planning (Scotland) Bill and the knock-on consequences for the Scottish Government's commencement of NPF4 engagement activities; and the 2019/20 Clydeplan budget.

DECIDED: That the report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team in relation to GCR be noted.

7 Glasgow City Region Infrastructure Portfolio - North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study, led by East Renfrewshire Council, undertaken as part of the work of the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio.

The report intimated that the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure Summit held in September 2017 resulted in a commitment by infrastructure providers and the city region local authorities to work together to achieve the ambition of aligning infrastructure investment thereby ensuring that the economic benefits of infrastructure investment were maximised. At the summit it was agreed that, through the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure and Assets portfolio, an Operational Infrastructure Group (OIG) would be established.

At the meeting of the OIG held on 16 March 2018 it was agreed that a pilot study be undertaken in North Lanarkshire Council with a view to potentially scaling up to a city region wide focus. The group would share data, and where possible, would identify ways to improve the alignment of strategic infrastructure investment and delivery based around a pilot study utilising North Lanarkshire Council development projects and input from infrastructure providers. Clydeplan would lead on the technical work including addressing any confidentiality issues relating to data sharing.

The report provided information in relation to the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study; the Gartcosh/Glenboig Community Growth Area; the methodology used; outputs of the case study; learning points and issues to consider from the pilot study; and the next steps.

G McCarney, East Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation to the summit.

DECIDED:

(a) That the work undertaken on the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study and the issues and learning points from the exercise be noted;

(b) That the next stages of taking this work forward be noted and that the continued role of Clydeplan in supporting the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio be agreed; and

(c) That the presentation be noted.

8 2016-based Population and Household Projections - Comparison with SDP 2012-based Population Projections

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the recently published National Records of Scotland (NRS) 2016-based population and household projections, comparing these to the 2012-based projections used to inform the approved 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

The report intimated that NRS published population and household projections every two years and that these projections provided an opportunity to monitor progress of the SDP and would form the basis of an updated HNDA to inform a Glasgow City Council Region Regional Spatial Strategy, National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), Local Housing Strategies (LHS) and Local Development Plans (LDP).

The report provided information in relation to the NRS projection methodology; an overview of Scottish wide results 2016 to 2041; and a comparison of population and household projections.

DECIDED:

(a) That the publication by the National Records of Scotland 2016-based population and household projections be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the growth in both population and households was broadly similar for the city region to those set out in the SDP; and

(c) That it be noted that the 2016-based projections would be an input into HNDA3 which would inform both the Glasgow City Region's Regional Housing Strategy and Spatial Strategy, National Planning Framework 4, Local Housing Strategies and Local Development Plans.

9 Corporate Purchasing Card Expenditure

There was submitted a report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager detailing the list of expenses incurred through corporate procurement card payment by type and employee for the period 1 April to 17 August 2018.

It was proposed that reports on corporate purchasing card expenditure be removed as a standing item of business on future Joint Committee agendas and that the Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager submit a report on corporate purchasing card expenditure to the Joint Committee on an annual basis. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That reports on corporate purchasing card expenditure be removed as a standing item of business on future Joint Committee agendas and that the Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager submit a report on corporate purchasing card expenditure to the Joint Committee on an annual basis.

10 Date of Next Meeting

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Joint Committee would be held at 11.15 am on 10 December 2018 in Glasgow City Council, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow.

**GLASGOW AND THE CLYDE VALLEY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
AUTHORITY JOINT COMMITTEE**

To: Joint Committee

On: 10 December 2018

Report by: The Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager

Heading: Revenue Estimates 2019/20

1. Summary

- 1.1 The following report has been prepared by the Treasurer, in consultation with the Strategic Development Plan Manager, to present the Revenue Estimates of Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority, including the requisition of the constituent authorities, for financial year 2019/20 and indicative planning figures for 2020/21 and 2021/22.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-

- Agree the revenue estimates for financial year 2019/20 and the related requisitions of the constituent authorities,
 - Agree that the Strategic Development Plan Manager, in conjunction with the Treasurer, present a report to a future meeting of the Joint Committee should its remit and finances materially change, and,
 - Note the indicative estimates for 2020/21 and 2021/22.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Annual Revenue Estimates process each year outlines the summary revenue budget position for the organisation. The budget estimates provided in the attached Appendix 1 outline the projected position and proposed requisition for 2019/20, and also outline an indicative projected position for 2020/21 and 2021/22 for member's information and as an aid to constituent authorities financial planning. The assumptions used in developing these projections are outlined in section 4 below.

- 3.2 The financial environment in which the Joint Committee and member authorities operate continues to be characterised by significant demand and cost pressures, compounded by reducing levels of grant support. It is anticipated that the Scottish Budget and local government settlement to be announced on 12 December will again reflect a revenue grant cut for local authorities. It is also likely that the settlement announced will again be for a single financial year only, adding significant uncertainty to financial forecasts.
- 3.3 Following its review of the Scottish planning system the Scottish Government will publish a new Planning Bill in December 2017. The new Planning Bill will potentially have significant implications for the role and function of the Joint Committee as the Scottish Government intends to bring forward detailed arrangements for transitioning into the new Scottish planning system. It is considered that this transition period could be between 18 - 24 months based on the implementation of the last Planning Bill. Until such times planning authorities should continue to undertake their duties as defined in the existing legislation.
- 3.4 The recent establishment of a Glasgow City Region Regional Partnership and proposed supporting staffing structure will also potentially have implications for the future role and function of the Joint Committee and its staff. Any discussion in this regard will require to take account of the finalised terms of the Planning (Scotland) Bill and any associated transitional arrangements.
- 3.5 The Local Authority contribution has now been held at £72,438 per member for the last 7 financial years (2012/13 to 2018/19). This level of requisition ensures the financial and operational sustainability of the organisation while also continuing to maintain reserves at a level which should contain the short term impact of any other unforeseen risks and events.
- 3.6 The Joint Committee has over recent years reduced general reserves to a level considered more in line with the level considered prudent, and this will continue to be closely monitored in light of any emerging risks, balancing this against the financial demands on requisitioning authorities.

4. Budget Assumptions

- 4.1 The budget has been constructed on the basis of a fundamental examination of the core operations of Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority, and is based on the following assumptions:
- budget provision for inflation on employee costs has been included at an estimated 3% for 2019-20, as national pay negotiations remain ongoing and should the agreed position be in excess of this budget provision an appropriate adjustment will require to be made to the 2019-20 position
 - in line with previous years practice no inflationary adjustment has been made to any non-pay expenditure lines;
 - requisitions are held at 2018/19 levels both in 2019/20 and indicatively in future years. It should be noted that the 2020-21 and 2021-22 indicative position is based on an assumed saving being secured in order

for requisitions to be held at current levels. Requisition levels have been held since 2012/13 and sustaining this position will be more challenging moving forward.

5. Financial Overview

- 5.1 Clydeplan's current operational methods, structure and long term financial arrangements are under continuous review by the Strategic Development Manager and the Treasurer and considerable efforts have been made to meet the financial challenges facing both the organisation and its requisitioning authorities over the medium term.
- 5.2 The outlook in the medium term is characterised by uncertainty. At this point both major areas of risk for the Joint Committee in the medium term – the level of pay award and the level of requisition income (broadly linked to the movement in the level of grant available to local government) – are unknown. However, there appear to be considerable downside risks. For members information, a 1% cut to requisition would cost £5,800 while an additional 1% increase in pay award would cost £4,400.
- 5.3 Estimates of potential cuts to the 2019/20 local government settlement range across Scotland; however, they are broadly in the 2-4% range. The Joint Committee will continue to be mindful of the financial pressures member authorities face and work with them to address these challenges.
- 5.4 The requisition income available to the Joint Committee has therefore been modelled on the previous planning assumption of no increase or decrease in requisition for 2019/20, with the remaining reserves balance being used to mitigate against requisitions increases and to protect against any unforeseen costs or financial risks which may arise in the future.
- 5.5 The audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 indicate that the level of reserves is £276,749. Of these reserves, £173,332 is earmarked for specific purposes, with £103,417 held in General Reserves. It is anticipated that the level of earmarked reserves will ensure that the Authority's statutory mandate is achieved and that the impact of the increased workload experienced at certain periods over the five year cyclical production of the Strategic Development Plan can be resourced.
- 5.6 At its meeting in September 2017 the Joint Committee agreed not to trigger the break option in the lease for the office accommodation at 125 West Regent Street. This would run the lease through to October 2019 and allow consideration of alternative accommodation options in the context of new Planning Bill and any related transitional arrangements.
- 5.7 Given the ongoing review of the planning system and the current financial climate, operational costs will remain under review and any savings which may arise will be brought forward to a future meeting. The level of reserves will also

remain under review and any proposed draw on reserves (general and earmarked) will be reported as appropriate to the Joint Committee.

