

Notice of Meeting and Agenda 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,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Clerk

Membership

Councillor Denis Johnston and Councillor Alan Moir (East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Alan Lafferty and Councillor Stewart Miller (East Renfrewshire Council); Bailie Glenn Elder and Councillor Kenny MacLean (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Jim Clocherty and Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran and Councillor Agnes Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg and Councillor Marie McGurk (Renfrewshire Council); Councillor John Anderson and Councillor Alistair Fulton (South Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Jonathan McColl and Councillor Lawrence O'Neill (West Dunbartonshire Council).

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill (Convener); Councillor David 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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Minute of Meeting

Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee

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Present

Councillor Alan Lafferty and Councillor Stewart Miller (both East Renfrewshire Council); Bailie Glen Elder (Glasgow City Council); Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran (North Lanarkshire 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); F Barron, Head of Planning and Building Services (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 S Afzal, Auditor (Audit Scotland).

Apologies

Councillor Denis Johnston and Councillor Alan Moir (both East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Agnes Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Tom Begg (Renfrewshire Council).

Declarations of Interest

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

Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 12, the Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 8 of the agenda after item 6 of the agenda.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 10 December 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Revenue Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager for the period 1 April 2018 to 1 February 2019.

The report intimated that gross expenditure was currently £12,000 underspent and income was currently £8,000 over-recovered resulting in a net underspend of £20,000. The projected year-end position was an underspend of £39,000 due to budgets not being able to be utilised due to the Strategic Development Plan and an over-recovery in income.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Annual Audit Plan 2018/19

There was submitted a report by Audit Scotland relative to the annual audit plan 2018/19 for the Joint Committee which outlined Audit Scotland's planned activities in their audit for the 2018/19 financial year.

DECIDED: That Audit Scotland's annual audit plan 2018/19 be noted.

4 Clydeplan Annual Report 2018

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the Clydeplan Annual Report 2018, a summary of which was appended to the report.

The Annual Report provided an overview of the work undertaken by Clydeplan during 2018 under the broad headings of Clydeplan Joint Committee; approval of the Strategic Development Plan and legal challenge; the Glasgow City Region and City Deal; the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure and Assets Summit and Pilot Study; the Scottish Government's Review of Planning in Scotland – parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill; and the priorities and issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Annual Report 2018, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved; and

(b) That it be agreed that, in accordance with the practice in previous year, an enhanced version of the Annual Report be produced in order to promote the work of the Joint Committee.

5 Clydeplan Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2019/20, a copy of which formed the appendix 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 2019/20 reflected the current position in respect of the terms of the Planning (Scotland) Bill published in December 2017 which, as originally proposed, sought the removal of the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans.

The Joint Committee complimented the Strategic Development Plan Manager and his team for the work undertaken to compile the Clydeplan Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2019/20 despite the uncertainty around the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2019/20, as set out in the appendix to the report, be adopted; and

(b) That the Strategic Development Plan Manager make the necessary arrangements for publication and distribution to all local libraries throughout the city region, on Clydeplan's website and to Scottish Ministers.

6 Clydeplan Planning Performance Framework Feedback 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager relative to the Scottish Government's feedback on Clydeplan's Planning Performance Framework 2017/18 and proposed changes to performance monitoring as specified in the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The report intimated that as part of the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to improving planning performance across Scotland, Clydeplan had submitted its sixth Planning Performance Framework, covering the period April 2017 to March 2018, to the Scottish Government.

It was noted that, in relation to plan preparation performance; and collaborative approach to sharing good practice, skills and knowledge between authorities, Clydeplan's performance had been assessed very positively and had been rated as

green and that in relation to continuous improvement, Clydeplan's performance had been rated as amber.

The Minister for Local Government and Housing, Kevin Stewart MSP, had written to the Convener of the Joint Committee on 17 January 2019 and a copy of his letter and feedback report were appended to the report. This letter also advised that the Planning (Scotland) Bill had recently passed through the second stage of parliamentary consideration, during which the Local Government and Communities Committee voted, amongst other things, to remove the proposed provision on planning performance; the provisions to make training for elected members mandatory; and the existing penalty clause provisions.

DECIDED: That the Scottish Government's feedback on Clydeplan's Planning Performance Framework 2017/18, as appended to the report, be noted.

