

Glasgow City Council submission of 21 December 2022

PE1941/Q: Stop the destruction of headstones within community cemeteries

Whilst Glasgow City Council supports effective communication with involved parties in the delivery of the authority's Memorial Inspection Programme, in this respect our programme adheres to the guidance published by the Scottish Government with specific regards to the inspection of memorials, namely "Burial Ground Memorial Safety – Guidance for Scotland's Local Authorities".

In terms of moving towards a maintenance and repair model, we would be concerned at the use of public monies to make repairs to privately owned property however, it is likely that the better regulation of the memorial installation and stonemason industries would go a considerable distance to reducing the problem in the future. GCC Recognises that this better regulation will be considered as part of the on-going implementation plan for the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016.