

**Social Recovery Taskforce
26 January 2021 at 14:00
Via Microsoft Teams**

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 - i. Third Sector – *Ian Bruce*
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Social Recovery Task Force
3rd December 2020, at 14:00
via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor Richard Bell, Glasgow City Council (Chair); Councillor Jennifer Layden, Glasgow City Council; Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council; Bernadette Monaghan, Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment Services; Shaw Anderson, Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment Services;); Neil McInroy, The Centre of Local Economic Strategy; Judith Hunter, Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment Services; Martin Cassidy, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Des McNulty, University of Glasgow; Ian Bruce, Glasgow Third Sector Interface; Jatin Haria, BAME Representative; Pete Seaman, Glasgow Centre for Population Health; Gary l'Anson, Police Scotland; Robin Ashton, Glasgow Kelvin College; Vicky Bond, GCC CED; Andrea McMillan, Glasgow Life; Tressa Burke, Glasgow Disability Alliance; Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface; Anne Fehilly, Glasgow City Council, Violence Against Women; Marshall Poulton, Glasgow City Council, Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (Transport); Lorraine Barrie, Glasgow Equality Forum; Paul Buchanan, Glasgow Colleges Regional Board; Gary Dover, Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership; Dawn Fyfe, Glasgow Women's Voluntary Sector Network; Candy Walker, Glasgow's Advice & Information Network (GAIN); Sharon Kelly, Skills Development Scotland; Fiona Moss, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Valerie McNeice, Glasgow Centre for Population Health; Sue John, Glasgow Women's Library; Gabrielle MacBeth, Glasgow Women's Library; Sarah Weakley, Academic Advisory Group; Afton Hill, Glasgow City Council, Strategic Policy & Planning (Equalities).

In attendance:

Mary McPhail, Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment Services
Gerald Tonner, Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment Services

Apologies:

Linda De Caestecker, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Colin Lee, BAME Representative; Jill Miller, Glasgow Life; Des McNulty, Academic Advisory Group.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

No amendments were requested and the minute was approved.

3. Matters Arising

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Participatory Budgeting will be taken forward, initially through a small working group that will meet for the first time next week. Chris Harkins will be part of this group.

4. Community Engagement Update

Judith gave a short update on progress made from the last meeting. The Steering Group plans to meet again on Dec. 14th to discuss what needs to be done in preparation to start the interviews in January.

Judith has had no feedback yet from anyone in Education. She has had conversations with the Children's Neighbourhood Team who advised on their method of working with young people as peer interviewers/recorders of other young people - these can be done in schools and also in the neighbourhoods. Judith has also been in contact with the GCPH who have offered to help in analysing the information. The Chair directed Judith drop him an e-mail and he would contact Maureen McKenna.

As no contact has been made by anyone from the ERT, Judith asked if someone from this group could help facilitate this. Cllr Kelly offered to help - Judith to let him know what it is she's looking for.

5. Community Wealth Building

The Chair described Neil as an inspirational speaker and was pleased that he could come along today to speak to the group. Neil explained that he's the Chief Executive for the Centre of Local Economic Strategy and is also seconded to the Scottish Government 2 days a week.

Neil went onto give an outline of what CWB (community wealth building) is and how it relates to economic recovery. CWB has been running for around 20 years and is a practical and outcome focussed means of delivering a better economy for everyone - it focusses on jobs, enterprise and a community stake in the economy. Neil described CWB as 'hotwiring' social community environmental benefits into all economic activity. Traditionally, the focus was on redistribution of wealth after it was created through a tax system, now CWB supports redistribution as pre-distribution with ownership of the economy being key. There are 5 pillars to CWB – procurement, jobs, land and property assets, finance and ownership.

Referring to projects being carried out in the U.S.A. and elsewhere, Neil explained that in terms of recovery, 4 key things have started to emerge about CWB:

- public sector anchors have a key role in recovery due to the assets they have and the number of people they employ
- local economic recovery organisations in regard to their municipal holding companies
- understanding of sectors – foundational (food, health, care), future growth (manufacturing, bio technology)
- city investment growth deals

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Cllr Kelly gave an update on what the Council's doing in terms of CWB and going forward. Large anchor organisations (public and private) are being contacted to create a forum to get some sort of commitment of what they intend to do as well as what we can do. The forum will look at what opportunities the organisations can provide and where local groups or organisations can fill these opportunities. In reference to holding companies, the Council is meeting next week on this topic - officers will look at what sectors would potentially benefit from this, where the funding will come from and where the holding company could step in to help viable businesses with the end view being to hand over to employee ownership. Both Cllr Kelly and the Chair will meet with representatives from the Scottish Government about investment.

Neil went onto answer questions raised in regard to CWB which included:

- how CWB impacts on areas roundabout
- the role of the cultural sector
- how it fits with disabled people who find it difficult to enter the employment market
- the impact of shop closures on the High St.

The Chair thanked Neil for his talk, describing it as hugely interesting. Gavin asked Neil to have a look at the Circular Economy Route Map which has just gone through the City Administration Committee today (and has been approved by the Council) as a lot of what's been discussed today is exactly what's contained within the document. Gavin asked if Neil could provide him with feedback on it, if he has the time.

6. Climate Emergency Implementation Plan

Gavin provided a link in the chat to the plan and consultation on CEIP (Climate Emergency Implementation Plan). He explained the **background, challenges, proposal, themes and next steps** of it and asked the group to take some time to respond to the consultation.

Background

In 2018 the IPCC published a report highlighting the need for global action and gave the Council 10 years to act on climate change. Glasgow set up a Climate Emergency Working Group and in 2019 declared a climate and ecological emergency. The CEWG produced a report making 61 recommendations in its aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

Challenges

The challenges to be carbon neutral by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2045, requires major action from businesses, individuals, and communities. This not just the responsibility of the Council, but the responsibility of everyone – all have a role to play in this. Gavin advised that what we've learned from the COVID crisis can help us deal with the crisis of climate emergency.

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From 2006 to 2018, we have done significantly well in reducing emissions. The need now is to increase the scope, scale and intensity of actions and to build resilience to the local weather impacts. Bold leadership and investment is required.

Proposal

The plan is a response to the 61 recommendations made by the CEWG. Within the plan there are 53 actions that will be taken forward – these actions are around food, energy, renewables, transport and pension funds. The plan is not trying to duplicate or compete with strategies already in place. A separate group was set up to look at the ecological emergency and their findings will be incorporated into the climate plan as well. The actions are aligned with the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

Themes

There are 5 emergency themes:

- Communication and Community Empowerment (7 actions are linked to this theme)
- Just and Inclusive Place (6 actions are linked to this theme)
- Well Connected and Thriving City (22 actions are linked to this theme)
- Health and Wellbeing (5 actions are linked to this theme)
- Green Recovery (16 actions are linked to this theme)

Gavin explained each of the themes and what's involved.

Next Steps

The consultation is underway. Conversations will be prepared and carried out (using whatever tools are available) as a means to engage with agencies, businesses and communities. A series of Webinars will be run in January. A revised plan will be taken back to Committee for approval and will then be our plan in moving forward to 2030 and 2045. The city will report annually on the progress of the 5 themes and (due to the rate of change) will be a living document and updated every year. This will also align to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and as these can be arbitrary, Gavin is looking at how they could be localised.

Gavin finished his presentation by asking the group to look at the plan and feedback any comments. The Chair thanked Gavin for his presentation and asked that it be circulated.

Agreed Actions

- Presentation to be circulated.

7. Workstream Updates

Bernadette spoke of a recent meeting with the 3 new workstream leads to discuss/reflect on what's been discussed so far – where we're going as a taskforce, are we focussing enough on outcomes and how do we capture it all. John Sherry is providing support by pulling together an action planning template. This will be distributed to all of the workstreams to capture the key priorities/key outcomes that we can achieve by next year, and how we can evidence the impact.

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Bernadette hopes to pull together a meeting with all the workstream leads in the new year to look at the feasibility of regular meetings, discuss progress, take stock of what we're doing and what we need to focus on. She also wants to regulate reporting on what's being done. Being conscious of the number of meetings people are attending, she suggested bringing the leads together every couple of months – this will be taken forward.

Bernadette stressed that the taskforce action plan is being pulled together and will be circulated as soon as possible.

Third Sector

Ian advised that the 3rd Sector is looking primarily at the relationship between the 3rd Sector and public partners in the city and what it needs to look like in the future. The program is a two part process. The first part is the 3rd Sector looking at the history and values they'd hope to have in their relationship with local authorities/public partners, with the second part about discussing these findings with partners with the intention of reviewing the current Concordat. Bernadette thought that a fresh Concordat would be worthwhile.

The review group consists of 13 people and have met twice, with the intention of meeting every 2 weeks. Each meeting will result in a discussion/recommendations paper to go out for consultation with 3rd and public sectors to get the workstream right and potentially start identifying things that can be worked on before the process is complete. At the end of the process, the papers will be pulled together to form the overall report and to agree the action plan on going forward.

Disabled Communities

Cllr Layden reported that the first Disability Communities Workstream meeting has been arranged for 15th Dec to look at work going forward.

Tressa advised that a background paper has been done, taking a steer from Des McNulty's advice on the importance of basing what we're doing on evidence and how it then shapes policy making. The purpose of the workstream is to examine the position affecting disabled people, to establish the evidence that we do have, to consider what has worked well and lessons learned so far.

The first meeting is to agree the principles and approach of the workstream. Tressa stated that she want a systems change approach to it - one that acknowledges power and participation. Tressa hopes the workstream will have a plan of what it wants to do in the new year.

Tressa added that Nick Watson (University of Glasgow) and Chris Harkins are on the working group. Also, GCPH is working with her on a joint micro-briefing. Tressa praised the robust research that the academics have provided.

Young People and Transitions

Robin advised that a number of groups are already in place and focussed on young people and transitions (particularly on the youth employment angle). At the last SRT, Mike McNally

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gave an update from the GPEG employment and skills hub. A key focus of this work is on the Youth Guarantee Project.

Mike gave a further update on the development of the Young Persons Guarantee in Glasgow. A steering group has been set up that has representatives from various agencies. The group has pulled together a submission and a delivery plan and financial template was submitted to the Scottish Government last week. The £4.3 million budget submission included:

- Glasgow core learning project (digital training and support)
- supported learning programme through HSCP
- employment recruitment centres
- support in growth programme (unemployed or under-employed graduates)
- sustainability for modern apprenticeships
- enhance workforce co-ordinators in schools
- volunteering program (working with Glasgow Life)
- Kickstart

The Chair thanked Robin and Mike for their input and asked Mike to keep him posted about the application.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 21st January at 14:00

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