

## **Minute of Meeting Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee.**

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 09 December 2019	11:15	Glasgow City Council, Ground Floor, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RX,

### **Present**

Bailie Glenn Elder (Glasgow City Council); Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Agnes McGowan (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg (Renfrewshire Council); and Councillor John Anderson (South Lanarkshire Council).

### **Chair**

Councillor Wilson, Vice Convener, presided.

### **In Attendance**

S Tait, Strategic Development Plan Manager (Strategic Development Plan Core Team); M Hislop, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Manager (Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership); H Holland, Strategic Lead – Land Planning and Environment (East Dunbartonshire Council); S Taylor, Principal Planner (Glasgow City Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); F Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing Services, K Festorazzi, Senior Accountant, and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); and T Finn, Planning and Building Services Headquarters Manager (South Lanarkshire Council).

### **Apologies**

Councillor Denis Johnston (East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Alan Lafferty and Councillor Stewart Miller (both East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Kenny MacLean (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Harry Curran (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Alistair Fulton (South Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Lawrence O'Neill (West Dunbartonshire Council).

## **Declarations of Interest**

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

### **1 Minutes**

There were submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 9 September 2019 and the Minute of the special meeting of the Joint Committee held on 7 October 2019.

**DECIDED:** That the Minutes 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 to 8 November 2019.

The report intimated that gross expenditure was currently £28,000 underspent and income was currently £23,000 over-recovered resulting in a net underspend of £51,000. The projected year-end position was an underspend of £84,000 due to budgets not being able to be utilised due to the Strategic Development Plan and an over-recovery in income.

The report proposed that, in recognition of the high level of reserves, a one-off reimbursement of requisitions be made in 2019/20 amounting to £160,000, being £20,000 per constituent authority.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That a one-off reimbursement payment of £20,000 per local authority be approved.

### **3 Revenue Estimates 2020/21**

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the revenue estimates of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority including the requisition of the constituent authorities for financial year 2020/21 and indicative planning figures for 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The report intimated that the financial environment in which the Joint Committee and constituent authorities operated continued to be characterised by significant demand and cost pressures, compounded by reducing levels of grant support. It was anticipated that the Scottish budget and local government settlement, to be announced in early 2020, would again reflect a potential core revenue grant cut for local authorities.

The constituent authority contribution had now been held at £72,438 for the last eight financial years. This level of requisition ensured the financial and operational sustainability of the organisation whilst also maintaining reserves at a level which should contain the short-term impact of any other unforeseen risks and events.

The report provided information on the assumptions that the budget had been based on and a financial overview for Clydeplan.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the revenue estimates for financial year 2020/21 and the related requisitions of the constituent authorities be agreed;
- (b) That it be agreed 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
- (c) That the indicative estimates for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23 be noted.

#### **4 Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Business Plan 2020/23 and Programme Plan 2020/21**

There was submitted a report by the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Manager relative to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership (GCVGNP) Business Plan 2020/23 and seeking approval for local authority contributions to support the Programme Plan and budget for 2020/21.

The report intimated that the GCVGNP was formed in 2006 and comprised of the eight Glasgow city region local authorities, Scottish Forestry, SNH, SEPA, NHS Health Scotland and the Glasgow Centre for Population Health. The purpose of the partnership was to facilitate the delivery of the GCV Green Network, a key component of the Strategic Development Plan's Spatial Development Strategy. The GCVGNP was a key regional partner in the Central Scotland Green Network, a 'National Development' in NPF3.

The GCVGNP had been successful in generating increased recognition of the role of the Green Network in delivering a successful city region. Current work was 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.

The GCVGNP Business Plan provided guidance to the GCVGNP Board on the delivery of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Programme for the three-year period 2020/23.

The Programme Plan 2020/21 formed Appendix 1 to the report; the budget for the GN Partnership's Executive Team for 2020/21 formed Appendix 2 to the report; and the Business Plan 2020/23 formed Appendix 3 to the report. An amended Appendix 2 was tabled at the meeting.

The report highlighted that the budget for the GCVGNP in 2020/21 was £200,000, which comprised contributions from partner agencies and local authorities. The local authority contribution to the 2020/21 budget was £96,187 and the contribution from each authority was calculated pro-rata based on population size. A breakdown of the individual authorities' contribution was detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report.

It was proposed that the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Manager submit a report relative to urban tree canopy cover to a future meeting of this Joint Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the GCVGNP Business Plan 2020/23 be noted;
- (b) That the allocation of local authority contributions to support the delivery of the Programme Plan for 2020/21 be approved; and
- (c) That the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership Manager submit a report relative to urban tree canopy cover to a future meeting of this Joint Committee.

## **5 Clydeplan Update**

Under reference to item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 10 June 2019 there was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the ongoing operation and work of Clydeplan.

The report provided an update in relation to accommodation, staffing, delivery of the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan, Glasgow City Region, the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and Regional Spatial Strategies, and the Clydeplan work plan.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team, particularly in relation to the implementation of the new Planning (Scotland) Act and Glasgow City Region related activities, be noted;
- (b) That the requirement and proposed timescales, following the Planning (Scotland) Act receiving Royal Assent, on local authorities to work together to prepare an indicative Regional Spatial Strategy in support of the development of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4 be noted; and
- (c) That it be noted that further organisation and governance changes may be required in respect of Clydeplan and its Core Team and that further reports would be brought to future meetings of the Joint Committee as appropriate.

## **6 Change to Date of Meeting**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk which proposed that the meeting of this Joint Committee scheduled to be held at 11.15 am on 9 March 2020 be rescheduled to 11.15 am on 16 March 2020.

**DECIDED:** That the meeting of this Joint Committee scheduled to be held at 11.15 am on 9 March 2020 be rescheduled to 11.15 am on 16 March 2020.