

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday, 10 September 2018	11:15	Glasgow City Council, Ground Floor, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1RX,

### **Present**

Councillor Alan Lafferty (East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Glenn Elder (Glasgow City Council); Councillor Jim Clocherty (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Harry Curran (North Lanarkshire Council); Councillor Tom Begg (Renfrewshire 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); A Laurence, Team Leader – Land Planning Policy (East Dunbartonshire Council); G McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager (East Renfrewshire Council); S Taylor, Principal Planner (Glasgow City Council); A Williamson, Planning Policy Team Leader (Inverclyde Council); L Bowden, Business Manager (Strategic Planning) (North Lanarkshire Council); F Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing Services, K Festorazzi, Senior Accountant, and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); M McGlynn, Executive Director of Communities and Enterprise Resources (South Lanarkshire Council); and A MacDonald (Audit Scotland).

## **Apologies**

Councillor Denis Johnston and Councillor Alan Moir (both East Dunbartonshire Council); Councillor Stewart Miller (East Renfrewshire Council); Councillor Kenny McLean (Glasgow City Council); Councillor David Wilson (Inverclyde Council); Councillor Agnes Magowan (North Lanarkshire Council); and Councillor Jonathan McColl (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 the Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018.

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

### **2 Annual Audit Report 2017/18**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018 there was submitted a report by Audit Scotland relative to the Annual Audit Report 2017/18 for the Joint Committee, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report intimated that the audit certificate issued by Audit Scotland provided an unqualified opinion that the annual accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Joint Committee as at 31 March 2018, in accordance with the accounting policies detailed in the accounts.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

### **3 Audited Annual Accounts 2017/18**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Joint Committee held on 11 June 2018 there was submitted a report by the Treasurer relative to the audited annual accounts for the Joint Committee for 2017/18, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report intimated that in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 the audited accounts must be approved for signature by the Joint Committee no later than 30 September each year. Following approval, the audited accounts would be signed by the Strategic Development Plan Manager, Convener and Treasurer.

**DECIDED:** That the audited accounts 2017/18 be approved for signature by the Strategic Development Plan Manager, Convener and Treasurer.

## 4 Revenue Budget Monitoring

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and the Strategic Development Plan Manager for the period 1 April to 17 August 2018.

The report intimated that gross expenditure and income were currently breakeven.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## 5 Planning (Scotland) Bill Update

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the matters relating to the ongoing consideration by the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The report intimated that the most relevant aspects of the Bill as it pertained to Clydeplan were the removal of the statutory requirement to prepare Strategic Development Plans and a requirement on planning authorities to provide information to assist the Scottish Ministers in their preparation of the National Planning Framework.

Clydeplan had submitted both written views and oral evidence to the Local Government and Communities Committee and the Committee's final Stage 1 report on the Bill had been published on 17 May 2018. The Minister for Local Government and Housing provided the Scottish Government's response to the Stage 1 Report on 24 May 2018 and a full debate in Parliament took place on 29 May 2018. In closing remarks on the debate there were two specific references to Clydeplan, firstly from Monica Lennon MSP and secondly by Adam Tomkins, MSP. The acknowledgement of the history of successful joint working of Clydeplan was welcomed as consideration of these matters continue through Parliament.

Councillor O'Neill, Convener, wrote to all Scottish MSPs in June 2018 to highlight the important role of strategic planning in Scotland and the positive experience of Clydeplan. This correspondence was tweeted by Clydeplan and a news item had been placed on the Clydeplan website. This item had been retweeted and the Convener had received a number of direct responses.

The Ministerial commitment to bring forward an amendment at Stage 2 to introduce a clearer duty for planning authorities to work together on strategic planning was welcomed. It had been confirmed that a Scottish Government amendment would be promoted for consideration by the Local Government and Communities Committee at its meeting to be held on 12 September 2018, and a copy of the proposed amendment was circulated.

It was noted that around 100 amendments were being promoted and that one such amendment was to not remove SDPs. All amendments would be debated through the Local Government and Communities Committee and ultimately determined at Stage 3 by parliament which was likely to be towards the end of 2018.

**DECIDED:** That the report and the progress and Parliamentary scrutiny of the Planning (Scotland) Bill be noted.

## **6 Glasgow City Region Partnership Update**

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 (GCR).