7 Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 10 December 2018 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 it was envisaged that Stage 3 would take place in April 2019 and that this would be the final opportunity for MSPs to propose amendments to the Bill. If the Bill was passed there would then be a four-week period when the Bill could be challenged by Law Officers on the issue of whether or not the Parliament has the power to make law on the subjects covered by the Bill. If there was no challenge, the Presiding Officer would submit the Bill to the Queen for Royal Assent and it was anticipated that the Bill would receive Royal Assent in the summer of 2019. New and amended secondary legislation and guidance would be required before most of the provisions of the Bill came into force and the Scottish Government estimated that this would take a period of 18 months.

A revised Financial Memorandum in respect of the Bill, as it currently stood at the end of Stage 2, was expected soon and given the increased number of additional statutory duties placed on local authorities and the Scottish Government it was anticipated that there would be a significant increase in the cost of implementing the Bill.

The Strategic Development Plan Manager and Steering Group Chair met with John McNairney, Chief Planner and Fiona Simpson, Assistant Chief Planner on 21 January 2019 to discuss matters in relation to the role of strategic planning as part of any new Bill. Little clarity was given at the meeting in respect of strategic planning, other than it remained the intention of the Scottish Government to submit another amendment at Stage 3. Clydeplan had offered to work with the Scottish Government on their approach to any such amendment, however to date that offer had not been taken up.

It was proposed (i) that the report and the progress and parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill be noted; and (ii) that the Strategic Development Plan Manager make contact with Mr McNairney, Chief Planner requesting that he meet with him, the Convener and Vice Convener to discuss matters relating to the Planning (Scotland) Bill. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report and the progress and parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill be noted; and

(b) That the Strategic Development Plan Manager write to Mr McNairney, Chief Planner requesting that he meet with him, the Convener and the Vice Convener to discuss matters relating to the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

8 Clydeplan and Glasgow City Region Update

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 10 December 2018 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.

The report intimated that since the last update, the Glasgow City Regional Partnership met on 28 February 2019 and considered the Regional Skills Investment Plan; the Regional Strategic Assessment; the refresh of the Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan; a research commission into regional approaches to maximising inclusive economic growth along with a presentation by SEPA on the Vacant and Derelict Land Task Force.

The Director of Regional Economic Growth met with the Local Authority Chief Executives Group on 29 November 2018 to set out a proposed organisational structure to support the Glasgow City Region related activities. It was understood that the structure would comprise three groupings sitting under the Director of Regional Economic Growth, being the Intelligence Hub; the City Deal Programme Management Office; and Regional Relationships.

As a consequence of the delays in the Planning (Scotland) Bill, the Chief Executives Group agreed to wait until there was clarity before proceeding with any consideration of a merger between the Clydeplan and Glasgow City Region staffing structures. A transition group had been established to consider issues relating to any future staffing integration.

Clydeplan was now an active participant in four of the eight portfolios as well as the overarching Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Working Group. The report provided information in relation to Clydeplan's budget; delivery of the Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan; resources; office accommodation; processes and governance; and the National Planning Framework.

The report also detailed the key elements of the current Clydeplan Core Team work plan and observations on matters Clydeplan could support.

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

9 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 June 2019 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 June 2019

Report by: Chief Auditor

Heading: Internal Audit Annual Report 2018/19

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require the Chief Auditor to prepare a report, at least annually, to senior management and the Board on the internal audit activity's purpose, authority, and responsibility, as well as performance relative to its plan.
 - 1.2 The annual report must also provide an annual audit opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority's internal control environment.
 - 1.3 The Annual Report for Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority is attached at Appendix 1 and outlines the role of Internal Audit, the performance of the Internal Audit Team, the main findings from the internal audit work undertaken in 2018/19 and contains an audit assurance statement.
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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are invited to consider and note the contents of the Annual Report.
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Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

Annual Report 2018-2019

**Renfrewshire Council
Finance & Resources
Internal Audit**

June 2019

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Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

Internal Audit Annual Report

1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As host Authority, Renfrewshire Council provides an internal audit service to Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority. This includes:
- The compilation of an annual audit plan following consideration and evaluation of those areas of greatest risk in the organisation's operation, and consultation with the Strategic Development Plan Manager;
 - Delivery of the planned audit assignments;
 - Follow up of previous audit recommendations;
 - Provision of any ongoing advice and support on audit and risk management related matters;
 - Provision of an Annual Report and Assurance Statement, and presentation to elected members at the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority.
- 1.2 The Service operates in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards which defines Internal Audit's role as:
- ".....an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation's operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes."
- 1.3 In line with the Standards, the purpose of this Annual Report is to report on:
- The outcome of any planned Internal Audit reviews 2018/19 relating to the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority;
 - The outcome of Internal Audit reviews of supporting Renfrewshire Council corporate systems;
 - Internal audit performance;
 - Planned audit work for 2019/20;
 - The annual assurance statement which provides an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Planning Authority's internal control environment.

