

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

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

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Annual Report 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to consider and approve for publication its Annual Report for 2020.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee approve the 2020 Annual Report as set out in the Appendix.

3. Context

- 3.1 Clydeplan's Minute of Agreement requires the preparation of an Annual Report to set out the work of the Authority for the previous calendar year.
- 3.2 The Appendix sets out the 2020 Annual Report and provides a summary of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during the year under the following broad headings:
- Clydeplan Joint Committee;;
 - Glasgow City Region;
 - Planning (Scotland) Act - Regional Spatial Strategies - Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy;
 - Forestry and Woodland Strategy;
 - Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan.

Appendix



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Introduction

The eight Clydeplan Local Authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the delivery of its Vision and Spatial Development Strategy as set out in the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan for the Glasgow City Region which was approved by Scottish Ministers on 24th July 2017.

The Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan provides a sound foundation upon which the city region can deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region and a context for its Local Authority Local Development Plans, Local Housing Strategies and Development Management decisions as well as supporting the Glasgow City Region's Economic Strategy 2017-2035.

The scale of work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan during 2020 has only been made possible by the willing support that it has gratefully received from both private and public sector partners.

These include the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Environment Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Glasgow Airport, Transport Scotland, Scottish Forestry, NatureScot, Climate Ready Clyde, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Green Action Trust, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, NHS Scotland, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership, Climate Ready Clyde, Scottish Water, Scottish Power, SGN, Virgin Media, Openreach, Homes for Scotland, Glasgow University, Strathclyde University and Heriot Watt University.

This report sets out the work that has been undertaken by Clydeplan and its partners during 2020.

Further information on the work of Clydeplan can be found at www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk.

Clydeplan Joint Committee

The Clydeplan Joint Committee met six times during 2019 in March, May, June, September, October and December. Details of the meeting's agendas, papers and minutes can be found at <https://bit.ly/2TAaTZo>.

During 2020 the Joint Committee published its Annual Report 2019 and its Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2020/2021.

In December 2020 the Joint Committee approved its revenue budget for the period 2020/21.

Glasgow City Region

During 2020 Clydeplan continued its increased involvement in the work streams of the Land Use and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Assets, Housing and Equalities, Transport and Connectivity based portfolios and both the Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Support Group.

Clydeplan's involvement with the Glasgow City Region activities is likely to continue to grow and develop during 2021 particularly given the economies of scale and general benefits that can be gained through city region scale joint partnership working and the need to align the refresh of the Regional Economic Strategy to the development of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

This regional joint working approach also supports the Planning (Scotland) Act which seeks the local authorities, working together, as regional partnerships in support of the delivery of National Planning Framework 4 and future Regional Spatial Strategies.

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 - Regional Spatial Strategies - Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy

The Planning (Scotland) Act which was enacted on 25th July 2019 removes the statutory requirement to prepare a Strategic Development Plan and replaces it with a duty for planning authorities to prepare and adopt a 'Regional Spatial Strategy' (RSS). The eight Clydeplan Local Authorities have agreed to continue to work together to prepare future RSS.

The formal duty to prepare a RSS will come into effect once NPF4 is approved which is likely to be in Spring/Summer 2022.

As part of the development of NPF4 Clydeplan approved and submitted an *indicative Regional Spatial Strategies* for the Glasgow City Region in June 2020. The *iRSS* was also endorsed by the Glasgow City Region's Chief Executive's Group and Cabinet and noted by the Glasgow City Region Regional Economic Partnership.

Forestry and Woodland Strategy

In December 2020 the Joint Committee approved the Forestry and Woodland Strategy for the Glasgow City Region. The Forestry and Woodland Strategy sets out the policy context to support forestry and woodland planting and management across the Glasgow City Region along with broad strategic locational guidance and environmental advice to those seeking to expand or manage forestry and woodlands.

The Forestry and Woodland Strategy reflects the ambition set out on the Scottish Government's Scottish Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 and the Glasgow City Region is the first Forestry and Woodland Strategy in Scotland framed within this new policy context.

Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

The priorities for the future work of Clydeplan will be influenced, amongst other things, by

- the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and the requirements in relation to strategic planning and the National Planning Framework 4;
- continued joint working with key stakeholders in support of the delivery of the Strategic Development Plan's Spatial Development Strategy and its related Action Programme <https://bit.ly/2HehFzV>;
- ongoing developments around Glasgow City Region in terms of governance, subject based portfolios, City Deal and the development of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan; and,
- continuing challenges of delivery in the context of reduced financial and local authority planning staff resources.