The report intimated that the emerging GCR was an important consideration for the activities and potentially the governance arrangements of Clydeplan. GCR was continuing to evolve beyond the delivery of the City Deal Infrastructure Investment Fund into a 'regional partnership model' to take forward delivery of its Regional Economic Strategy and Action Plan through eight subject-based portfolio groups. It was noted that Clydeplan was an active participant in four of the eight portfolio groups as well as the overarching Economic Delivery Group and Economic Intelligence Working Group; had played a leading role in the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study, led by East Renfrewshire Council, to support the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio; had recently reconvened the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Housing Market Partnership in recognition that a third Glasgow City Region HNDA would be required to support the preparation of the next round of Local Housing Strategies, Local Development Plans and potentially NPF4; and was working with SPT to consider the potential for joint working on a number of issues in support of the Active Travel Task Force Plan published in June 2018.

The report detailed the implications for Clydeplan; the key elements of the Core Team work plan until the end of 2018; and observations on matters Clydeplan could support; the delay in the timetable for the Planning (Scotland) Bill and the knock-on consequences for the Scottish Government's commencement of NPF4 engagement activities; and the 2019/20 Clydeplan budget.

**DECIDED:** That the report and the approach of Clydeplan and its Core Team in relation to GCR be noted.

## **7 Glasgow City Region Infrastructure Portfolio - North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study**

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study, led by East Renfrewshire Council, undertaken as part of the work of the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio.

The report intimated that the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure Summit held in September 2017 resulted in a commitment by infrastructure providers and the city region local authorities to work together to achieve the ambition of aligning infrastructure investment thereby ensuring that the economic benefits of infrastructure investment were maximised. At the summit it was agreed that, through the Glasgow City Region Infrastructure and Assets portfolio, an Operational Infrastructure Group (OIG) would be established.

At the meeting of the OIG held on 16 March 2018 it was agreed that a pilot study be undertaken in North Lanarkshire Council with a view to potentially scaling up to a city region wide focus. The group would share data, and where possible, would identify ways to improve the alignment of strategic infrastructure investment and delivery based around a pilot study utilising North Lanarkshire Council development projects and input from infrastructure providers. Clydeplan would lead on the technical work including addressing any confidentiality issues relating to data sharing.

The report provided information in relation to the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study; the Gartcosh/Glenboig Community Growth Area; the methodology used; outputs of the case study; learning points and issues to consider from the pilot study; and the next steps.

G McCarney, East Renfrewshire Council, gave a presentation to the summit.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the work undertaken on the North Lanarkshire Council Pilot Study and the issues and learning points from the exercise be noted;

(b) That the next stages of taking this work forward be noted and that the continued role of Clydeplan in supporting the Infrastructure and Assets Portfolio be agreed; and

(c) That the presentation be noted.

## **8 2016-based Population and Household Projections - Comparison with SDP 2012-based Population Projections**

There was submitted a report by the Strategic Development Plan Manager providing an update on the recently published National Records of Scotland (NRS) 2016-based population and household projections, comparing these to the 2012-based projections used to inform the approved 2017 Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

The report intimated that NRS published population and household projections every two years and that these projections provided an opportunity to monitor progress of the SDP and would form the basis of an updated HNDA to inform a Glasgow City Council Region Regional Spatial Strategy, National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), Local Housing Strategies (LHS) and Local Development Plans (LDP).

The report provided information in relation to the NRS projection methodology; an overview of Scottish wide results 2016 to 2041; and a comparison of population and household projections.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the publication by the National Records of Scotland 2016-based population and household projections be noted;

(b) That it be noted that the growth in both population and households was broadly similar for the city region to those set out in the SDP; and

(c) That it be noted that the 2016-based projections would be an input into HNDA3 which would inform both the Glasgow City Region's Regional Housing Strategy and Spatial Strategy, National Planning Framework 4, Local Housing Strategies and Local Development Plans.

## **9 Corporate Purchasing Card Expenditure**

There was submitted a 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 to 17 August 2018.

It was proposed that reports on corporate purchasing card expenditure be removed as a standing item of business on future Joint Committee agendas and that the Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager submit a report on corporate purchasing card expenditure to the Joint Committee on an annual basis. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That reports on corporate purchasing card expenditure be removed as a standing item of business on future Joint Committee agendas and that the Treasurer and Strategic Development Plan Manager submit a report on corporate purchasing card expenditure to the Joint Committee on an annual basis.

## **10 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 December 2018 in Glasgow City Council, Exchange House, 231 George Street, Glasgow.