2. Responsibilities of Management and Internal Audit

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of management to ensure that the areas under their control are adequate and effective and that there is a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the organisation's functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.
- 2.2 Internal Audit is not a substitute for effective control exercised by management as part of their responsibilities. Internal Audit's role is to independently assess the adequacy of the risk management, internal controls and governance arrangements put in place by management and to undertake sufficient work to evaluate and conclude on the adequacy of those controls for the period under review.

3. Internal Audit Activity during 2018/2019

- 3.1 The Annual Report for 2017/2018 was submitted to the Joint Board on 11 June 2018.
- 3.2 There were no outstanding audit recommendations which required to be followed up as part of the 2018/19 annual follow up exercise.
- 3.3 Internal Audit also carried out reviews of the main corporate systems operating within Renfrewshire Council which support the Committee's activity. The main findings in relation to these are summarised in Table 1 below and Renfrewshire Council management have agreed to implement the audit recommendations made in relation to each review:

Table 1

Audit Area	Conclusion
Key Financial Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reasonable Assurance <p>The audit identified that debtors and creditors invoices were raised correctly but were delayed in being issued/paid on some occasions. Recommendations were made in the report to address issues with feeders not being reconciled to the Business World ledger and suspense accounts not being cleared. If implemented, these will help strengthen the controls in place.</p>
Payroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reasonable Assurance <p>The audit identified that reasonable procedures are in place for employee new starts and terminations. Appropriate</p>

	segregation of duties and independent checks are in place. Some issues were identified in relation to service departments not notifying payroll services on time to effect correct payments to some employees, this issue is known to management.
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4. Review of Internal Audit Performance

- 4.1 Internal Audit produces regular reports on its performance during the year to the Renfrewshire Council, Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, against a range of measures set annually by the Director of Finance and Resources. These targets are set for all internal audit engagements and include Renfrewshire Council and other associated bodies, for which the team provides internal audit services. Table 2 shows the actual performance against targeted performance for the year.

Table 2

Internal Audit Performance 2018/19		
Performance measure	Target 2018/19	Actual 2018/19
% of audit assignments completed by target date	95%	95.6%
% of audit assignments completed within time budget	95%	98.8%
% completion of audit plan for the year*	95%	96.4%

* this measures the completion percentage as at 31 March. 100% of the plan is ultimately delivered through the finalisation of the outstanding elements in the new financial year.

- 4.2 Actual performance for the year, is above the target performance level. There were no specific audit engagements undertaken for GCVSDPA during 2018/19.
- 4.3 The Chief Auditor is required to develop and maintain a quality assurance and improvement programme that covers all aspects of internal audit including conformance with the PSIAS. All actions arising from the external quality assessment have been completed during 2018/19.
- 4.4 External Audit

External Audit's review of the internal audit service concluded that overall the service operates in accordance with the PSIAS.

4.5 Risk Management

The internal audit service through the Risk Manager, provides advice and support to the GCVSDPA officers, as required. An annual risk management report is provided to the Council's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board.

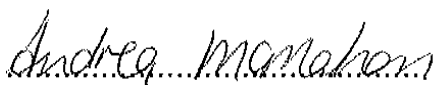
5. Planned Work for 2019/20

- 5.1 Following a risk based assessment of the activities of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority and consultation with the Strategic Development Plan Manager, the audit plan provides for ad-hoc advice, reactive investigative work, follow-up of previous audits and risk management advice.

6. Audit Assurance Statement

- 6.1 Internal Audit has performed its work in accordance with the role defined in paragraph 1.2. The audit work performed has been reported to the Strategic Development Plan Manager, and to the Joint Committee in this annual report. Where areas for improvement in internal control have been identified appropriate recommendations have been made, and accepted for action by management.
- 6.2 In view of the continued challenges common to all public bodies, there will be a requirement for the council and the bodies for which it is host authority to exercise very close scrutiny over expenditure, and both areas will continue to receive due internal audit attention.
- 6.3 It is not feasible for the system of internal control to be without any weakness. It is important to balance the risks involved in accepting systems limitations with the consequences if a problem emerges. Internal Audit recognises this and assesses this in its reporting mechanism.
- 6.4 In this context, it is considered that a reasonable level of assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority's internal control, risk management and governance arrangements, as evidenced by:-
- The results of the audit work in 2018/19 in relation to the corporate systems which supported the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority's activities.
 - Management action to respond to audit recommendations.
 - management self assessment of internal control, risk management and governance arrangements.
 - The regular review and updating of the Local Code of Corporate Governance by the Council in accordance with the CIPFA/SOLACE framework for corporate governance requirements and of the corporate

governance arrangements within the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority.

