

Case Study 2: Merchant City and Trongate Community Council

The Merchant City and Trongate Community Council is a residents' forum whose role is to seek and represent the opinions of local people and businesses and to express the wider views of the entire neighbourhood on issues affecting their environment.

Both Garth Street and John Street, in particular, had become a bugbear for residents who were coming home at night to overflowing bins, vermin and litter derived from commercial waste. Merchant City has benefited from a range of public realm work over recent years so the proliferation of big bulky trade waste bins was unwelcome.

Tam Coyle, chair of the community council, is already impressed with the change, "I'm delighted the council has put this initiative in place and it's back to the way it should be. When we do have the café culture in Glasgow, all these bars and restaurants will benefit, the local residents will benefit and tourists will benefit."

"Certainly, a few people have mentioned the results already to the community council as they know we've been liaising with the council on the issue. I'm absolutely delighted that it's giving people their streets back."

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