

Glasgow Urban Design Panel

Feedback Report

Date: 21st February 2019

Project: River Clyde SDF

Planning Status: Consultation

Presentation by: GCC Forward Planning

Panel Consensus

- The panel considered there to be a potential conflict of narrative between the approach to reconnect and densify with the potential future impact of climate change.
- The panel considered there to be a potential tension between an industrial/development focused river with the desire to follow a greener approach which focuses on the natural environment and aspects of bio diversity.
- The panel considers the document to be informative however it is unclear what research or other resource it has been informed by.
- The panel felt that not enough consideration has been given to the historic environment and existing character along the river.
- The panel felt that not enough consideration has been given to the needs of individual communities within the SDF area which could cause disengagement.
- The main aim of the document is unclear. It appears to be focusing on a broad range of issues however the more it tries to achieve the less success it will have. It should be more outward looking and visionary in order to avoid being caught in the chasm of the river's problems.
- The panel felt that approaches to landscaping and bio-diversity could be expressed more positively throughout
- Land ownership is a fundamental issue and this could be made clearer in the document with a view to developing a strategy to overcome.
- It is unclear why the document has arrived at a date of 2050

Panel Recommendations

- There should be a clear prescriptive statement at the beginning of the document which is supported by main aims and clear objectives. The statement should be visionary but realistic in order to generate market confidence and encourage investment.
- Establishing a governance body will be critical to guide the future direction of the SDF. The key land owners along the river should be outlined in the document and they should feature in a wider governance strategy.
- The key barriers and challenges that the river faces such as land ownership and climate change should be described early in the document.
- The date of 2050 should be justified and some short/medium-term targets should be developed with a view to establishing immediate actions that will help to facilitate the long-term goals of the strategy and start to generate wider interest.
- There should be a section dedicated to case study review with suggested examples from North America and Europe to understand other models, policies and procedures.
- The document should embrace digital and future technologies to improve communication. This could help represent the complexity of the issues and transform it into an interactive and evolving resource for future research and generations.
- There should be a greater emphasis given to the historic environment and existing character of the river.
- There should be a greater emphasis given to the needs of individual communities within the SDF through further public consultation and engagement.
- Consideration should be given to other planning policies to understand what impact the National Planning Policy framework will have on the SDF.
- A strategy of follow up work streams should be developed.