Signed .....

Chief Auditor

Date 10 June 2019

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

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

On: 10th June 2019

**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 Planning (Scotland) Bill.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- note the contents of this report; and,
 - consider the proposed Stage 3 amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill in respect of regional spatial planning.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 This report is for the Joint Committee to note and consider the Stage 3 amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill in respect of regional spatial planning.

4. Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

- 4.1 The Planning (Scotland) Bill as proposed in December 2017 set out the removal of the requirement to prepare a Strategic Development Plans (SDP) along with its related processes of consultation and examination. As it currently stands after consideration of the Stage 2 amendments promoted by MSPs, SDPs are to be retained.
- 4.2 On 22nd May the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning lodged new amendments which again continue to seek to remove SDPs and their related processes but the amendment now includes a requirement on planning authorities to prepare '*Regional Spatial Strategies*'. It is anticipated that this and other amendments to the Planning (Scotland) Bill will be considered by the Scottish Parliament during June 2019.

5. Regional Spatial Strategies

- 5.1 The Ministerial amendment now proposes the preparation of '*Regional Spatial Strategies*' instead of SDPs and that both the National Planning Framework (NPF) and Local Development Plans (LDP) '*must have regard*' to such Strategies, once adopted.

- 5.2 Whilst a statutory requirement, such Strategies will not form part of the statutory Development Plan system which will now comprise the NPF and the LDP. The requirement to prepare Regional Spatial Strategies is Scotland wide and will not be specific to the four existing SDP areas.
- 5.3 The amendment relating to Regional Spatial Strategies states
- that a planning authority, or two or more such authorities acting jointly, are to prepare and adopt a regional spatial strategy;
 - a regional spatial strategy is a long-term spatial strategy in respect of the strategic development of an area (or areas) which must, in particular:
 - (a) specify the area (or areas) of the planning authority (or authorities) to which it relates (“the region”), and
 - (b) identify, in relation to the region:
 - (i) the need for strategic development,
 - (ii) the outcomes to which the authority (or authorities) consider that strategic development will contribute,
 - (iii) priorities for the delivery of strategic development, and
 - (iv) proposed locations for strategic development, which must be shown in the strategy in the form of a map or diagram.

Consultation

- 5.4 The consultation requirements are similar to the requirements for the preparation of SDPs and LDPs, but not as specific or prescriptive in terms of details such as timescales and publication requirements. Also of note, a regional spatial strategy is not subject to a formal Examination process but becomes adopted by the planning authority.
- 5.5 Before adopting a regional spatial strategy, a planning authority must
- (a) publish, by such means as they consider appropriate:
 - (i) a draft of the strategy,
 - (ii) a summary of the information taken into account in preparing the draft of the strategy, and
 - (iii) a statement inviting representations in relation to the strategy by a date specified in the statement,
 - (b) as soon as practicable after publishing the documents send a copy of them to
 - (i) the planning authority (other than one involved in producing the report) for any area in which future development is likely to be significantly impacted by the strategic development to which the strategy is to relate,
 - (ii) the key agencies, and
 - (iii) any other person the planning authority (or authorities) producing the strategy consider appropriate, and
 - (c) otherwise, consult such persons as they consider are likely to have an interest in the strategy.

- as soon as practicable after a strategy is adopted, the planning authority must publish the strategy by such means as they consider appropriate, and submit it to the Scottish Ministers.

Strategic Development

- 5.6 In this section, “strategic development” means development that is likely to have a significant impact on future development within the area of more than one planning authority.

Timescales for First Strategy

- 5.7 In terms of timescale the planning authority must adopt a regional spatial strategy ‘as soon as reasonably practicable’ after the section (Strategic development: regional spatial strategies) of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2018 comes into force.

Review

- 5.8 The planning authority is to keep the adopted regional spatial strategy under review, and if they consider it appropriate, may at any time prepare and adopt a replacement strategy or review at least once in every 10 year period.
- 5.9 Following such a review the planning authority must either prepare and adopt a replacement strategy or publish an explanation as to why they have decided not to do so.

Guidance

- 5.10 The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance in relation to the preparation, adoption, review and content of regional spatial strategies and the planning authority must have regard to any such guidance.