Appendix 1

Estimates of Expenditure and Income for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 to 31st March 2022 Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

OVERVIEW

| | Approved 2018/19 | Probable 2018/19 | Proposed 2019/20 | Indicative 2020/21 | Indicative 2021/22 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 449,300 | 475,400 | 461,800 | 476,100 | 490,100 |
| Property Costs | 67,500 | 68,500 | 67,500 | 67,500 | 67,500 |
| Supplies and Services | 43,300 | 46,600 | 46,600 | 46,600 | 46,600 |
| Consultants | 9,000 | 24,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Administration | 41,800 | 43,500 | 41,800 | 41,800 | 41,800 |
| PTOB | 7,100 | 6,900 | 7,100 | 7,100 | 7,100 |
| Required Saving/Drawdown of Reserves | | | | (30,100) | (44,100) |
| Total Expenditure | 618,000 | 664,900 | 633,800 | 618,000 | 618,000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Requisition | 579,500 | 579,500 | 579,500 | 579,500 | 579,500 |
| Other Income | 38,500 | 81,100 | 38,500 | 38,500 | 38,500 |
| Total Income | 618,000 | 660,600 | 618,000 | 618,000 | 618,000 |
| NET EXPENDITURE/(INCOME) | - | 4,300 | 15,800 | - | - |
| Application of Balances | | | | | |
| Earmarked Reserves | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 |
| General Reserves | 103,417 | 99,117 | 83,317 | 83,317 | 83,317 |
| TOTAL Balance Brought Forward | 276,749 | 272,449 | 256,649 | 256,649 | 256,649 |
| Contribution to/ (Application of) General Reserves | - | (4,300) | (15,800) | - | - |
| Surplus Carried Forward | 276,749 | 268,149 | 240,849 | 256,649 | 256,649 |
| Contribution per Authority | 72,438 | 72,438 | 72,438 | 72,438 | 72,438 |
| Reduction in Requisition | | | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| General Reserves as % of gross revenue spend | 17% | 15% | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| Earmarked Reserves:- | | | | | |
| Strategic Development Plan Contingency Fund | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 |
| Contribution to/from earmarked reserves | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL Earmarked Reserves | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 | 173,332 |
| General Reserves:- | | | | | |
| General Reserves | 103,417 | 103,417 | 99,117 | 83,317 | 83,317 |
| Less: anticipated underspend/overspend | - | (4,300) | (15,800) | - | - |
| Net General Reserves available | 103,417 | 99,117 | 83,317 | 83,317 | 83,317 |
| TOTAL Reserves Carried Forward | 276,749 | 272,449 | 256,649 | 256,649 | 256,649 |

Estimates of Expenditure and Income for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 to 31st March 2022
Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Requisition Payable by Member Councils

| | | 2019/2020 £ | Requisition Payment | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | £ 1st Half | £ 2nd Half |
| CITY OF GLASGOW COUNCIL | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| EAST RENFREWSHIRE | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| INVERCLYDE | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| RENFREWSHIRE | 12.5% | 72,437.50 | 36,218.75 | 36,218.75 |
| | | 579,500.00 | Due Dates | |
| | | | 15-Apr-19 | 16-Sep-19 |

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

On: 10th December 2018

**Report by
Stuart Tait, Manager**

Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the matters relating to the ongoing consideration by the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee notes this report and the progress and Parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

3. Context

- 3.1 The Joint Committee are aware of the most relevant aspects of the Bill as it pertains to Clydeplan, namely:
- the removal of the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans; and,
 - a requirement on a planning authority or, two or more planning authorities, to provide information to assist the Scottish Ministers in their preparation of the National Planning Framework.

4. Parliamentary Scrutiny

- 4.1 The Parliamentary scrutiny process has been ongoing since the Bill's publication in December 2017. The process is being scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee to which Clydeplan gave both oral and written evidence.
- 4.2 In the Stage 1 report the Local Government and Communities Committee's Stage 1 noted that

"It is fair to say that views are mixed on the proposal to remove the statutory provisions relating to Strategic Development Plans (SDPs). To the extent that there is support, it is contingent on a commitment to continue with some form of regional spatial planning because, as one witness put it, "people and the natural environment do not obey strict political boundaries." We note that there are significant concerns about the future of regional spatial planning, a discipline that has a long history in Scotland and has attracted interest and commendation from elsewhere.

"A number of the planning authorities that comprise Clydeplan wrote of their positive experience contribution that regional planning had made to "the successful delivery of regeneration and economic growth in the Glasgow city region in recent years."

4.3 The Committee concluded in respect of Strategic Development Planning that

"we do not consider that the current statutory framework for regional planning should be repealed unless a more robust mechanism is provided to that currently proposed in the Bill."

4.4 The report also stated that it is unclear that removing SDPs from the statutory planning system will lead to simplification, streamlining, cost savings or more effective regional planning and considers there are risks if regional planning becomes voluntary.

4.5 A debate on Stage 1 of the Bill was held in the Scottish Parliament held on 29th May 2018. The Bill was introduced by Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning who stated:

"The Bill seeks to remove strategic development plans from the system, but I have always been clear that a strong continuing role for strategic planning in Scotland will remain through the national planning framework and regional partnership working across the country. However, strategic development planning in Scotland has had challenges as well as successes, and we need the system to change so that planning can better respond to the world that we live in..... I understand the concerns that have been raised by some about political support and resources being available for strategic planning, so we will look at lodging an amendment at Stage 2 to introduce a clearer duty for planning authorities to work together on strategic planning. I want to ensure that we avoid being too prescriptive about that to ensure that we allow for different approaches that reflect local circumstances"

4.6 At the Stage 2, Day 1 session held on 12th September the Minister brought forward an amendment (Amendment 116) which amongst other considerations sought to introduce the concept of 'strategic development reports'. Such reports were to be prepared by planning authorities 'from time to time' and would set out long term spatial strategy for their areas and in particular identify

- a) the need for strategic development
- b) priorities for the delivery of strategic development; and,
- c) proposed locations for strategic development which must be show in the report in the form of a map or diagram.

4.7 Strategic development was defined as 'development that is likely to have a significant impact on future development within the area of more than one planning authority'.

4.8 Planning authorities were to consult on the report and there after publish it and submit it to Scottish Ministers. Under the terms of the proposed amendment Scottish Ministers would, in exercising their functions of preparing, revising and amending the National Planning Framework have regard to any current strategic development report submitted to them.

4.9 Following deliberation by the Committee the Amendment in relation to strategic development reports was not agreed to.

- 4.10 On 19th September, Day 2 session the Committee gave consideration to Section 2 of the Bill, namely the removal of requirements to prepare strategic development plan. The Stage 1 report had stated that the Committee considered that the current statutory framework for regional planning should not be repealed unless a more robust mechanism is provided to that currently proposed in the Bill.
- 4.11 In response to the Stage 1 Report and the Ministers Amendment 116 an amendment (Amendment 42) was submitted (by Andy Wightman, MSP) which would retain Strategic Development Plans. In response to the proposed Amendment the Minister made a number of statements to the Committee in relation to strategic development plans, in particular

"I ask the committee to consider whether strategic development plans in their current form have a significant impact. From what has been said, it appears that most of the successes of strategic or regional planning were achieved decades ago - long before the current arrangements emerged. Strategic or regional planning used to have real influence and I am concerned that that is no longer the case. I have made it very clear that we want to improve and strengthen strategic planning, not to undermine it.

Unfortunately, our efforts to improve flexibility and rationalise the system have been misinterpreted or misconstrued as a complete abolition of strategic planning. That has never been my intention."

"Experience has shown that we can have little confidence that strategic development plans would be adequate if they were not independently examined. Although I cannot comment on specific plans, including those that are currently before me, some strategic development plans have had problems tackling significant issues, leaving them to be addressed in the examination. I would not like to speculate on whether that is because authorities are unable to properly tackle challenging issues or is down to people relying on the examination or ministers to make difficult decisions on their behalf. Such issues include housing requirements, retail and town centre allocations and major cross-boundary infrastructure requirements. I am sure that the committee can see that those are not matters of detail; they are significant issues and strategic development plans are failing to address them."

"However, if strategic development plans are retained, it is unlikely that authorities will be able to work as closely with the Government in preparing the national planning framework. It also leaves the rest of the country outwith the four SDP areas operating in a different context. We estimated that removing the formal process around strategic development plans would free up around £2.5 million for more effective ways of working"

"If members decide to retain strategic development plans or, worse still, to bring in an even more unworkable version of them, they will increase, not reduce, complexity and duplication in the system and allow a small but vocal group of planners in Scotland to cling to an outdated and ineffective pursuit that costs a lot and provides very little benefit in return."

“one of the difficulties with the existing strategic development planning approach is that it is not robust. During the examination, it often falls to ministers and others to point out the difficult decisions that the current SDPs do not take. It is difficult for me to give examples of that, because some of those matters are still live. However, I ask all members of the committee to look at some of the recent difficulties that there have been with agreements on housing numbers or infrastructure construction, for example.”

- 4.12 Following consideration by the Committee Amendment 42 was agreed to and consequently Strategic Development Plans would be retained. In response the Minister stated he would bring back similar proposals to Amendment 116 at Stage 3.
- 4.13 The Stage 2 deliberations, after seven hearing sessions, was completed on 14th November. This was followed by the publication of the Planning (Scotland) Bill (As Amended at Stage 2) on 16th November.
- 4.14 The primary provisions of the amended Bill include the retention of Strategic Development Plans and the removal of the requirement to prepare a Main Issues Report which is replaced by the requirement to prepare an Evidence Report for the preparation of a Strategic Development Plan.
- 4.15 This Evidence Report is to
1. set out the Strategic Development Planning Authority’s views on
 - (a) the principal physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the strategic development plan area,
 - (b) the principal purposes for which land is used in that area,
 - (c) the size, composition and distribution of the population of that area,
 - (d) the infrastructure of that area (including communications, transport and drainage systems and systems for the supply of water and energy),
 - (e) how that infrastructure is used, and
 - (f) any change which the strategic development planning authority think may occur in relation to any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e).
 2. the consultation process undertaken and the ways in which the views expressed during the consultation process have been taken into account.
 3. any such other matters that are prescribed.
- 4.16 The Evidence Report is to be submitted to Scottish Ministers who will then appoint a person to assess whether the report contains sufficient information to enable the Strategic Development Planning Authority to prepare a Strategic Development Plan.
- 4.17 If satisfied with Evidence Report as submitted the appointed person will notify both the Strategic Development Planning Authority and Scottish Ministers. If not satisfied the appointed person will set out the reasons and send a copy of the assessment report to the Strategic Development Planning Authority and Scottish Ministers.
- 4.18 In addition the Scottish Ministers may make regulations as to meeting the general administrative costs, staffs costs and overheads incurred in relation the assessment by the appointed person.

