SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 20th February 2024, by video conference

Present: Bailie Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Councillor Alexander Belic, Bailie Soriya Siddique and Bailie James Scanlon, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Katie Stewart, Princes Trust and Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council.

Apologies: Station Commander Martine Barr and Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 28th November 2023 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that

(1) Inspector Chris Thomson had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Police Scotland;

(2) Jess Steele had been nominated as the new representative for South East Integration Network and Hester Wylde had been nominated as the new substitute representative; and

(3) Tim Porter had been nominated as the new representative for Hutchesontown Community Council and William Gormley had been nominated as the substitute representative.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was heard a verbal discussion by the Partnership regarding the Southside Central Ward priorities in respect of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), noting

(1) that the road markings within the Govanhill area required attention and repainted; and

(2) that the gullies and potholes in Allison Street, Govanhill between Pollokshaws Road and Cathcart Road required to be fixed.

After consideration, the Partnership requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(a) carry out a thorough examination of all roads and streets in the ward and provide a list of the repairs that may be required to be considered through the NIF fund;

(b) provide costings for repairing potholes and gullies in Allison Street, Govanhill between Pollokshaws Road and Cathcart Road; and

(c) assess and cost a solution to the drainage problems at Gorbals Street and Cumberland Street.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland advising the Partnership

(1) of drug misuse around Carlton Place and Bridge Street area, the continued work by officers within the community to combat this and of Police Scotland efforts to deter vulnerable people being coerced into this type of life;

(2) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disputes;

(3) that parking enforcement had commenced in the Govanhill area and warning notices had been given out to residents for parking on double yellow lines and inconsiderate parking;

(4) of the ongoing issues in relation to parking and speeding within the ward;

(5) that there had been an increase of shops selling vapes to underage children and Police Scotland and Trading Standards officers would carry out periodic checks on local premises;

(6) that there had been an increase in E-bike theft, house and shed break-ins and Police Scotland encouraged members of the public to take safety precautions;

(7) that there had been increase of vulnerable people's houses being taken over by criminal's for illegal use and distribution of drugs and that Social Services were aware of this situation and were taking steps to tackle this; and

(8) that Shut out Scammers Campaign would launch around mid-March https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2023/april/launch-of-shut-out-scammers-campaign-

2023/#:~:text=The%20campaign%20aims%20to%20raise,encourage%20the%20reporting%20of%20scams

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Ian Scott for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) raised questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Ian Scott.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to a future meeting of this partnership.