6. Observations

- 6.1 Any future Regional Spatial Strategy will be informed by the revision of Scottish Planning Policy as part of the new National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). In this context any future Regional Spatial Strategy could be viewed as being the ‘city region proposition’ with agreed priorities for inclusion in the NPF4.
- 6.2 The Scottish Government have indicated that the NPF4 will be developed on a ‘co-production’ basis with the regional partnerships and Clydeplan have already commenced dialogue with Scottish Government officials in this respect.
- 6.3 Irrespective of the delays in the progression of the Planning (Scotland) Bill, both Clydeplan and the Glasgow City Region are committed to preparation of a Regional Spatial Strategy as an action relating to the delivery of its Regional Economic Strategy.
- 6.4 The Glasgow City Region Regional Economic Strategy is currently being ‘refreshed’ and it is intended that this will be considered by the Glasgow City Region Cabinet in December this year. In relation to this refresh, and through the Land Use and Sustainability Portfolio discussions, led by East Dunbartonshire Council, the Economic Strategy Action Plan will include a specific action to “*develop a Regional Land Use Spatial Strategy providing a successor to the approved statutory Strategic Development Plan (July 2017)*”.

- 6.5 The current amendments to the Bill as set out above are therefore aligned to the approach being taken within the Glasgow City Region.
- 6.6 Whilst the timescales, related transitional arrangements and associated governance arrangements for implementation of the new Bill are currently unclear this does present an opportunity for the Clydeplan Local Authorities to consider the potential future shape, content and governance approach to the delivery of a Regional Spatial Strategy for the Glasgow City Region. A further report on these matters will be brought to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority

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

On: 10th June 2019

**Report by
Stuart Tait, Manager**

Clydeplan Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on the ongoing operation and work of Clydeplan.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee
- note the contents of this report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team particularly in relation to Glasgow City Region related activities;
 - agree to advertise for a Strategic Planner with housing policy experience within the Clydeplan Core Team in support of the activities of Clydeplan, the Glasgow City Region and to support the future requirements of the Planning (Scotland) Bill;
 - agree to the termination of the lease at Lower Ground Floor, 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow and to agree 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;
 - agree that the cost of dilapidations in respect of Lower Ground Floor, 125 West Regent Street and associated removal costs to the office space at 40 John Street, Glasgow be funded from the Authorities 'earmarked' balances;
 - note that following the Planning (Scotland) Bill receiving Royal Assent the likelihood of further organisational and governance changes in respect of Clydeplan and its Core Team may be required and further reports will be brought forward to the Joint Committee as appropriate.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 This report is for the Joint Committee to consider a number of matters relating to the ongoing operation of Clydeplan and its Core Team including in the context of the activities of the Glasgow City Region.

4. Glasgow City Region Update

- 4.1 The work of the Glasgow City Region portfolios is ongoing and increasingly Clydeplan are involved in supporting the activities of the Glasgow City Region and related portfolios, namely Land Use and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Assets, Transport and Connectivity, Housing and Equalities. Clydeplan also participate in the overarching Economic Delivery Group and support the activities of the Economic Intelligence Working Group and City Deal Programme Management Office.
- 4.2 In terms of transport the Joint Committee's attention is drawn to the recent publication of the second report by the independent Connectivity Commission, and its recommendation to create the 'Glasgow City Region Development Agency'.
- 4.3 The Commission propose that this Agency would plan and coordinate transport infrastructure at the city region level which would amongst other things expand the role of the Glasgow City Region Cabinet to take on the powers of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Clydeplan. Glasgow City Council, who established the Commission and Glasgow City Region have at the time of writing, yet to formally respond to the report. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport met on 10th May and noted the report and the history of collaborative working on transport issues in the west of Scotland also noting the SPT/Clydeplan Concordat, which demonstrates the organisation's combined strengths and close collaboration in co-ordinating land use and transport planning at a strategic level.

5. Clydeplan

- 5.1 As described more fully above, Clydeplan are increasingly involved in supporting the activities of the Glasgow City Region and its related portfolios and activities.
- 5.2 Budget: At its meeting held on 10th December 2018 the Clydeplan Joint Committee agreed its budget for the funding of the staffing of its Core Team, accommodation and related SDP activities to 31st March 2020. This will enable the Clydeplan resource to be maintained to continue its support for the delivery of the approved SDP, the implementation of the new planning system and the work programme of the Glasgow City Region. This will also allow the Joint Committee to have time to fully consider the implications of the matters contained in this report particularly in terms of its governance and the future role of the Clydeplan Core Team.
- 5.3 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 www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/action-programme-2017. In accordance with existing legislative requirements the Action Programme is currently being reviewed and a further report will be brought forward to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

- 5.4 Staffing: Following the departure of one of the Core Team's Strategic Planners to the Scottish Government an offer of secondment was made to the Local Authorities to fill this post, however no suitable candidates have been forthcoming. The housing policy skill set which has been lost will be a very important one particularly in the context of: the delivery of any future 'Regional Spatial Strategy'; the technical work required on the Housing Need and Demand Assessment, and in support of the development of the Local Authority Local Development Plans and National Planning Framework 4.
- 5.5 In the absence of no suitable internal candidates on a secondment basis it is proposed to advertise externally to fill the Strategic Planner post within the Core Team.
- 5.6 Office Accommodation: The lease of the Clydeplan offices expires in 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.
- 5.7 Discussions regarding dilapidations with the property owners will commence once Clydeplan intimates its intention to terminate the existing lease. Renfrewshire Council as host authority will act on the Joint Committee's behalf in these discussions.
- 5.8 Following discussions between Clydeplan and the Director of Regional Economic Growth it has been agreed that the Clydeplan staff, the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network staff and Climate Ready Clyde staff can be relocated to offices with Glasgow City Council at 40 John Street, Glasgow. This will result in both cost savings to these organisations in terms of property costs but also allow greater physical integration with the activities of the Glasgow City Region.
- 5.9 Processes and Governance: Future governance arrangements for Clydeplan will be shaped by the finalised Planning (Scotland) Bill and by any future integration with the governance and related structures for the Glasgow City Region. Further reports relating to this matter will be brought forward to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 5.10 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 4 (NPF4). Work is scheduled to begin on NPF4 following the Planning Bill receiving Royal Assent which will probably be in summer 2019.
- 5.11 Given the delays to the Bill the Scottish Government's stated timescales for NPF4 being approved in 2020 looks increasingly challenging and now is more likely to be in early 2021 however in terms of timings consideration will require to be given of the Scottish Parliamentary elections set for May 2021.

- 5.12 The policy direction and ‘co-production’ approach to NPF4 which will be set out by the Scottish Government will be important in shaping the role Clydeplan can play in supporting the development of NPF4 through its regional partnership working role.
- 5.13 The SDP Manager is maintaining ongoing contact with the Scottish Government in this respect. The Scottish Government have stated they are keen to work very closely with Clydeplan through both the transitional phase of the legislative change process and the development of NPF4 and the first Glasgow City region Regional Spatial Strategy.

6. Clydeplan - Work Plan

- 6.1 Key elements of the current Core Team work plan consists of the following:
- Clydeplan Action Programme refresh October 2019;
 - Early engagement with the Clydeplan Local Authorities and key stakeholders in respect of the development of a Glasgow City Region Regional Spatial Strategy;
 - Land Supplies (housing land, vacant and derelict land, and industrial and business land) and related monitoring, and ArcGis online mapping (AGOL) development;
 - Employment and Business Land Review;
 - Mapping/data support for Glasgow City Region 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; and,
 - Economic Delivery Group;
 - Support for the Glasgow City Region Economic Intelligence Working Group, including the Regional Strategic Assessment;
 - Development of Strategic Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan and support for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in respect of the development of the new Regional Transport Strategy;
 - Supplementary Guidance - Forestry and Woodland Strategy;
 - Heat mapping;
 - HNDA 3/Housing Market Partnership;
 - Development Management Forum;
 - Flood risk mapping updating;
 - Scottish Government liaison - Planning Review/HNDA3/NPF4; and,

- Ongoing wider stakeholder engagement including Scottish Government, Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Development Plan, Central Scotland Green Network Trust, Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network, Climate Ready Clyde, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, Homes for Scotland, Scottish Water, Sustrans, Glasgow Airport, Scottish Futures Trust, Scottish Forestry and SPT.

7. Observations

7.1 Clydeplan continues to remain a funded resource through to the end of March 2020 which can help support:

- the delivery of the approved SDP 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 refresh of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy; and,
- the ongoing review of the Scottish planning system.

7.2 Irrespective of the ongoing delays with the Planning Bill particularly with regard to primary legislation, guidance, policy and the work commencing on NPF4, Clydeplan will continue to work with its Management Team, the Joint Committee and other wider stakeholders as outlined in this report, to continue to fulfil a useful regional spatial planning role.