- 4.19 At this stage it is unclear if the Strategic Development Plan is to remain in its current cycle of review (4 years after approval by Scottish Ministers) or whether this period will be aligned to the review timescales of the National Planning Framework and Local Development Plans of 10 years.
- 4.20 As a consequence of the Stage 2 amendments the Development Plan system now comprises:
- (i) the National Planning Framework,
 - (ii) any Strategic Development Plan for the time being applicable to the area, together with,
 - (i) the Scottish Ministers' notice of approval of that plan, and
 - (ii) any supplementary guidance issued in connection with that plan, and
 - (iii) any local development plan for the time being applicable to the area.
- 4.21 A date for Stage 3 of the Bill has yet to be set but likely to early 2019. Progress of the Bill can be viewed at www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/106768.aspx.
- 4.22 Given progress to date and the number of amendments and Committee sessions it is unlikely that the Bill will not now receive Royal Ascent until spring 2019 at the earliest.
- 4.23 It is unclear whether the delay to the timetable for the Bill will have knock on consequences for the preparation of NPF4 preparation activities. Such delays in both the Bill and NPF4 continue to be unhelpful particularly in giving a degree of clarity and certainly around the future role of strategic planning in the new planning system for Scotland.

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

On: 10th December 2018

**Report by
Stuart Tait, Manager**

Glasgow City Region Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the ongoing role of Clydeplan within the portfolios and wider activities of the Glasgow City Region (GCR).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee notes this report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team in relation to GCR.

3. Glasgow City Regional Partnership (GCRP) and Clydeplan

- 3.1 The inaugural meeting of the Glasgow City Regional Partnership (GCRP) took place on 31st October 2018 in Glasgow City Chambers where it was agreed that its purpose was to drive forward the growth of the Glasgow City Region economy, prioritise inclusive growth and drive forward increased collaboration between public, private, third and academic sector.
- 3.2 Membership of the GCRP is the Local Authority Chief Executives, Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Skills Development Scotland, Transport Scotland and the Scottish and UK Governments.
- 3.3 At the meeting the GCRP had a presentation on Brexit by the Fraser of Allander Institute, an overview of Regional Partnerships by Scottish Government and a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth on the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan and the related work of the various local authority led portfolios.
- 3.4 The GCRP intends to meet quarterly with the next meeting schedule for 28th February 2019.

4. Glasgow City Region Staffing Structure

- 4.1 The Director of Regional Economic Growth is currently considering a dedicated staffing structure to support the GCRP and wider Glasgow City Region activities including the work of the eight local authority led portfolios. This structure will potentially seek to incorporate the Clydeplan staff resource. If this structure is agreed a further report will be brought back to the Joint Committee.

5. Clydeplan

- 5.1 Increasingly Clydeplan are involved in supporting the activities of the GCR and related portfolios as well as the City Deal Programme Management Office. Clydeplan are now involved as an active participant in four of the eight portfolios as well as the overarching Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Working Group.
- 5.2 Delivering Clydeplan SDP: Clydeplan will continue to focus on working with its Local Authorities and its delivery partners, in the manner set out in the SDP Action Programme, to support delivery of the SDP Vision and Spatial Development Strategy.
- 5.3 Resources: At this moment in time Clydeplan remains the only fully resourced SDPA team in Scotland. The 12 month secondment of a Clydeplan Strategic Planner to the Glasgow City Region team has been extended to 31st December aligned to the inward seconding arrangement to Clydeplan, a Senior Planner from Renfrewshire, employed on a part time basis.
- 5.4 The lease of the Clydeplan offices expires on 26th October 2019. A dilapidations report, was commissioned through Renfrewshire Council's Property Services to prepare a 'Terminal Schedule of Dilapidations' to identify the potential costs which would likely be incurred at the termination of the lease based on the offices current condition. The cost identified was in the region of £28,500 + VAT. This cost can be met from Clydeplan's earmarked balances.
- 5.5 A decision on the future of the Clydeplan Core Team and any related accommodation needs will again be dependent on the outcome of the Planning Bill and Glasgow City Regional Partnership considerations. A further report will be brought back to the Joint Committee on this matter.
- 5.6 Processes and Governance: Future governance arrangements for Clydeplan will be shaped by the terms of the amendment in relation to strategic planning set out in the Planning (Scotland) Bill and also by the emerging governance and related structures for the GCRP.
- 5.7 National Planning Framework: Discussions are ongoing with the Scottish Government regarding the future direction, timescale and technical/evidential requirements for the new National Planning Framework. Work is scheduled to begin on NPF4 following the Planning Bill receiving Royal Assent which will probably be in spring 2019.
- 5.8 It is still anticipated that NPF4 will be approved in 2020 though the new Planning Bill does allow this to be 2024 and given the delays to the Bill the 2020 timeline for NPF4 looks increasingly challenging.
- 5.9 These considerations will be important in determining what role Clydeplan can play in supporting the development of NPF4 through its regional partnership working role. The SDP Manager is maintaining ongoing contact with the Scottish Government however in all likelihood there will remain a lack of clarity around the requirements for and implications of NPF4 until after the publication of the Bill which itself has been delayed by at least three months.

6. Clydeplan - Work Plan

6.1 The key elements of the current Core Team work plan consists of the following:

- Land Supplies (housing land, vacant and derelict land and industrial and business land) and related monitoring and online mapping (AGOL) updating;
- Employment and Business Land Review;
- SITLUM Transport modelling and related training;
- Support for Regional Transport Strategy refresh;
- Development of Strategic Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan;
- Mapping/data support for City Deal PMO Business cases;
- Support for Glasgow City Region Partnership Portfolios
 - Land Use and Sustainability;
 - Infrastructure and Assets;
 - Transport and Connectivity;
 - Housing and Equalities;
 - Economic Delivery Group;
- Support for the Glasgow City Region Economic Intelligence Working Group;
- HNDA 3/Housing Market Partnership;
- Development Management Forum;
- Flood risk mapping updating;
- Scottish Government liaison - Planning Review/HNDA3/NPF4 requirements; and,
- Ongoing wider stakeholder engagement including Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Development Plan, Central Scotland Green Network, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network, Climate Ready Clyde, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Water and SPT.

7 Observations

7.1 Clydeplan continues to remain a funded resource which can help support

- the delivery of the approved Strategic Development Plan Vision and Spatial Development Strategy through partnership working with local authorities, the Key Agencies and wider stakeholders;
- the development of the Local Authority Local Development Plans;
- land supply data collection and monitoring and the consideration of issues arising from this monitoring;
- the Glasgow City Region local authority led portfolios with regard to the delivery of a number of the actions contained within the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Action Plan;
- the ongoing review of the Scottish planning system.

- 7.2 It is increasingly likely that the delay to the timetable for the Planning (Scotland) Bill will have knock on consequences for the preparation of NPF4 preparation activities. Such delays in both the Bill and NPF4 continues to be unhelpful particularly in giving a degree of clarity and certainly around the future role of strategic planning in the new planning system for Scotland.

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

**To: Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority
Joint Committee**

On: 10th December 2018

Report by

Max Hislop, GCV Green Network Partnership Manager

GCV Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2017/20 and Programme Plan 2019/20

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP) Business Plan 2017/20 and to seek approval for local authority contributions to support the Programme Plan and budget for 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Joint Committee note the contents of the GCVGNP Business Plan and approve the allocation of local authority contributions to support the delivery of the Programme Plan 2019/20.

3. Background

- 3.1 The GCVGNP was formed in 2006 and is comprised of the eight Glasgow city region local authorities, Forestry Commission Scotland, SNH, SEPA and the Glasgow Centre Population Health.
- 3.2 The purpose of the GCVGNP is to facilitate the delivery of the GCV Green Network, a key component of the Strategic Development Plan's Spatial Development Strategy. The GCVGNP is also a key regional partner in the Central Scotland Green Network, a 'National Development' in NPF3.
- 3.3 The GCVGNP has been successful in generating increased recognition of the role of the Green Network in delivering a successful city region. Current work is providing strategic guidance for the delivery of the Green Network and green infrastructure to deliver healthier lifestyles, climate change resilience, training and employment opportunities and placemaking developments.
- 3.4 At a meeting held on 10th December 2012 the Joint Committee approved the GCVGNP's Terms of Reference. This recognises the governance role of the Joint Committee in approving local authority contributions to support the Partnership's Business Plan. The Terms of Reference requires no later than 31st December each year the GCVGNP's Business Plan to be presented to the Joint Committee for approval of local authority contributions for the following financial year.

4. The GCVGNP Business Plan 2017-20 and Programme Plan 2019/20

- 4.1 The Business Plan provides guidance to the GCVGNP Board on delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Programme for the three year period 2017-20. The Plan provides a review of progress against the Partnership's remit. The Programme Plan 2019/20 describes the programme of work for the continuing development of the GN Programme in the year 2019/20. A budget for the GN Partnership's Executive Team for 2019/20 is also presented within the Programme Plan. A copy of the Programme Plan is attached as Appendix 1 and a copy of the Business Plan is attached as Appendix 3.

The Programme of Project Work

- 4.2 The Programme Plan for 2019/20 outlines the 'strategic' and 'geographic' project work to be undertaken by the Partnership.

The Strategic Projects for 2019/20 are:

- **The GCV Green Network 'Blueprint':** - work with all GCR local authorities to describe the strategic approach to delivery of the Blueprint across the region;
- **CSGN Strategic Project Work** – complete a study of revenue costs for management and maintenance of the Green Network, and complete analysis to support delivery of the CSGN Development Plan targets for 2025.

The Geographic projects for 2019/20 are:

- **Local Authority Blueprint Action Plans** – work with all GCR local authorities to identify and agree actions for delivery of the GN Blueprint and prepare individual local authority action plan reports;
- **Natural Flood Management Studies (NFM):** - deliver NFM studies for the River Kelvin and White Cart catchments Potentially Vulnerable Areas;
- **South Lanarkshire Open Space Strategy** - assist in the preparation of the new strategy in South Lanarkshire.
- **Green Infrastructure Policies and Guidance** – assist Inverclyde and other local authority partners in the preparation of GI policies and guidance

The Budget 2019/20

- 4.3 The budget for the GCVGNP in 2019/20 is £200,000. The breakdown of the budget is shown in Paragraph 1 of the Programme Plan and Appendix 2.
- 4.4 The budget is comprised of contributions from partner agencies and local authorities. The four agencies together will contribute 40% of funding and the local authorities together will contribute 48% of funding. Project related external income will make up the remaining 12% of the budget.

4.5 The local authority contribution to the 2019/20 budget is £96,187. The contribution from each authority is calculated pro rata based on its population size.

4.6 The contribution from each local authority for 2019/20 is:

- East Dunbartonshire £5,756
- East Renfrewshire £4,900
- Glasgow City £31,949
- Inverclyde £4,451
- North Lanarkshire £17,825
- Renfrewshire £9,311
- South Lanarkshire £16,992
- West Dunbartonshire £5,001

Appendix 1

The GCV Green Network Partnership's Programme Plan for 2019/20

To be read in conjunction with the GCV Green Network Partnership Business Plan

Budget 2019/20

The GCVGNP budget for 2019/20 is £200k which is a reduction of £10k compared to 2018/19. The budget is comprised of four major areas of expenditure (budget for 2018/19 in parenthesis):

- Staff costs: £150.0k (£166.5k)
- Property costs: £25.8k (£25.8k)
- Office/admin costs: £17.2k (£9.7k)
- Communications: £7.0k (£8.0k)

A breakdown of these figures into individual account lines managed by Renfrewshire Council on behalf of the Partnership can be seen in Appendix 1. The budget pays for the salaries and associated costs of employing the core team of three staff (see Figure 1 below) and the costs of running and servicing the West Regent Street office (shared with the Clydeplan team).

Staffing 2019/20

In 2019/20 the Executive Team (see Figure 1) will be comprised of two full-time salaried posts and one part-time salaried post:

- Programme Manager
- Development Officer
- Communications & Promotions Officer: (PT: 3 days / week)

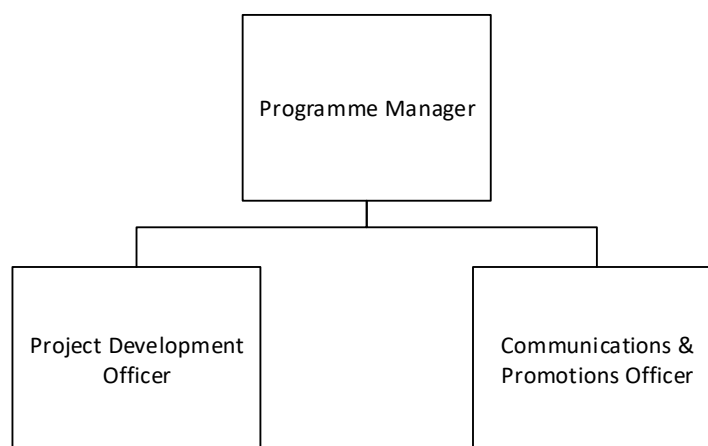


Figure 1. GCVGNP's Executive Team 2019/20

Project work

The focus of the Executive Team's work is on project work which is regarded as strategically important to the delivery of the GCV Green Network or on particular geographically located projects.

Strategic projects

Strategic project work should help delivery partners to focus limited resources on delivery of the GCV Green Network where this will be most effective or where there are opportunities to align the Partnership's objectives with other organisation's objectives and so share resources for delivery of the GCV Green Network.

Wherever relevant, possible and requested by partners, strategic project work is transferred from a pilot project location to other locations. Often a strategic project is developed to meet a request from a partner local authority and the lessons learned from the initial project are used to repeat similar work and outputs in other local authority areas. Table 1 below shows the transference of some strategic projects over recent years and how they have led to project work in the current Business Plan.

Table 1. Transference of Strategic Projects

| Strategic Project | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GN Opportunities Mapping | Sth Lanarkshire, Glasgow | Clydeplan | North Lanarkshire | | | |
| GN Indicators for Community Plans | Pilot: Renfrewshire | Inverclyde | South Lanarkshire E Renfrewshire North Lanarkshire | E Dunbartonshire, W Dunbartonshire | Glasgow | |
| Greenspace and Health Analysis | | | Pilot: Glasgow, W Dunbartonshire | Renfrewshire, E. Renfrewshire Sth Lanarkshire | Glasgow, Nth Lanarkshire | E. Dunbartonshire Inverclyde |
| Greenspace and Climate Change Adaptation | Pilot: Renfrewshire, Glasgow | | Renfrewshire (update), Glasgow (update), E Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, E Renfrewshire | Sth Lanarkshire, Nth Lanarkshire, W Dunbartonshire | | |

Geographic Projects

Geographic projects should demonstrate an approach or principles which the Partnership would wish to see applied in other places across the region or are projects where the cross-boundary remit of the Partnership and expertise of the Executive Team adds value to delivery partner's efforts and facilitates the delivery of priority projects.

Strategic Projects for 2019/20

An overview of the Executive Team's strategic project work for 2019/20 is shown in Table 2 below. More detailed description of the individual projects is provided in the paragraphs below.

Table 2. Summary of Strategic Project Work 2019/20

| Project | Partners | Comment |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. The GCV Green Network 'Blueprint' | all GCVGNP partners | Work with partners to draft a spatial representation of the GCVGN |
| a. Blueprint Delivery Strategy | | Prepare a document that describes the strategic approach to delivery of the Blueprint across the GCV region |
| b. GN Blueprint Indicator | | Develop an indicator to monitor the extent of delivery of the 'Blueprint' |
| 2. CSGN Strategic Project Work | CSGNT | |
| a. Sustaining the CSGN Study | | Complete a study of the estimated revenue costs for management and maintenance of the CSGN through to 2050. Funded by the CSGNT |
| b. GIS analysis for DP25 targets | | Working with the CSGNT, to complete GIS analysis to support delivery of DP25 targets. Funded by the CSGNT |

The GCV Green Network 'Blueprint'

An image of the GCV Green Network was published in the regional Structure Plan in 2006. It was created following discussions between local planners and the Structure Plan team on the potential places and corridors where the Green Network might make links across the conurbation and beyond. To date it is the only region-wide representation of the spatial delivery of the GCV Green Network.

The Opportunities Mapping analysis undertaken for Clydeplan has helped to identify priority locations for delivery of the Green Network (Strategic Delivery Areas) and NPF3 has set a new set of priorities for the CSGN. However, delivery of the Green Network in these priority locations alone will not deliver a coherent and contiguous regional Green Network. The priority locations should be presented within the context of our Partnership's vision for the realisation of GCV Green Network.

Since 2006 the Partnership has completed many studies and developed new analyses which could inform a new version of the image. In addition our

collective understanding of the Green Network has advanced including the role that it should have in delivering a successful and resilient city region.

In 2015/16 the Executive Team started work with East Dunbartonshire Council to test out a new approach to our spatial vision for the GCV Green Network (the 'Blueprint'). Starting at the local level the approach was discursive. The discussions drew upon existing Green Network strategies and studies and used the range of GIS spatial analysis that are now available. The Executive Team also tested a region-wide desk-based approach to the drafting of the 'Blueprint'.

The outcomes of these two approaches were presented to the Board to decide the best approach to continue and complete the preparation of the GCV Green Network 'Blueprint'. The Board advised that the region-wide desk-based output informed by discussions with partner organisations was the most pragmatic approach.

The 'Blueprint' will be comprised of two integrated strategic networks:

- **The Access Network** – providing connections for people to get to places they wish to go across the region;
- **The Habitat Network** – providing contiguous connections for wildlife between regionally important habitats.

In 2016/17 the Executive Team prepared a region wide Blueprint framework of key destinations (nodes) and notional access routes (connections) through desk based spatial analysis and discussions with local authority partners. The principle of translating the connections into the identification of 'on the ground' greenspace assets and potential green network links was trialled.

In 2017/18 the Executive Team progressed the development of a methodology for 'on the ground' assessment of Access Network connections and this was tested on several connections. An approach to complete the assessment of all 340+ connections was agreed.

In 2018/19 the Executive Team completed the 'on the ground' assessment of all strategic Access Network connections; completed an analysis of the strategic Habitat Network for inclusion in the Blueprint; started to compile actions for delivery of the 'Blueprint' to form an Action Plan; and identified metrics which could be used as an indicator to monitor the extent of delivery of the 'Blueprint'.

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will:

- Prepare a document that describes the strategic approach to delivery of the Blueprint across the GCV region. This will identify:
 - Existing green network assets which are regionally and strategically important to the GCV Green Network and should therefore be protected and enhanced where necessary; and,
 - Potential sites that are regionally and strategically important to the GCV Green Network and should therefore be a priority for transformation into recognised green network assets;
- Develop an indicator to monitor the extent of delivery of the 'Blueprint'.

CSGN Strategic Project Work

The Programme Manager is a regular attendee of the CSGN's Regional Advisory Forum (RAF). The RAF was set up to provide an opportunity for Green Network partnerships and other organisations with a regional role in delivery of the CSGN to share experiences and ideas and to provide input to agenda items

to be discussed by the CSGN Board. The RAF is working on issues which should be addressed by the CSGN Programme Committee, the CSGNT Board, and all those organisations with a stake in the CSGN.

