



## **Building a Sustainable Future – Statement of Intent**

City Building (Glasgow) LLP has sustainability at the heart of our business, ensuring we boost productivity, diversify into new markets and whilst doing so benefit the local communities in which we live and work. Now is the time to grasp the opportunity of establishing this business as a recognised National leader in the 'just transition' towards a greener, cleaner and more prosperous future for all.

Climate Change is one of the greatest challenges faced by us all. The Scottish Government has set 2045 when Scotland's economy is to become net zero. Working together with Glasgow City Council and Wheatley Housing Group, we aim to play our part in reducing our impact by managing our business in a sustainable way that reduces Greenhouse gas emissions and improves resource efficiency.

At the heart of our plans we will promote fairness, equality, opportunity and innovation to bring greater economic success alongside sustainable inclusive growth by the following actions:

### **Business Aims:**

- All our strategies will prioritise three pillars: economic, social and environmental.
- Our Corporate Social Responsibility policy and strategies will ensure all our activities drive our productivity and competitiveness through fairness, equality and sustainable employment in line with our Scottish Business Pledge accreditation.
- We will work to ensure our business activities positively impact on society through reducing our environmental undertakings and building community wealth.
- We will continue to use our economic success to implement socially inclusive practices in our recruitment processes particularly targeting those furthest away from the labour market.
- We will work with all stakeholders in increasing the adoption of renewable technologies creating a better environment, creating jobs and better communities. Our approach will build on the skills and talent within our workforce who have already delivered on so many Renewables installations throughout the City.

### **Sustainable Products - Technologies and Design**

- We will embrace new and emerging renewable technologies in collaboration with our stakeholders and supply chain to ensure the most appropriate renewable technologies for each intended location are available.
- Our portfolio of modern, energy efficient house types ambitiously designed to current Scottish Technical Standards and also to "Glasgow" Gold standards incorporating renewable technologies and building innovation are continually being developed, with a market affordable and socially just edge coming as standard.

- We will further advance our 'City Plan' based approach to MMC (Modern Methods of Construction) where a holistic end-to-end measurement of carbon generation is embedded alongside meaningful and rewarding employment for all within our society.

### **Sustainable employment - Our People**

- We will continue to use fair working practices investing in the skills and diversity of our workforce including continual employee engagement and trade union consultations, ensuring our workforce are motivated, as well use training and development to ensure they have the skills to take advantage of emerging new markets in the green economy.
- Our recruitment strategies will continue to target those furthest away from the job market including young people and people with disabilities, ensuring that all can benefit from the transformative platform that net zero carbon reduction strategies bring.

### **Sustainable procurement - Procurement and Supply Chain Management**

- We will ensure our growth and economic success is shared amongst our supply chain including the high number of SMEs on our framework as well as continue to develop social enterprises to ease access to our framework and supply chain as well as partnership working to increase diversity in construction.
- We will continue to provide prompt payment to our supply chain in line with our responsible business practices, our procurement teams will work on a dynamic basis to ensure emerging technology competence is an ongoing part of our delivery teams.

### **Sustainable Communities**

- We will continue to embrace the circular economy through our recycling activities on behalf of our clients in our day-to-day operational activities working alongside community housing associations, social enterprises and the third sector.
- Our Corporate Values of Excellence, Honesty, Ambition, Trust and Community underpins all our work to build more sustainable communities through social, economic and community engagement.

Our mission is to contribute excellence in construction, repairs, maintenance, manufacturing and training to customers, our employees and the local communities in which we live and work.