

People

Place

Design

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What is the Place Commission?

Glasgow is a city with enduring energy and tenacity. Over the centuries, Glasgow has reinvented its industry, landscape, and society in response to the issues it has faced. Its post-industrial renaissance is world renowned, and now, after decades of decline, has a growing population enriched by culture and great places to live, work, and visit. Now is an opportune time to reflect on how a people-centred approach to design can improve the way we shape our City so that Glasgow can continue to flourish.

The Place Commission is an opportunity to open up discussion and engage with the relationship between people, place, and design in the city. It will be an open dialogue between communities, design practitioners, developers, and City partners about the priorities for Glasgow. It will take the form of a collaboration with Glasgow's City Urbanist and peers from a wide cross-section of city organisations from industry and community alike. The Commission will work to bring together representation from architecture, urbanism and design, engineering, community engagement, academia and research, and social enterprise. It will consider the new ways of living, working, and travelling and how the built environment, through design, can respond to these insights.

The Place Commission is an independent initiative supported by the City Council and will deliver independent findings. Those involved will have an opportunity to step outside of their normal routines to discuss and consider new ideas on place quality.

The process seeks to generate a clear, cohesive narrative to influence the direction of Glasgow's development and champion a place-based design approach.

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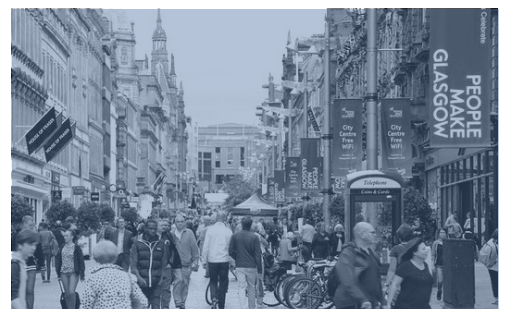
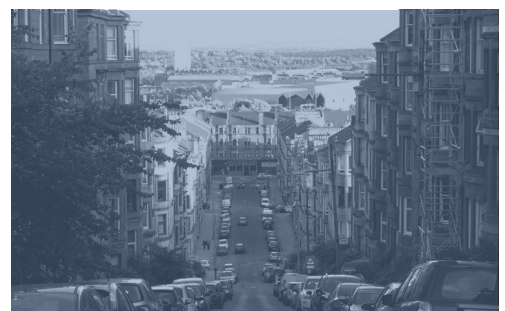
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Faced with the fundamental questions of “how we live?” and “how we live well?” creative conversations will be framed around the themes of Glasgow as an Everyday City, a Metropolitan City, and an International City. Crucially, these themes are deeply intertwined.

Glasgow as an Everyday City relates to how we experience the city as residents, workers, business people, or visitors. The times we live in and budgetary constraints demand innovative thinking. Lines of enquiry will include: how do we enthuse, empower, and invigorate our communities?

Glasgow as a Metropolitan City recognises that the city core does not function in isolation; the seven surrounding local authority areas within the Clyde Valley City-Region are as interdependent today as they have been throughout history.

Glasgow as an International City refers to Glasgow’s reputation on the world stage. Glasgow has always been an outward looking city and as our standing grows, more and more organisations and investors look to Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city, for leadership and participation.



Our Commissioners

The Commission, convened by City Urbanist Professor Brian Evans, is comprised of individuals from a range of design and development backgrounds, all are recognised as experts in their field interested in the topics under enquiry and open to new ways of thinking about the city and to listen to people's perspectives. Their knowledge and experience will be instrumental in guiding the process and outcomes of this independent commission.

Commissioners will meet in full several times between now and the summer of 2020 in themed sessions designed to provoke creative conversations about how to make a great place. Discussions will be framed around the themes of an Everyday City, a Metropolitan City, and International City to ensure the principles developed inform development at every level; fine grain is just as important as the big picture.

Smaller evidence gathering sessions will act as fora for discussing and deliberating carefully framed issues based around the evidence received and presentations from invited participants. Commissioners will consider the interaction between these bodies of evidence and how good design can bring a composed and integrated response to City design.

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An Invitation to Become Involved

Have you ever wandered through our city and found yourself asking “Whose place is this?”, “what is it for?”, “is it useful?”, or “is it for everyone?”? We are extending this invitation to anyone who has great ideas that Glasgow can benefit from.

The Place Commission will enquire into the relationship between People, Place, and Design through the themes of the Everyday City, the Metropolitan City, and the International City. We would like to hear from people interested in contributing their thoughts and evidence to this integrated thinking.

