



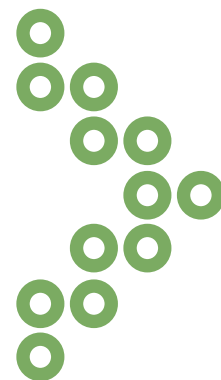
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Strategic Development Planning Authority

Annual Report 2022



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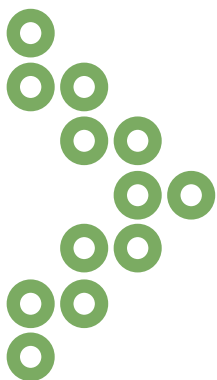
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Convenor's Column

2022 has been a year when the Scottish Government through its Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) has put addressing the twin global climate and nature crises front and centre of the Scottish planning system.

The expected adoption of NPF4 early in 2024 by the Scottish Ministers will be an important step in that journey particularly as for the first time it forms part of the statutory Development Plan system along with the Local Development Plan.

Although the strategic regional land use plan for the first time will no longer be part of the statutory Development Plan the Clydeplan local authorities are committed to joint working on regional planning matters and will continue to actively ensure that the role of regional planning remains an important one especially in the consideration of cross local authority boundary issues and matters of cumulative impact in relation to taking the twin crises.

Clydeplan is also keen to ensure that NPF4's National Spatial Strategy, the National Planning Policies and related National Developments provides a positive context for the Glasgow City Region to flourish.

In particular how NPF4 can help address the three Grand Challenges set out in its Regional Economic Strategy (December 2021) namely creating an inclusive economy, enhancing productivity, and addressing the climate emergency.

NPF4's six spatial principles which will shape our future places, namely just transition; conserving and recycling assets; local living; compact urban growth; rebalanced development and rural revitalisation have been the cornerstone of the regional spatial plans for the Glasgow City Region for many decades and as such provides a strong platform for the future development of the City Region's first Regional Spatial Strategy.

As Convenor of Clydeplan I would therefore encourage those with an interest in creating quality places across the Glasgow City Region and who wish to assist in shaping the planning response to the climate and biodiversity crisis to become involved with Clydeplan to ensure the Regional Spatial Strategy and regional planning plays its rightful role.

Councillor **Lawrence O'Neill**

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Introduction

The eight Clydeplan Local Authorities are committed to strategic planning and working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders in support of the development of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the delivery of the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), and the City Region's Economic Strategy.

Regional planning provides a sound foundation upon which the Glasgow city region can deliver growth for Scotland's largest city region by setting a strategic spatial land use context for national, regional and local capital investment programmes Local Authority Local Development Plans, Local Housing Strategies and Development Management decisions.

The work undertaken by Clydeplan during 2022 has only been made possible by the willing support that it has gratefully received from its local authorities and other private and public sector partners.

Further information on the work of Clydeplan can be found at www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk





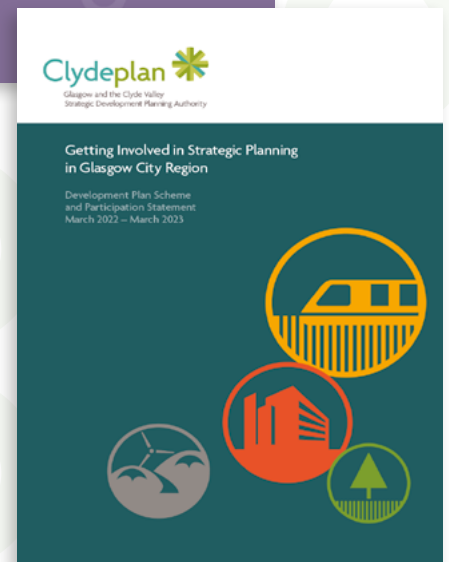
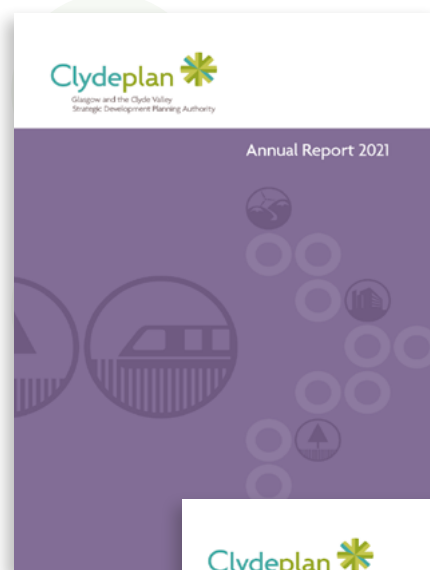
Clydeplan Joint Committee

The Clydeplan Joint Committee met five times during 2022 in March, June, September and December with a Special Meeting in October to consider the Annual Audited Accounts.