In 2014/15 the Executive Team worked on the 'Costing the CSGN' project which emerged from RAF discussions. This study provided a capital cost estimate for the delivery of the CSGN vision through to 2050 (£2.8 billion). In doing so it also created a structure for the physical delivery of the CSGN based on 13 components across 6 thematic groupings (Greenspace, Green Infrastructure, Vacant & Derelict Land, Community Growing, Habitats and Active Travel). The outputs of this work have been widely used and have formed the structure for the CSGN Delivery Programme 2025. In addition, the 'Costing the CSGN' study prompted the CSGNT to request a study to estimate the value of the benefits of the CSGN by 2050 from RESAS. The 'Benefits of the CSGN' study conservatively estimated that there will be a 2:1 return on investment from delivery of the CSGN, based on the assessment of just six benefits selected from a longer list of acknowledged green network benefits.

The success of the 'Costing the CSGN' study has led to a sustained working relationship between the GCVGNP and CSGNT whereby CSGNT commission and fund work from the GCVGNP for the completion of strategic research which mutually supports the aims of the Trust and the Partnership.

In 2015/16 the Executive Team completed an assessment of the available resources for the delivery of the CSGN. This study is called 'Resourcing the CSGN'. This study identified a wide range of funding sources for the capital cost components identified in the 'Costing the CSGN' study. The study concluded that even if all available funding resources were fully utilised for CSGN delivery there would still be a substantial shortfall on capital investment needed on an annual basis to deliver the CSGN vision. In addition, the importance of the planning system as a mechanism for the delivery of Green Infrastructure associated with planned development was identified.

In response to one of the major conclusions from the 'Resourcing the CSGN' study, in 2016/17 the Executive Team developed the 'Overcoming barriers to the delivery of green infrastructure in new residential development' study for the CSGN area, which identified the potential to use the 'Building with Nature' GI Benchmark as a set of standards to assess current policy and delivery for GI through planned development. This led to:

- the completion of 'A Review of GI Policies in the CSGN' in 2017/18 and the preparation of a suite of 'exemplar' GI policies (with support from Scottish Government) based on the best policies identified in the review;
- the completion of a trial of the 'Building with Nature' GI Benchmark accreditation on 5 'frontrunner' case studies across the CSGN area in 2018/19, and a report on the potential use of the accreditation process to recognise good GI delivery in built developments and planning policy documents.

Many of the tasks originally identified in the 'Overcoming barriers to the delivery of green infrastructure in new residential development' study brief have been superseded by work undertaken by other studies (e.g. SNH's 'Social Housing and Green Infrastructure' study) and the actioning of recommendations that

flow from those studies. Consequently new strategic research tasks have been commissioned by CSGNT from the GCVGNP for 2019/20.

In 2019/20 and the Executive Team will:

- undertake the analysis for a 'Sustaining the CSGN' study which will estimate the revenue costs for the management and maintenance of the green network assets that comprise the CSGN by 2050.
- work with the CSGNT to specify and complete GIS based analysis to support the delivery of targets identified in the CSGN 2025 Delivery Plan.

Geographical Projects for 2019/20

The Executive Team's geographical project work for 2019/20 is show in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Summary of Geographical Project work 2019/20

| Project | Partners | Comment |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Local Authority Blueprint Action Plans | East Dunbartonshire East Renfrewshire Glasgow City Inverclyde North Lanarkshire Renfrewshire South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire | Identify and agree with partner local authorities actions for delivery of the GN Blueprint and prepare individual local authority action plan reports |
| 2. Natural Flood Management Studies: River Kelvin & White Cart Catchments | Glasgow City, East Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire, SEPA | Deliver NFM studies for the River Kelvin and White Cart Catchments Potentially Vulnerable Areas on behalf of Clyde & Loch Lomond Local Plan District for the Flood Risk Management Act. |
| 3. South Lanarkshire Open Space Strategy | South Lanarkshire | Assist in the preparation of the new strategy by providing expert opinion and spatial analysis |
| 4. Green Infrastructure Policies & Guidance | Inverclyde and other LA partners to be identified | Assist local authority partners in the preparation of GI policies and guidance. |

Local Authority Blueprint Action Plans

The preparation of the Partnership's Blueprint for the GCV Green Network has been part of the work programme since 2015/16. With the completion of the analytical phase of the project which resulted in the identification of spatial arrangement of the 'Blueprint', the project now moves into an action planning phase.

Through the analytical phase opportunities for improvement to the access network and habitat network elements of the Blueprint have been identified.

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will work with partners and others to assess potential actions for the improvement of the existing elements of both the access and habitat elements of the Blueprint. Individual local authority based plans will be prepared which document agreed actions.

Natural Flood Management Studies: River Kelvin and White Cart Catchments

The production of Natural Flood Management (NFM) maps is a requirement of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act. They are part of a suite of tools which will be used in the Flood Risk Management Planning Process to help to produce Scotland's first set of national co-ordinated responses to managing flooding.

The need for several NFM studies in Potentially Vulnerable Areas has been identified by SEPA, local authorities and other partners in the Clyde and Loch Lomond FRM district. Glasgow City Council acts as leader authority for the district.

The Partnership was asked to deliver three NFM studies for the district. These are located in:

- Yoker Mains and Yoker Burns catchments
- River Kelvin catchment
- White Cart catchment.

The studies:

- propose new natural flood management measures ;
- provide guideline costs; and,
- model hydrological impacts.

These studies provide the Partnership with the opportunity to align natural flood management measures with the delivery of wider Green Network objectives and delivery proposals. Funding for delivery of the measures is likely to be forthcoming from Scottish Government based on these studies.

In 2016/17 the Executive Team worked to deliver a NFM study for the Yoker catchments. This study will inform greenspace project proposals emerging from the Clydebank and Yoker SDAs action planning project.

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will oversee the delivery of the NFM studies for the River Kelvin and White Cart catchments.

South Lanarkshire Open Space Strategy

South Lanarkshire Council are working to complete an update of their Open Space Strategy. Recent work completed by the Partnership has the potential to significantly inform the strategy:

- Greenspace and Health Analysis
- Green Network and climate change adaptation analysis
- Green Network Access analysis (completed for South Lanarkshire's GN Indicator)
- Open Space audit
- Green Network 'Blueprint'

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will assist South Lanarkshire to incorporate these analyses into the Open Space Strategy and assist in presenting the outputs of the strategy to be relevant to a wide stakeholder audience, e.g.: Land Services; Planning Policy; Development Management; Corporate Management (assets and climate change adaptation); Other landowning public sector agencies (e.g. Forest Enterprise Scotland, NHS Lanarkshire); Health professionals.

Green Infrastructure Policies and Guidance

Over many years the Partnership has developed a leading understanding of urban green infrastructure, how it can contribute to the delivery of the Green Network and the important role that the Planning System has in ensuring that delivery of green infrastructure through development is consistent with the Green Network vision.

In 2017/18 the Executive Team completed a review of GI policies across the CSGN area and developed a suite of 'exemplar' policies derived from the best policies identified in the review.

In 2018/19 the Executive Team assisted West Dunbartonshire Council with the drafting of their new local development plan green infrastructure policies and supplementary guidance, largely based on the knowledge gained from the GI policy review.

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will assist partner local authorities with GI policy development and guidance upon request.

Communications work for 2019/20

In 2016/17 communications work focussed on showcasing the Partnership's big projects to make the case for continued funding. Key pieces of work included:

- Our '10 year Partnership Review' Brochure; and
- Promotion of the Partnership's 'Showcase' Film;

In 2017/18 a refreshed website was launched and a programme of communications activity focussed on promotion of:

- The Green Network Blueprint
- The Green Infrastructure (or Building with Nature) Benchmark

In 2018/19 communications work focussed on the development of materials to support the launch of the completed Green Network Blueprint:

- Blueprint animation and brochure
- Blueprint Case Studies
- Launch of the GN Blueprint.

In 2019/20 the Executive Team will focus on the promotion of the GN Blueprint and Green Infrastructure policies and benchmark.

Following the GN Blueprint launch event in February 2019, including an initial suite of case studies a programme of 'delivery case studies' framed around development of the Blueprint/wider Green Network identifying opportunities and highlighting good practice will be promoted.

Opportunities to promote this 'Living Network' or delivery case studies through an interactive map or online resource will be explored. Case studies will be partner projects which are replicable elsewhere and will provide key learning points.

The promotion of the Partnerships assessment of GI policies in the CSGN and the exemplar policies along with the 'Building with Nature' frontrunner projects will be a crucial part of communications activity.

These projects will require PR across a wide array of partner platforms and through GCV communication channels.