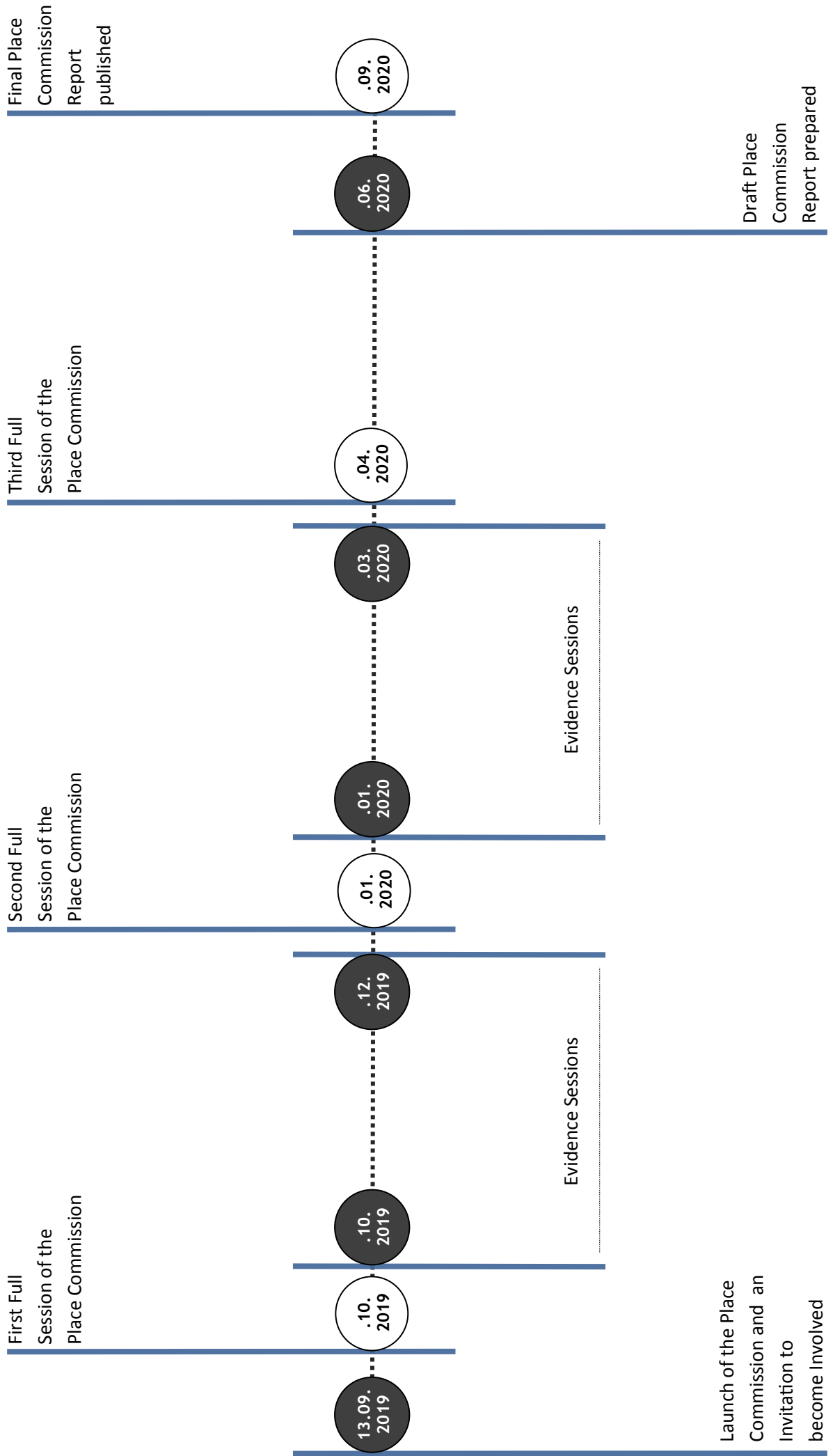
There are already well established bodies of evidence in this field. What is important is the key points from this evidence, according to those who know people, place and design best. Succinct, specific summaries of key points supported by evidence around the Everyday City, Metropolitan City, and International City is what will be most useful to the Commission to achieve its aims.

The Commission will welcome new and fresh ideas that will challenge the status quo and consider what tools, means, or mind-sets can be used to embed a design based approach to the built environment. We welcome community groups and creative thinkers to highlight the key matters that need attention and people who have done things differently and identify changes for good from elsewhere as much as from Glasgow.

If you are interested please get in touch with Joseph Harvey (joseph.harvey@glasgow.gov.uk, 0141 287 6272) or Jordan Howard (jordan.howard@glasgow.gov.uk, 0141 287 1160) who will be happy to receive your submission or help with any questions you have.

**This is an open call for discussion.
You can influence change by guiding us to what you think matters.**

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