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Glasgow City Integration Joint Board

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Update from Chair of Public Engagement Committee (11th November 2026)

Summary:

The last PEC meeting took place at 10am on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

The meeting heard several important updates including:

Engagement work carried out at The Thistle (Safer Drug Consumption Facility)
Presenters – Dr Saket Priyardarshi and Gillian Ferguson

Committee received a report and verbal update on the rolling programme of engagement work that staff working at the Thistle carry out – this includes engagement with people who use the services at the Thistle; local residents; business owners; providers of other public services and other interested parties.

As well as programmatic work, we heard about the decision to make The Thistle's contact details public and give people a direct communication route with service staff. The committee was interested to hear that the depth of cross-organisation partnership work is creating space for areas of work that do not sit directly with The Thistle to be considered and addressed.

The committee noted the report, acknowledged the dynamic nature of the engagement work being carried out and agreed to continue the annual cycle of reporting.

Engagement work carried out with children and young people on Stronger Together – The soon to be published Annual Report from the Children's Rights Service – and on the change in name and branding of the Children's Rights Service
Presenters – Fiona Muir and Kim Watson

Committee received a report and presentation on the engagement carried out in two areas with young people who are in our care. We heard about the depth of work, how many young people got involved and the scale of their involvement.

Committee was particularly interested to hear about how much ownership young people took of the annual report and how it will be a co-authored report between staff and young people. The report will include the kind of information we expect from an annual report – it will also include content created by young people. Similarly, the new logo for the Children's Rights Service will incorporate the call from young people to be identifiable as belonging to Glasgow.

The committee noted the engagement work and offered to hear more about the details and content of the Stronger Together report at our next meeting.

Engagement work with stakeholders on the STEP Forward Programme
Presenter – Stephen Fitzpatrick

The committee heard about engagement work carried out in the last quarter with a citywide Local Engagement Forum meeting, staff leadership event, third sector provider event, carers centre leaders and the executive group.

The Committee noted the engagement work outlined in the report.

Committee asked that the report for the February 2027 meeting looks more closely at engagement with the public, service users and other external stakeholders. We also asked that the Committee hosts a deeper conversation on how to balance the desire for meaningful engagement with stakeholders, whilst preserving the integrity of the STEP Forward programme.