To support this activity, the Executive Team will:

- Prepare and circulate regular GN News Updates and Enews Flashes;
- Update and refresh content across the new GN website;
- Increase sign ups and engagement via E-News and Twitter channels;
- Evaluate and promote our LinkedIn site;
- Monitor and evaluate our Digital sites regularly; and,
- Continue to adjust promotional approaches due to analytics intelligence

Appendix 2: GCVGNP Programme Management Budget 2019/20

| | 2018/19 | | 2019/20 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Budget | Projection | Budget |
| Income | | | |
| East Dunbartonshire | 5,589 | 5,589 | 5,756 |
| East Renfrewshire | 4,758 | 4,758 | 4,900 |
| Glasgow City | 31,019 | 31,019 | 31,949 |
| Inverclyde | 4,322 | 4,322 | 4,451 |
| North Lanarkshire | 17,306 | 17,306 | 17,825 |
| Renfrewshire | 9,040 | 9,040 | 9,311 |
| South Lanarkshire | 16,497 | 16,497 | 16,992 |
| West Dunbartonshire | 4,855 | 4,855 | 5,001 |
| SNH | 33,619 | 32,012 | 33,619 |
| Forestry Commission Scotland | 33,619 | 32,012 | 33,619 |
| Glasgow Centre for Population Health | 14,008 | 7,000 | 7,210 |
| SEPA | 4,669 | 4,669 | 4,809 |
| Project Income (Central Scotland GN) | 30,699 | 25,000 | 24,556 |
| Total Income | 210,000 | 194,079 | 200,000 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Employee Costs | | | |
| Salaries | 117,300 | 115,799 | 115,652 |
| Employer contributions LGPS | 22,300 | 22,240 | 22,328 |
| Employer contributions National Insurance | 12,300 | 11,959 | 11,973 |
| Conference Fees | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Training Materials | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Training Courses | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Total Employee Costs | 153,000 | 151,097 | 151,052 |
| Property Costs | | | |
| Contract Cleaning | 900 | 1,340 | 1,340 |
| Maintenance Repairs | 21,000 | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| Total Property Costs | 21,900 | 22,340 | 22,340 |
| Supplies & Services | | | |
| Fixed line telephone usage | 800 | 800 | 800 |
| ICT equipment - purchase and installation | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| ICT software licences - purchase, support, maintenance | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Marketing | 8,000 | 2,500 | 8,000 |
| Office equipment (other than ICT) | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Postage | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Printing by Document Solution Centre | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Stationery | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Total Supplies & Services | 15,800 | 10,300 | 15,800 |
| Support Services | | | |
| Support services recharges | 18,000 | 8,800 | 9,500 |
| Total Support Services | 18,000 | 8,800 | 9,500 |
| Payments to Other Bodies | | | |
| Miscellaneous payments to other bodies | 100 | 100 | 108 |
| Total Payments to Other Bodies | 100 | 100 | 108 |
| Transport Costs | | | |
| Car/van mileage - business | 550 | 700 | 550 |
| Motorcycle/bicycle mileage - business | 0 | 25 | |
| Public transport fares - business | 650 | 650 | 650 |
| Total Transport Costs | 1,200 | 1,375 | 1,200 |
| Total Expenditure | 210,000 | 194,012 | 200,000 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| Revenue Reserves | | | |
| Balance as at 1 April | 38,000 | 38,000 | 38,000 |
| Drawdown in year | | | |
| Balance as at 31 March | 38,000 | 38,000 | 38,000 |



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BUSINESS PLAN 2017-20

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GLASGOW AND CLYDE VALLEY GREEN NETWORK PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS PLAN 2017-20

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The GCVGNP Business Plan

This Business Plan provides guidance to the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Board (hereafter referred to as the 'GN Partnership Board') on delivery of the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Programme (hereafter referred to as the 'GN Programme') for the three year period 2017-20.

1.2. GCVGN Partnership Aims and Objectives

The GCV Green Network Partnership aims to make the Glasgow city region one of Europe's most attractive places to live, work and play through the creation of a large functional Green Network.

The purpose of the Partnership is to work strategically to add value to the work of those organisations already acting to deliver green networks within the Glasgow and Clyde Valley (GCV) region.

The aim of the Partnership's work is to develop a co-ordinated approach that will deliver a major improvement in the scale and quality of green network provision across the GCV city region. The Partnership's work is designed to facilitate delivery of improvements to the physical environment of the region in a way and on a scale that would not otherwise be achieved.

Specific objectives of the Partnership are:

1. to help deliver the Green Network across the Strategic Development Plan area;
2. to champion green network activity across the GCV region;
3. to act as a catalyst and facilitator to help:
 - a) deliver a regional component of the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN);
 - b) embed the Green Network within regional and local policy;
 - c) develop regional partnerships for green network activity;
 - d) promote a strategic approach to project development;
 - e) secure effective and high quality long term management of the green network
 - f) access additional resources to support green network work;
 - g) increase the profile of the Green Network; and
 - h) create a regional linkage to other greenspace initiatives

1.3. The Central Scotland Green Network

The Glasgow and Clyde Valley region is a significant regional component of the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN), a National Development in the third national Planning Framework. The delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network is entirely consistent with the delivery of the CSGN and the Partnership will work with other regional partnerships in the CSGN activity area and the CSGN Trust to deliver our shared goals and vision.

A CSGN Regional Advisory Forum provides a forum to share experience between organisations working for the delivery of the CSGN and with the CSGN Trust.

In April 2014 the CSGN became the CSGN Trust, by merging the Central Scotland Forest Trust and its delivery capacity with the CSGN Support Unit. The new arrangements provide an opportunity for the relationship between the two organisations to be strengthened and mutually supportive. The Chair of the GCVGN Partnership is a director of the CSGNT.

In September 2016 the chair of the GCVGNP signed a concordat with the chair of the CSGNT which is intended to 'formally set out the relationship between key parts of the CSGN architecture, namely the CSGNT and the formally constituted Regional Partnerships'. Amongst other things the CSGNT/GCVGNP concordat states that:

- CSGNT commits to promote the interests and activities of the GCVGNP wherever possible within the architecture of the CSGN;
- GCVGNP commits to realise the CSGN Vision within the GCVGNP area.

1.4. The National Planning Framework

Scotland's third National Planning Framework (NPF3) was published in June 2014. It sets out a long term vision for the development of Scotland.

NPF3 is the spatial expression of the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy - with a focus on supporting sustainable economic growth and the transition to a low carbon economy. NPF3 sets out the Scottish Government's ambition for Scotland as a whole, and highlights the distinctive opportunities for sustainable growth in cities and towns, rural areas and coast and islands.

NPF3 is to be taken into account in all strategic and local development plans in Scotland. Fourteen national developments across Scotland are identified to deliver the strategy.

The Central Scotland Green Network is one of the fourteen national developments identified in NPF3. The plan states:

"Remediation of derelict land, prioritised action in disadvantaged communities and active travel (walking and cycling) should be the priorities for the CSGN Trust and others during the lifetime of NPF3".

1.5. Scottish Planning Policy

Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) was published in June 2014. It sets out national planning policies which reflect Scottish Ministers' priorities for operation of the planning system and for the development and use of land. The SPP promotes consistency in the application of policy across Scotland whilst allowing sufficient flexibility to reflect local circumstances.

The new SPP includes a subject policy headed 'Maximising the benefits of Green Infrastructure'. It refers to NPF3's aim to significantly enhance green infrastructure networks, particularly in and around our cities and towns, and goes on to identify the policy principles for green infrastructure as:

- Planning should protect, enhance and promote green infrastructure, including open space and green networks, as an integral component of successful placemaking.
- The planning system should:
 - consider green infrastructure as an integral element of places from the outset of the planning process;

- assess current and future needs and opportunities for green infrastructure to provide multiple benefits;
- facilitate the provision and long-term, integrated management of green infrastructure and prevent fragmentation; and
- provide for easy and safe access to and within green infrastructure, including core paths and other important routes, within the context of statutory access rights under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

2. DELIVERING ON THE PARTNERSHIP'S REMIT

The Partnership's remit is outlined in Paragraph 1.2, taken from the Partnership's Terms of Reference (Appendix 1). The programme plan for 2017-20 will strive to deliver tangible outputs in pursuit of the Partnership's purpose, aim and objectives.

2.1. Purpose: to work strategically and add-value

Since the launch of the Partnership in 2007, the work programme of the Partnership has focussed on the development of strategies which help partners to prioritise resources where delivery of the Green Network will be most efficient, effective in soliciting additional resources and ultimately capable of realising desired outcomes. The dedicated resource which the Partnership provides allows the development of Green Network strategies and provides added value to individual partner's efforts through improved effectiveness in the targeting of limited resources. Examples of such work programme outputs are:

- Green Network Strategies
 - Clyde Gateway; Clyde Waterfront; Ravenscraig; Inverclyde; Gartloch Gartcosh
- Green Network Opportunities Mapping
 - For Clydeplan; for local authorities; for landholders

2.2. Aim: to develop a co-ordinated approach to delivery

Much of the Partnership's work programme has been involved in the development of strategic plans which aim to co-ordinate delivery of a particular Green Network theme, or of the Green Network in a certain geographic area where a multi-partner approach to delivery is required. Some examples are:

- Thematic co-ordination
 - Sow and Grow Everywhere (SAGE); Sustainable Backcourts; GCV Wood Energy Study; Branching Out
- Geographic co-ordination
 - Seven Lochs Wetland Park Masterplan; V&DL Growth Corridors Study; Green Network and Climate Change Adaptation

2.3. Objective 1: to help deliver across the SDP area

Since its launch the Partnership's work programme has delivered valued outputs to all partners and parts of the Clydeplan area.

Opportunities Mapping outputs for Clydeplan by default cover the whole region. The subsequent local authority Opportunities Mapping reports provided more specific information for the whole region by local authority area.

The Green Network Strategies completed to date provide specific recommendations for Green Network delivery for large parts of the region. The initial focus for the selection of these strategy locations was based on major regeneration locations and community growth areas identified in the 2006 GCV Structure Plan.

Thematic project work (e.g. SAGE; Climate Change Adaptation) has looked to interpret the opportunities for Green Network delivery associated with the particular theme across the whole region.

2.4. Objective 2: to champion the Green Network across the GCV region

The Partnership has been an effective champion for the concept of a GCV Green Network and continues to work hard to maintain and progress the understanding and appreciation of the Green Network to those who can be instrumental in effecting its delivery.

The Partnership's communication and promotional work is respected by our peers. We have used monitoring and feedback processes to ensure our efforts to champion the Green Network are effective

Activities specifically resourced by the Partnership to champion the GCV Green Network have included:

- GCVGNP Launch: June 2007 – Cabinet Secretary John Swinney
- 'Seeing the Bigger Picture' Campaign: 2008 – GCVGN Video
- 'Putting You in The Picture' Campaign: 2009
- 'Adding Value' Campaign: 2010
- 'Better Places: Design & Delivery' Campaign: 2012
- 'Showcasing the GCVGNP' Campaign: 2015
- '10-year Review' Campaign: 2016

2.5. Objective 3: to act as a catalyst and facilitator

The Partnership's terms of reference divide this objective into eight 'sub-objectives'. Each one of these 'sub-objectives' are preceded with **"To act as a catalyst and facilitator to help:"**

2.5.1. deliver a regional component of the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN);

The remit of the Partnership is compatible with that of the CSGN. Co-operation and liaison with the CSGNT Board and the CSGN Regional Advisory Forum through active participation of the Chair and Programme Manager in these two governance elements of the CSGN ensure that the Partnership's work to deliver the GCV Green Network means that a regional component of the CSGN is also delivered. Our mutual endeavour is now enshrined in the CSGNT/GCVGNP concordat (see paragraph 1.3).

