

Minute of Meeting

Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee.

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 08 March 2021	11:15	Remotely by MS Teams,

Present

Councillor Alan Moir (East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Alan Lafferty and Councillor Stewart Miller (both East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Kenny MacLean (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Jim Clocherty and Councillor David Wilson (both Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran and Councillor Agnes Magowan (both North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg and Councillor Marie McGurk (both Renfrewshire Council); and Councillor John Anderson and Councillor Alistair Fulton (both South Lanarkshire Council).

Chair

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor David Wilson, Vice Convener, presided.

In Attendance

S Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager (Strategic Development Plan Core Team); H Holland, Executive Officer – Land Planning and Development (East Dunbartonshire Council); G Shankland, Planning & Building Standards Manager (East Renfrewshire Council); S Taylor, Principal Planner (Glasgow City Council); S Jamieson, Head of Regeneration and Planning (Inverclyde Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); A Morrison, Head of Economy and Development, K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance (Clerk), K Fistorazzi, Senior Accountant and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); M McGlynn, Executive Director of Community and Enterprise Resources, T Finn, Planning and Building Services Headquarters Manager and P McMorran, Planning Officer (all South Lanarkshire Council); P Clifford, Planning and Building Standards Manager (West Dunbartonshire Council); and A MacDonald, Senior Auditor (Audit Scotland).

Apologies

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill and Councillor Jonathan McColl (both 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 this Joint Committee held on 14 December 2020.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Revenue Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager for the period 1 April 2020 to 5 February 2021.

The report intimated that gross expenditure was currently £14,000 underspent and income was currently £59,000 over-recovered resulting in a net underspend of £63,000. The projected year-end position was an underspend of £75,000, mainly due to the reduction in premises costs due to the move from West Regent Street to John Street and an over-recovery in income.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Annual Report 2020

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to Clydeplan's Annual Report 2020, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The annual report provided an overview of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during 2020 under the broad headings of Clydeplan Joint Committee; Glasgow City Region; Planning (Scotland) Act - Regional Spatial Strategies - Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy; Forestry and Woodland Strategy; and the priorities and issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan.

DECIDED: That the Annual Report 2020, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved.

4 **Clydeplan Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2021/22**

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the Clydeplan Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2021/22, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report intimated that as part of the requirements of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, planning authorities were expected to publish a Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement and review it on an annual basis. Clydeplan published its first Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement on 31 March 2009, with subsequent revisions published annually in March.

The Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2021/22 reflected the current position in respect of the recent Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, enacted in July 2019, which removed the statutory requirement to prepare a Strategic Development Plan and replaced it with a duty on local authorities to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The RSS would not form part of the statutory Development Plan which would now comprise the National Planning Framework and the Local Development Plan.

In support of the development of National Planning Framework 4, the Scottish Government had required that local authorities prepare and submit an indicative RSS by June 2020. Local authorities self-determined what their indicative RSS comprised and how they would collaborate in its production.

It was noted that guidance and regulations would be produced, informed by the process of producing an indicative RSS, to enact the duty to produce an RSS in 2021 following approval of National Planning Framework 4. Clydeplan and Glasgow City Region were committed to supporting the development of both the National Planning Framework 4 and RSS guidance.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2021/22, as set out in the appendix to the report, be adopted; and

(b) That the Strategic Development Plan Manager be authorised to make the document available online on Clydeplan's website, in line with current COVID-19 guidelines, and submit it to Scottish Ministers.

5 **Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee - Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 - Duty to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy**

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager requesting that the Joint Committee consider future governance options in respect of discharging the duty under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to prepare a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

The report intimated that at the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 16 March 2020 it had been decided that work be undertaken to explore the future governance arrangements for the performance of its functions. This focused on the new duty on local authorities in relation to strategic planning as part of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to prepare a RSS. The role and remit for which the Joint Committee had originally been established had significantly changed, therefore, it was appropriate to consider the future role of the Joint Committee.

The report advised that the role of city regions, through the establishment of City Deals and Regional Economic Partnerships, were emerging as the key mechanism for the delivery on a number of important agendas, including economic development, City Deals, climate change, environmental improvement and strategic planning. In this context, the new duty to prepare a RSS was a key requirement to ensure the proper planning for the future development of the Glasgow City Region, in the same way that strategic planning had been successfully undertaken in the city region for some time.

The eight Glasgow City Region local authorities had worked together since 1996 to develop a series of regional spatial plans, the most recent being the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan approved by Scottish Ministers in July 2017. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 did not prescribe how local authorities were to discharge the duty to prepare a RSS, however, given the successful history of joint working by all eight local authorities, it was considered the most appropriate and effective model for delivering the RSS was by the eight local authorities continuing to work together.

Four options for future governance had been identified. Option 1 retained the existing model with the oversight and development of the RSS and its approval by the Joint Committee with Renfrewshire Council remaining as host authority; Option 2 retained the existing model with Glasgow City Council acting as host authority; Option 3 would see the oversight and development of the RSS by a new political collaborative within the City Region's governance structure with this collaborative recommending the RSS to the City Region Cabinet for approval with Glasgow City Council acting as host authority; and Option 4 would see the oversight and development of the RSS and its approval by the Glasgow City Region Cabinet with Glasgow City Council as host authority. Further details were provided in the report.

The report proposed that Option 3 be explored further as embedding the development and oversight of the RSS within those structures would allow for greater integration in strategy alignment in particular with the Regional Economic Strategy.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Miller, moved that the Joint Committee consider the content of the report and (i) agree to recommend to all eight local authorities that they continue to work jointly to discharge their duty under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to prepare a RSS; (ii) agree that as an alternative to the continued use of a joint committee model, a governance approach involving the development and oversight of the RSS being set within Glasgow City Region should be considered; (iii) agree to request that Glasgow City Region give consideration as to how Option 3 can be implemented and to set out the steps to deliver this, along with the associated timescale; (iv) note that Options 3 and 4 would see the Joint Committee dissolved and staff transferred to Glasgow City Council as host authority; and (v) note that further reports would be brought to future meetings on the Joint Committee with regard to this matter.

Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor Begg, moved as an amendment that the Joint Committee consider the content of this report and (i) agree to recommend to all eight local authorities that they continue to work jointly to discharge their duty under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to prepare a RSS; (ii) agree to the continued use of a joint committee model governance approach for the development and oversight of the RSS; (iii) agree to request from Renfrewshire Council that they give consideration to how Option 1 can be implemented in light of the new legislation and set out the steps to deliver this, along with associated timescales; and (v) note that further reports be brought to future meetings of the Joint Committee with regard to this matter.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg and McGurk.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Moir, Lafferty, Miller, Clocherty, Wilson, Curran, Magowan, Anderson, and Fulton.

The following member abstained: Councillor MacLean.

2 members having voted for the amendment, 9 members having voted for the motion and 1 member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That following consideration of the content of the report, the Joint Committee

(a) agreed to recommended to all eight local authorities that they continue to work jointly to discharge their duty under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 to prepare a RSS;

(b) agreed that as an alternative to the continued use of a joint committee model, a governance approach involving the development and oversight of the RSS being set within Glasgow City Region be considered;

(c) agreed to request that Glasgow City Region give consideration as to how Option 3 could be implemented and to set out the steps to deliver this, along with the associated timescale;

(d) noted that Options 3 and 4 would see the Joint Committee dissolved and staff transferred to Glasgow City Council as host authority; and

(e) noted that further reports would be brought to future meetings on the Joint Committee with regard to this matter.

6 **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 14 June 2021.