Details of the meeting's agendas, papers and minutes can be found at <https://bit.ly/2TAaTZo>

During 2022 the Joint Committee published its Annual Report 2021 and its Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2022/2023.

In December 2022 the Joint Committee approved its revenue budget for the period 2023/24.



Glasgow City Region

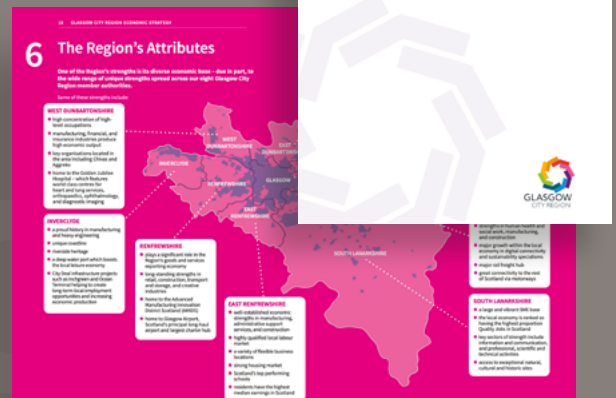
During 2022 Clydeplan continued its support for the various work streams of the various Glasgow City Region thematic portfolios including Land Use and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Assets, Housing and Equalities, Transport and Connectivity and also the City Region's Economic Delivery Group and the Intelligence Hub as well as the Scottish Government led 'Clyde Mission'.

Clydeplan's involvement with the Glasgow City Region activities is likely to continue to grow and develop during 2023 particularly given the economies of scale and general benefits that can be gained through city region scale joint partnership working and in support of delivering the Regional Economic Strategy

<https://glasgowcityregion.co.uk/what-we-do/regional-economic-strategy/>.

This long standing regional joint working approach also supports the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 which seeks local authorities, working together, to support the delivery of National Planning Framework 4 through the development of Regional Spatial Strategies.

Further information on the work of the Glasgow City Region can be found at <https://glasgowcityregion.co.uk/>





NPF4

It is anticipated that NPF4, which for the first time will form part of the statutory Development Plan along with the Local Development Plan, will be approved in January 2023 and adopted in February 2023.

<https://www.transformingplanning.scot/national-planning-framework/>

NPF4 seeks to address the climate emergency and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the future impacts of climate and also the nature crisis. and to work together to enable development that addresses the social and economic legacy of the coronavirus pandemic, the cost crisis and longstanding inequality.

To achieve this NPF4 sets out a National Spatial Strategy for Scotland to 2045 which seeks to deliver sustainable places, liveable places, and productive places and sets out six spatial principles

- readjust transition;
- conserving and recycling assets;
- local living;
- compact urban growth;
- rebalanced development; and
- rural revitalisation.

NPF4 will also set out the regional spatial priorities for Scotland along with 18 National Developments which will support the National Spatial Strategy.

In the context of the Glasgow City Region this is included as part of what is described as 'Central' aimed at transforming and pioneering a new era of low carbon urban living with a focus on regeneration.

The key National Developments for the Glasgow City Region are the

- 'Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership';
- 'Clyde Metro';
- Central Scotland Green Network (incorporating the Glasgow City Region Green Network);
- Clyde Mission; and
- High Speed Rail.

The National Spatial Strategy will guide the preparation of Regional Spatial Strategies, Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans as well as being relevant to wider policies and strategies relating to land use.

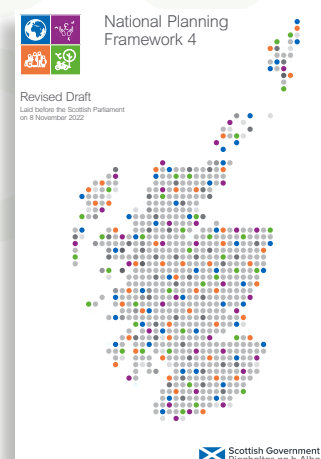
NPF4 also sets out National Planning Policy which consists of 33 policies which set out the policies for the development and use of land which are to be applied in the preparation of local development plans; local place plans; masterplans and briefs; and for determining planning consents.

Regional Spatial Strategies

The Scottish Government have stated that the new Regional Spatial Strategies will identify areas for future population growth, align with regional economic strategies and identify key sectors and clusters for future development and investment.

Regional Spatial Strategies should also set out a clear place-based spatial strategy that guides future development across different areas of Scotland. This will include identification of networks of regionally significant centres, growth and investment areas and ensuring that future development and infrastructure works with each area's assets and whilst conserving and enhancing nationally and regionally recognised natural and historic areas and assets.

The Scottish Government have stated that Regional Spatial Strategy guidance will be published late 2023/early 2024.



Glasgow City Region Green Network

Since the establishment of the Glasgow City Region Green Network Partnership in 2007, the first partnership of its type in Scotland, green networks and related thinking has developed significantly much of which has been at the instigation of the work of the Green Network team including the

- Central Scotland Green Network established as a National Development in NPF4 and proposed to continue as a National Development in NPF4,
- development of the Glasgow City Region Green Network 'Blueprint' and the
- development of Green Infrastructure policy advice.

Peatland

The role of peatland restoration in contributing to the drive for Net Zero, and to flood mitigation, is well recognised. It is also a UK and Scottish priority habitat and therefore the case is strong for targeting effort and resources at the significant areas of peatland within the Glasgow and Clyde Valley.

The Green Network launched the Clyde Peatlands initiative at the Glasgow City Region Cabinet in June to coincide with the recruitment of two new Peatland Officers funded through the Scottish Government's Peatland ACTION Fund, administered by NatureScot.

The post will be hosted by Clydeplan/Green Network initially to April 2025 with Clydeplan underwriting an additional year to the contract as agreed by the Joint Committee in September.

It is anticipated NatureScot will extend the post for a further year when the next round of Scottish Government funding is secured. It is anticipated that the new Peatland Officer will be in post in Spring of 2023.

The launch of 'Clyde Peatlands' has generated a significant level of interest and requests for assistance and a substantial portfolio of potential project work has been collated which will allow the new Peatland Officer to take forward as an early action.





Grassland and Wetland

A new Green Network Development Officer, funded for two years through Clydeplan reserves as agreed by the Joint Committee, joined the team in April with the specific remit of driving forward the grassland and wetland elements of the Blueprint.

Both of these habitat types have far less dedicated funding than woodland and peatland and are therefore more difficult to progress.

A Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund application for developing a regional grassland network has been successful which allows for public and private sector engagement and to make the case for substantial delivery funding.

The Development Officer has also been working with East Dunbartonshire Council on a pilot wetland project in the Kelvin Valley, spanning into neighbouring North Lanarkshire and Glasgow. The project will seek to maximise the biodiversity, flood management and visitor benefits of a strategic wetland network, and the work has just been awarded £50,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund. It is anticipated that the lessons of this pilot can be replicated elsewhere in the City Region.

There is a strong correlation between the work described above and the development of Nature Networks as required by NPF4.

Woodland

The woodland element of the Blueprint is being driven forward by the Clyde Climate Forest (CCF) with progress on each of its 3 strands of work:

- (i) urban tree canopy cover,
- (ii) rural planting for climate change; and
- (iii) woodland habitat connectivity.

In addition to its core staff the CCF is now supported by seconded officers from the Green Action Trust and Trees for Cities. CCF continues to report to the Green Network on progress towards Blueprint delivery through SEP.

Further information on the work of the Glasgow City Region Green Network Partnership can be found at <https://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk/>

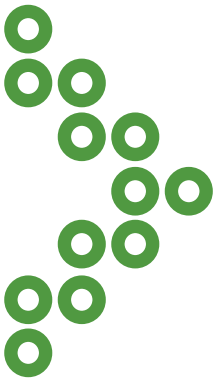
Annual Accounts and Audit Report

The Joint Committee's Annual Audited Accounts and Audit Report for the period to 31st March 2022 were approved on 24th October 2022. Both documents are published on the Clydeplan's website www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/planning-authority/accounts-reports

Priorities and Issues affecting the future work of Clydeplan

The priorities for the future work of Clydeplan will be influenced, amongst other things, by

- the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and the requirements in relation to strategic planning and the delivery of NPF4;
- ongoing developments around Glasgow City Region in terms of governance, subject based portfolios, City Deal and support for the delivery of the Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy and Action Plan;
- development of a work programme to support the development of the Regional Spatial Strategy; and
- continuing challenges of delivery in the context of reduced financial and local authority planning staff resources.



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