



Glasgow City Council

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PARTICIPATION REQUESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

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During the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 Glasgow City Council received 3 Participation Requests.

In two instances, the request was approved and an outcome improvement plan developed. The third request was rejected for the reasons set out.

Whiteinch Community Council

Whiteinch Community Council seek to improve the Whiteinch Library service by developing it into a local community hub, which includes the statutory library service plus co located services within the current building. This will maximise the building use and secure the long term sustainability of the building and provide services which the community has identified through community engagement.

Glasgow City Council agrees to the Participation Request by Whiteinch Community Council relating to Whiteinch Library. It has been agreed that a working group be established comprising Whiteinch Community Council, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Life, and a local social enterprise. The working group aims to co-produce an implementation plan which is intended to respond positively to the requested outcome as outlined.

Victoria Park Community Trust

Victoria Park Community Trust (VPCT) seek to support the Council and help improve the park. VPCT was set up to create a representative group which will work together as strategic and equal partners to create a long term development plan with the aims of strengthening the relationship between local stakeholders and GCC as a new collaborative community of interest.

Glasgow City Council agrees to the Participation Request by Victoria Park Community Trust relating to Victoria Park. Glasgow City Council will facilitate and continue to collaborate with Victoria Park Community Trust, the relevant Council Departments and any other relevant bodies including the Friends of Victoria Park and the Fossil Grove Trust.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network seek an increase in the effective involvement and empowerment of the community sector in any decisions about increased community control of assets.

Having considered the Participation Request fully and amongst other things, the matters outlined in Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Glasgow City Council is refusing this request.

Glasgow City Council have existing processes and procedures in place for the People Make Glasgow Programme (PMGC) to achieve the requested outcome. This includes:

- Guidelines being provided to all PMGC Interested Parties in relation to community engagement that we expect them to undertake as part of the process.
- Assessment panels and working groups include Council Officers with expertise in community engagement.
- Council Officers engage with Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's Area Partnerships on all proposals as part of the engagement phase of the PMGC process.
- Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network are acting as a liaison between Glasgow City Council and Third Sector organisations in the city.
- Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector are providing support to all PMGC Interested Parties.
- Glasgow City Council have a City Wide Community Engagement Group to strengthen Community Engagement processes on an ongoing basis.

Glasgow City Council looks forward to working positively with voluntary organisations across the city, including North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.