

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

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 10 June 2019	11:15	Glasgow City Council, Ground Floor, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RX,

Present

Councillor Alan Lafferty and Councillor Stewart Miller (both East Renfrewshire Council); Bailie Glenn Elder and Councillor Kenny MacLean (both Glasgow City Council); Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Alistair Fulton (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 (Strategic Development Plan Core Team); S Taylor, Principal Planner (Glasgow City Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); A McMahon, Chief Auditor, F Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing Services, K Festorazzi, Senior Accountant, and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); and P Clifford, Planning and Building Standards Manager (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Apologies

Councillor Alan Moir (East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Jim Clocherty (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Agnes Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council) and Councillor John Anderson (South Lanarkshire 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 March 2019.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Internal Audit Annual Report 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Chief Auditor, Renfrewshire Council relative to the Internal Audit annual report on the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee 2018/19.

The report intimated that the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards required that the Chief Auditor prepare an annual report on the internal audit activity's purpose, authority and responsibility as well as performance relative to its plan. The report must also provide an audit opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment of the audited body.

The annual report for the Joint Committee was appended to the report and outlined the role of internal audit, the performance of the internal audit team and the main findings from the internal audit work undertaken in 2017/18 and contained an audit assurance statement.

DECIDED: That the Internal Audit annual report for 2018/19 be noted.

3 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2018/19

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the unaudited annual accounts for the Joint Committee 2018/19 which were appended to the report.

The report intimated that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 had been completed and forwarded to Audit Scotland for audit. The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £66,422 against a budgeted breakeven position.

In accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, the unaudited accounts had only been signed by the Treasurer as proper officer. The audited accounts would be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Board for approval and would then be signed by the Convener and Strategic Development Plan Manager, as well as the Treasurer, in accordance with the regulations.

DECIDED:

(a) That the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 be noted and that the accounts be further presented to the Joint Committee on completion of the audit; and

(b) That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

4 Corporate Purchasing Card Expenditure 2018/19

There was submitted a joint 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 2018 to 31 March 2019.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

Under reference to item 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 March 2019 there was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on matters relating to the ongoing consideration by the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The report intimated that on 22 May 2019 the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning lodged new amendments which again continued to seek to remove SDPs and their related processes but the amendment now included a requirement on planning authorities to prepare Regional Spatial Strategies. It was anticipated that this and other amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill would be considered by the Scottish Parliament during June 2019.

The report detailed the Stage 3 amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill in respect of regional special planning.

DECIDED: That the report and the proposed Stage 3 amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill be noted.

6 Clydeplan Update

Under reference to item 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 March 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 Clydeplan's budget; delivery of the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan; staffing; office accommodation; processes and governance; and the Clydeplan work plan.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team, particularly in relation to Glasgow City Region related activities, be noted;

(b) That the position of a Strategic Planner with housing policy experience within the Clydeplan Core Team be advertised in support of the activities of Clydeplan, the Glasgow City Region and to support future requirements of the Planning (Scotland) Bill;

(c) That the lease of the lower ground floor, 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow be terminated and that it be agreed that Clydeplan occupy office space within Glasgow City Council at 40 John Street, Glasgow along with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network and Climate Ready Clyde;

(d) That the cost of dilapidations in respect of the lower ground floor, 125 West Regent Street and associated removal costs to the office space at 40 John Street, Glasgow be funded from earmarked balances; and

(e) That it be noted that following the Planning (Scotland) Bill receiving Royal Assent there may be further organisational and governance changes in respect of Clydeplan and its Core Team and further reports would be brought to the Joint Committee as appropriate.

7 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 9 September 2019 in the offices of Glasgow City Council, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow.