



# Sustainable Glasgow

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT HUB UPDATE

17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

### **Purpose of Report:**

To update the Sustainable Glasgow Board.

### **Recommendations:**

- That the Board notes the paper.

1. The draft Terms of Reference document for the Green Infrastructure and Transport Hub has been updated following the 22nd February 2021 GITH meeting and will be ratified at the next full meeting of the group (April 2021, due to the workshop taking place in March).
2. Further internal meetings have taken place and ideas discussed on cross hub working and the potential for developing an accessible systems approach practical toolkit for stakeholder leaders/decision makers about what systems thinking means in practice across the City Region. This would ensure the inclusion of mitigation, adaptation and people in future strategies.
3. Further consideration has been given to the key strengths of GITH being the ability to highlight synergies across the City and provide opportunities to expedite approaches/initiatives collaboratively.
  - 3.1 A briefing paper has been prepared for the UoS GITH internal group to outline key areas of potential influence and impact, aligned with our solution sub themes (Technical (intellectual) and engineering infrastructure, Nature based solutions and green infrastructure, Connected Planning, Circularity, Innovation and demonstration and Solutions prioritised and derisked).
  - 3.2 The Hub is keen to support practical understanding and application of coordinated (systems) approaches to net zero planning, and this briefing paper could be developed further for use more broadly.
4. We would like to propose this as a topic for discussion at the Sustainable Glasgow Board. Meetings have taken place with Glasgow City Council, Transport Scotland and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to prepare for a workshop looking at cross-cutting transport issues.
  - 4.1 This workshop to particularly focus on exploring the potential of 'Last mile delivery' across the city. It is planned for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 9am – 11am, with GITH members and additional stakeholders invited.
  - 4.2 Noting that effectively implementing 'Last mile delivery' would support the Glasgow Transport Strategy and work towards outcomes of the recent Connecting Communities Consultation, this workshop will explore wide ranging factors contributing to 'Last mile delivery' and identify potential leverage points and define interventions which will have an impact in both the short and the medium term and also provide examples of what our future City may look like.

- 5 We are exploring future workshop topics with GITH hub members around broad hub themes.
- 6 The mid-point report for the Climate Neutral Innovation District has been delivered (11th March 2021) and seeks to visualise the nature of change needed.
  - 6.1 It is proposed that this report will be presented at the April Sustainable Glasgow Board meeting in April 2021, with the final report due at the end of May 2021, subject to programme.
7. Support was provided to Gavin Slater in preparing an Expression of Interest for Sustainable Glasgow at COP26 UK Government managed space in the Green zone (outcome expected May).