2.5.2. embed the Green Network within regional and local policy;

The Green Network is now a foundation theme in Clydeplan and is referred to in all Local Plans or LDPs. The development of the Opportunities Mapping work has been enthusiastically used by planners and policy makers and has been instrumental in assisting in the development of Green Network supplementary planning guidance. Other project work such as the Partnerships Integrated Green Infrastructure work is facilitating the change in the understanding of the role of the Green Network in providing valuable ecosystem services in the built environment and this is beginning to be reflected in regional and local policy.

2.5.3. develop regional partnerships for green network activity;

The Partnership has not been instrumental in effecting the development in regional partnerships, but has been successful in forming new partnerships related to specific areas of work, for example:

- IGI Design Studies (partners included: GCC, SEPA, SG, SNH, MGSDP)
- IHN & RBMP (partners SEPA)
- Gartloch Gartcosh Green Network (partners: GCC, NLC, FCS, SNH, RSPB, TCV)

2.5.4. promote a strategic approach to project development;

Since its inception the Partnership has used the Strategic Development Plan as the strategic guide for the focus of the Partnership's work programme. For example, it was through the Structure Plan that Green Network Strategies were undertaken on the Clyde Waterfront; Clyde Gateway; Ravenscraig and Gartloch Gartcosh. More recently, spatial analysis of Green Network priorities and opportunities has identified 16 Strategic Delivery Areas, four of which now feature in the Partnerships Programme Plan. In this way the Partnership is using a strategic approach to project development for its own work programme.

The strategic projects that form part of the Partnership's work programme are promoted and disseminated to delivery partners to inform their approach to project delivery.

2.5.5. secure effective and high quality long term management of the green network

Land managers face a perennial problem to secure sufficient resources to sustain the quality of their Green Network assets. The Partnership has recognised this issue and includes 'sustaining quality' as a design element in its Integrated Green Infrastructure Approach. However, the solution to the problem is by no means easy.

The Partnership is exploring new financial mechanisms and partnerships which aim to provide a model for assisting land managers to design in financial mechanisms and management regimes which provide for the long term management of the Green Network.

2.5.6. access additional resources to support green network work;

The remit of the Partnership includes the aim 'to deliver a major improvement in the scale and quality of green network provision across the GCV city region'. Although there is some opportunity to achieve this aim through increased effective use of existing resources, the extent of the ambition of the Partnership's vision necessitates that additional resources will have to be applied to the task to achieve the aim. In a period of economic austerity this is a major challenge.

The Partnership has delivered two major studies for the CSGNT which have assessed the capital cost for delivery of the CSGN ("Costing the CSGN") and the extent of available resources to meet that capital cost ("Resourcing the CSGN"). These studies underline the scale of the task and the necessity to secure all available resources and apply them to the task.

2.5.7. increase the profile of the Green Network

Clearly the profile of the Green Network has increased since the launch of the Partnership when few people were aware of the term let alone understood what it meant. The Partnership's communications work (e.g. the 'See the Bigger Picture', 'Better Places: Design & Delivery', and the "10-year Review" campaigns) and the promotion of the outputs of the work programme (e.g. the "Showcasing of the

GCVGNP”) has had a significant effect on raising awareness and, moreover, appreciation of the value of the Green Network to the city region.

Monitoring of key stakeholders shows that the profile of the Green Network is increasing with our target audiences. However, there is an ongoing need to work to sustain and increase the profile so that those with a potential role in delivering the Green Network realise that potential.

2.5.8. create a regional linkage to other greenspace initiatives

The Partnership has been a regional link to other greenspace initiatives since its launch (e.g. greenspace scotland’s Quality of Life group; CSGNT’s Regional Advisory Forum).

The Partnership’s Executive Team also attend meetings to add value to the work of regional initiatives (e.g. North Lanarkshire’s Natural Environment Partnership). The Partnership also uses social media to stay in touch with greenspace-related activity within and beyond the region.

3. Delivering the Partnership's Remit

3.1. Board Workshop: October 2016

A workshop was held in October 2016 for Partnership's Board to consider 'Delivering the Partnership's Remit'. The intention of the workshop was that its outputs should be reflected in the 2017–20 Business Plan.

The objective for the workshop was:

To seek the Board's input into the future work programme of the Partnership to ensure it continues to deliver its remit.

The workshop comprised of three sessions which focussed on three objectives of the Partnership's remit, and to answer the posed question:

Objective 3 a) Deliver a regional component of the CSGN;

- *What do we need to do to increase the rate and scale of Green Network delivery?*

Objective 3 d) Promote a strategic approach to project development;

- *How do we find sufficient capacity to deliver the Green Network in all SDAs and the Blueprint action plan?*

Objective 3 e) Secure effective and high quality long-term management of the Green Network.

- *If the Partnership is to engage with the long-term management problem, where should it start?*

The following conclusions were drawn from the workshop outputs:

1. Finding more capacity for project development will lead to greater delivery;
2. The economic case for, and benefits of the GN should be promoted;
3. New funding mechanisms should be investigated to facilitate project delivery;
4. There should be no diversion from taking a strategic approach to GN delivery;
5. The long-term management issues of greenspace is not a priority for the GCVGNP at this time.

3.1.1. Finding more capacity for project development will lead to greater delivery.

The Partnership should request partner organisations and others (including CSGNT) for potential secondments to the Executive Team to work as GN project development officers. Such requests should be seen as an opportunity for partner organisations to express greater corporate commitment to GN delivery. Partnership should prepare job descriptions and person specifications for this role.

3.1.2. The economic case for, and benefits of the GN should be promoted.

The economic case for, and benefits of the GN should be promoted, particularly within Scottish Government and the development industry. This is seen as part of the solution to engendering greater delivery. Discussions should be held with CSGNT to ascertain if they should lead on developing the economic case and promotion within government, national agencies and industry.

3.1.3. New funding mechanisms should be investigated to facilitate project delivery.

The Executive Team should continue to explore opportunities for funding project delivery and explore new funding mechanisms. Studies completed by the Partnership, i.e. 'Resourcing the CSGN' study, reveal funding is a shared problem across the CSGN area, and therefore this should be a shared task with the CSGNT and other organisations in the CSGN's Regional Advisory Forum.

3.1.4. There should be no diversion from taking a strategic approach to GN delivery.

This should be balanced with pragmatism, and 'easier wins' for GN delivery should be taken within the 'framework' of strategic delivery. The Partnership's work to date has identified 16 Strategic Delivery Areas and the GN 'Blueprint' will identify a long list of required GN delivery and enhancement works. Within these there will be 'easier wins' which should be the focus of early delivery, while more difficult locations are being considered.

3.1.5. The long-term management issues of greenspace is not a priority for the GCVGNP at this time.

The Partnership's priority should be to facilitate greater delivery, but ensure that long-term management solutions are integrated within delivery. The long-term management issue is an overarching problem for the CSGN and therefore should be considered at that scale and by all organisations with a role in seeing it delivered. Discussions should be held with CSGNT to ascertain if they should consider championing the issue. If, in the future, sufficient capacity could be found within the Executive Team then the Partnership could take a leading role on this issue as it has done on other GN issues in the past (e.g. greenspace quality, greenspace mapping).

3.2. An Assessment of Programme Output

Table 4 below shows an assessment of the Partnership's work programme output to date against the Partnership's remit. It also suggests an emphasis for the work programme through to 2020.

Table 4. An assessment of the Partnership's outputs to date against the Partnership's remit

| REMIT | Progress to date | Emphasis for Programme 2017-20 |
|--|------------------|--|
| Purpose: work strategically / add value | | Sustain |
| Aim: co-ordinated delivery | | Sustain |
| Objectives: | | |
| 1. to help deliver across SDP area | | Sustain |
| 2. to champion the GN | | Sustain |
| 3. to catalyse & facilitate: | | |
| a) a CSGN regional component | | Explore ways to increase team capacity |
| b) embed the GN in policy | | Sustain |
| c) develop regional partnerships | | Sustain |
| d) strategic project development | | Combine with pragmatic delivery |
| e) long-term management of GN | | Not a current priority. Build into project delivery. |
| f) access to additional resources | | Sustain |
| g) increase the profile of the GN | | Sustain |
| h) a link to other initiatives | | Sustain |

4. PROGRAMME PLAN 2017-20

4.1. GN Partnership and Programme

The Partnership's 'Terms of Reference' is appended (Appendix 1). The Partnership will continue to pursue its remit as defined at its inception. However, the governance arrangements have been adjusted to provide political oversight and scrutiny of the Partnerships use of local authority resources. This scrutiny will be provided by the GCV Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee.

Each December, the Business Plan and the annual Programme Plan and the associated budget will be presented to the GCVSDPA Joint Committee for approval of the allocation of local authority funds. A 'direction of travel' for budgets for the subsequent two years will also be presented.

The Annual Programme Plan will reflect changing demands for Green Network related project work, however it is likely that the strategic and analytical nature of the Partnerships work will continue as a valued output to individual Partner organisations. Selected geographical project work will also continue where there is a clear role for the Partnership to add value and to test out new approaches which can be replicated elsewhere.

4.2. Partnership Programme

The Partnership's work programme for 2017-2020 will focus on the following areas of activity:

4.2.1. Identification of the Strategic Green Network ('Blueprint')

The Partnership will complete a spatial identification of the strategic GCV Green Network which developed with local authority partners (The GCV Green Network 'Blueprint').

