



Sustainable Glasgow

**GREENING THE CITY HUB UPDATE
27th APRIL 2021**

Purpose of Report:

To update Sustainable Glasgow Board on progress and actions associated with the Greening the City Hub.

It is recommended that the Sustainable Glasgow Board

- note the content of the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Hub held its fourth meeting on 20th April 2021 to discuss collective projects, alignment of objectives, Hub action plan and deliverables.
- 1.2 The chair welcomed new members and reiterated the importance to focus on project delivery as a collective and beyond the city council's activity.
- 1.3 The Hub includes representatives from Glasgow University, Strathclyde University, Clyde Gateway, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network (GCVGN), Green Action Trust (GAT), Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), NatureScot, Lateral North, GCPH, Wheatley Group, Glasgow Science Centre, SPEN and Scottish Government.
- 1.4 Partners were asked to propose some new and planned action aligned with the climate and ecological emergency recommendations. Partners began identifying and discussing actions that their own organisations can propose in support of the Hub action plan delivery in the short, medium and long term.

2. What we propose to do

- 2.1 The following are the projects that the HUB will continue to take forward and develop in the **short term** (months ahead of COP 26):
 - 2.1.1 Tiny Forests – implementation of tiny forest project at various locations within the City prior to COP and in partnership with Earthwatch- there are some legal issues arising which will require to be resolved. This can be resolved through national approach to tiny Forests in collaboration with the Scottish Government and NatureScot.
 - 2.1.2 After the Pandemic Project at Broomielaw;
 - 2.1.3 Continue to assess opportunity for mapping or sharing project information across the HUB and beyond, aligning this with the newly developed Sustainable Glasgow Website.
- 2.2 In the **Medium/Long-term**, the hub will consider the following partner projects and how they can support action to address the climate and ecological emergencies:
 - 2.2.1 GGCNHS – Active Travel development and connecting communities. Landscaping at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital;
 - 2.2.2 Clyde Gateway – opportunities at Toryglen with Urban Roots and also at Cunnigar Loop, including phase 2 of the park and sculpture as part of wider network of beacons of hope.

- 2.2.3 Supporting the Clyde Climate Forest through supporting the increase in urban tree canopy by at least 20% by 2030, in particular through the Cart and Kintoch Woodland creation project which includes education and citizen engagement.
 - 2.2.4 Identify Vacant and Derelict Land for greening and rewilding in combination with renewable energy generation measures.
 - 2.2.5 Enhance and improve green & biodiversity corridors in the city by improving open space provision and increasing tree cover, in particular tiny forests.
 - 2.2.6 Glasgow Innovation District lead by the University of Strathclyde.
 - 2.2.7 Exploring work with health and Social Care Partnership as a means to raise the profile and increase investment in green infrastructure, creation of new and maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- 2.3** As stated previously, the group's remit will align with the Climate Emergency Implementation Plan and the recommendations from the Ecological Emergency Working group. Partner organisations have proposed supporting action aligned with the Climate Emergency Implementation Plan and Ecological Emergency Working Group recommendations. The template appended was circulated with partners who have agreed to propose supporting action that their organisations are prepared to take, some of the proposals received are included, with a few more partners committing to propose further action. The initial proposal proposals received will be prioritised ahead of the next Hub meeting in May, when a Hub action plan for the short, medium and long term will be agreed.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1** The Hub will continue to meet and have agreed a number of parallel discussions to explore synergies and opportunities associated with city wide projects in the city, including COP 26 projects, but not limited to those.
- 3.2** The hub partners agreed to continue to collectively produce a hub action plan to support the climate and ecological emergencies.
- 3.3.** The group will continue to explore the option of green infrastructure projects mapping aligning this with the development of the Sustainable Glasgow website, and continuing to reflect and explore resource implications, scope for users and benefits of taking this approach, building on existing mapping work across the city and region.