An action plan for the delivery of the 'Blueprint' will be prepared. This will identify potential projects to enhance existing Green Network assets, and new assets that need to be delivered to secure the network of quality spaces that are required for the GCV Green Network.

The Partnership will work to embed the 'Blueprint' and its supporting action plan within relevant strategies and policy documents in the region.

4.2.2. Strategic Delivery Areas

The 16 Strategic Delivery Areas (SDAs) identified within Clydeplan will continue to be the focus of the Partnership's role to facilitate Green Network delivery. Project development staff capacity will be deployed to the SDAs where there is a need to bring additional capacity to act as a catalyst for project delivery.

4.2.3. Providing support to Partners

The Partnership's work programme will look to respond to requests for assistance from Partner organisations when they meet strategic priorities (either thematic or spatial) or when they provide opportunities to transfer learning to other partners.

4.2.4. Strategic Analysis

The Partnership will continue to undertake strategic analysis to support the development of policies related to the Green Network and project proposals for Green Network delivery. The strategic analysis may be in the form of interpretation

of spatial datasets (such as Green Networks Opportunities mapping) or the analysis or review of delivery mechanisms and resources (such as the 'Costing the CSGN' study).

4.2.5. Communications & Promotion

The Partnership's communications should focus on delivering Green Network messages to target audiences within Scottish Government, local authorities and in the development sector.

The messages will promote the value of the GCV Green Network to individuals and organisations living and working within the region and to wider society, as well as the added value the Partnership brings to the task of realising the shared vision of the GCV Green Network.

The outcome of the communications effort should be that the Green Network is embedded in policies, strategies, plans and programmes of a wider range of agencies involved in land use management and environmental service delivery, as well as increasing requests for input to the development of the policies, strategies etc by the Partnership.

4.3. Finances 2017-20

A budget to support the annual Programme Plan will be prepared and agreed with Partners in advance of the presentation of the programme Plan to the GCVSDPA Joint Committee each December.

No projection for funding is included for the financial years 2017-2020. In previous business plans projections have been based on current spending and made allowance for a notional inflation figure. With current levels of uncertainty over funding commitments from partners beyond the current year and the uncertainty of impacts of rising cost the value of projecting income from individual partners and expenditure on individual account headings is meaningless.

However, the Partnership's core team is working on a minimum budget if it continues to remain in its current form. If income from funding partners remains at this level and can allow for rising costs of staff and office accommodation and facilities then budgetary expenditure will follow a similar breakdown to 2017/18.

4.4. Partnership Reserves

In November 2011 the Board agreed to a plan to reduce Partnership reserves to £50k, which is deemed to be the necessary level of reserves for the Partnership. The Board agreed to reduce the Partnership's reserves to £50k by the end of 2016/17. This has been achieved and reserves will sit at £42,300 entering 2017/18.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Terms of Reference

GLASGOW AND CLYDE VALLEY GREEN NETWORK PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of these Terms of Reference is to set down the nature and structure of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (the Partnership), its remit, governance and funding arrangements.

2. REMIT

- 2.1 The purpose of the Partnership is to work strategically to add value to the work of those organisations already acting to deliver green networks within the Glasgow and Clyde Valley (GCV) region.
- 2.2 The aim of the Partnership's work is to develop a co-ordinated approach that will deliver a major improvement in the scale and quality of green network provision across the GCV city region. The Partnership's work is designed to facilitate delivery of improvements to the physical environment of the region in a way and on a scale that would not otherwise be achieved.
- 2.3 Specific objectives of the Partnership are:
- to help deliver the Green Network across the Strategic Development Plan area;
 - to champion green network activity across the GCV region;
 - to act as a catalyst and facilitator to help:
 - deliver a regional component of the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN);
 - embed the Green Network within regional and local policy;
 - develop regional partnerships for green network activity;
 - promote a strategic approach to project development;
 - secure effective and high quality long term management of the green network
 - access additional resources to support green network work;
 - increase the profile of the Green Network; and
 - create a regional linkage to other greenspace initiatives.

3. GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 3.1 The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority (GCVSDPA) Joint Committee will act for its constituent local authorities (referred to in Section 4) to agree local authority funding in support of the Partnership's Business Plan.
- 3.2 No later than Thirty-first December in each year the Programme Manager will present the Partnership's Business Plan and revenue estimates to the GCVSDPA Joint Committee for approval, in respect of the Local Authority contributions.
- 3.3 The financial year end position for the Partnership will be incorporated within the annual accounts of the GCVSDPA.
- 3.4 A report for information of the Partnership's progress against Business Plan targets will be presented at least annually to the GCVSDPA Joint Committee.

4. THE PARTNERS

4.1 The Partnership will comprise the following organisations, all of which have statutory responsibility for the ownership, development, management and/or use of green and open space, or as an agency have an interest in the ecosystem services green networks can provide. The Partners represent the existing key greenspace area teams or programmes which are vital to the delivery of the GCV Green Network:

- Clydeplan
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East Renfrewshire Council
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Glasgow Centre for Population Health
- Glasgow City Council
- Inverclyde Council
- North Lanarkshire Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- Scottish Enterprise
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- South Lanarkshire Council
- West Dunbartonshire Council

4.2 As the Partnership develops and evolves it may be appropriate for the Board to invite other organisations to join the Partnership.

4.3 The Partners will drive the development of the Partnership's work at a strategic level and will play an important role in helping to secure resources and align programmes of action for green network activity. The Partners will also have an important role in the delivery of aspects of the Green Network.

5. PARTNERSHIP BOARD

5.1 The Partnership Board ("the Board") will have responsibility for overall strategic direction and development of the work of the Partnership.

5.2 The Board will comprise of one senior officer from each of the Partner organisations. It is expected that the nominated officer will attend all Board meetings, although a substitute may attend should absence of the nominated officer be unavoidable. Board members (and substitutes) representing local authorities should be nominated by an Executive Director of the appropriate local authority department.

5.3 The Chair of the Board will be the GCVSDPA Manager. The Vice Chair of the Board will be the GCVSDPA Assistant Manager. In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair is unable to attend a meeting, those Board members present may elect their own Chair for that meeting.

5.4 The Board will meet as required and at least quarterly to receive reports and review progress. The Board will also monitor the Partnership's financial position. Once a year the Board will review the overall strategic direction of the work of the Partnership and propose the budgets and required contributions from the Partners for approval by the GCVSDPA Joint Committee, as detailed in section 3.2.

5.5 The Quorum for Board meetings will be one third of the membership of the Board, including the Chair (or Vice Chair).

5.6 Meetings of the Board will be held at a central Glasgow location unless otherwise agreed.

5.7 All meetings of the Board will be minuted.

6. EXECUTIVE TEAM

- 6.1 A small executive team will be recruited to manage the development and delivery of the Programme on behalf of the Strategic Partners. The executive team will be led by a Programme Manager.
- 6.2 The Programme Manager will be recruited by a Panel of Board members as agreed by the Board. The recruitment of any Executive Team members will be carried out by the Programme Manager.
- 6.3 Additional members of staff, out with the Executive Team, may be recruited as the Programme progresses, in accordance with the Business Plan and in line with processes of the Administering Partner.
- 6.4 The line management and performance appraisal of the Programme Manager will be provided by the GCVSDPA Manager.

7. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTERING ARRANGEMENTS

- 7.1 Procedures for the administration of finance will be the financial regulations, codes and contract standing orders of the GCVSDPA Joint Committee.
- 7.2 In the event of the Partnership being terminated the incorporated Local Authorities of the GCVSDPA Joint Committee shall meet all costs, expenses and outgoings whatsoever reasonably incurred by the Administering Partner as a result of the termination of the Partnership. Further the GCVSDPA Joint Committee shall allocate any assets which the Partnership may have amongst the local authorities on the recommendation of the Board.
- 7.3 The Partnership will retain sufficient financial reserves in its accounts to offset any liabilities of the Partnership.
- 7.4 Partners will be required to give one year's written notice to the GCVSDPA Joint Committee of their intention to withdraw from the Partnership. Partners will continue to be liable for any financial contribution or other commitments until their membership is terminated.

8. BUSINESS PLAN

- 8.1 Development and delivery of the Partnership's work will be managed within the framework provided by the Business Plan. This Plan will be prepared by the Programme Manager in consultation with Partners and presented to the Board no later than Thirty-first December in each year for consideration and approval.
- 8.2 Progress will be monitored by the Board on a quarterly basis through reference to outputs identified in the current Business Plan. The Programme Manager will be responsible for preparing a quarterly progress report to the Board.

9. REVIEW

- 9.1 The Terms of Reference may be reviewed and amended at any time with the agreement of all Partners.

Budget Assumptions

General

1. The Programme Management budget for the Green Network Partnership represents cash resources under direct management and control of the GCV Green Network Partnership Board.

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Programme Management Budget Income

2. The budget assumes that local authorities and partner agencies commit to funding contributions as identified through to the end of financial year 2018/19.
3. The financial contributions shown do not include any valuation of time by Board members or other in-kind support for management and administration of the GN Partnership.

Programme Management Budget Expenditure

4. The budget assumes that Executive Team costs remain similar through to March 2019. No allowance has been made for increases in office and administration costs.
5. Salary, superannuation and National Insurance costs for 2018/19 assume that:
 - No staff will leave during the year,
 - Pay award of 1% applicable from 1st April,
 - Communications Officer works part-time (0.6 FTE)
 - No overtime,
 - No staff will be promoted or receive an upgrade, and
 - Administrative Support is provided by Glasgow & the Clyde Plan Strategic Development Planning Authority.
6. Office accommodation and services costs calculated as 25% of total Clydeplan Strategic Development Planning Authority costs.