Item 1

13th February 2024

GLASGOW COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP - STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th September 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair); Bailie Anthony Carroll; and Councillor Jill Pidgeon, Glasgow City Council; Laura Pluck, Wheatley Housing Group; Dougie Taylor, Third Sector Interface Network; Chief Inspector Jordan Dickson, Police Scotland; Area Commander David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Martin Boyle, Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board; Fiona Moss, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Gary Williamson, Scottish Enterprise; Laura McCormack, Skills Development Scotland; and John Binning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

Apologies: Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and Superintendent David Reid, Police Scotland.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); K Rush and M McGinty, Glasgow City Council; and J McKendrick and S Sinclair, Glasgow Caledonian University.

Approval of substitute noted.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that the Chair had approved the attendance of Chief Inspector Jordan Dickson to represent Police Scotland at this meeting in the absence of their named representative and substitute representative

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 9th May 2023 were submitted and approved.

Lessons in Tackling Poverty Locally - Online Directory – Presentation noted.

3 There was heard a presentation by Stephen Sinclair and John McKendrick, Glasgow Caledonian University regarding the Scottish Poverty & Inequality Research Unit,

(1) advising that the research unit was a team at Glasgow Caledonian University with particular interest in addressing poverty in Scotland; and

(2) outlining their online guide to Tackling Poverty Locally in Scotland project.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Mr Sinclair and Mr McKendrick for their presentation.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

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

(1) that Councillor Anne McTaggart had replaced Councillor Christina Cannon as Chair;

(2) that Councillor Jill Pidgeon had replaced Councillor Cecilia O'Lone; and

(3) of the current membership of the Strategic Partnership, as detailed in the report.

Governance Framework – Amendment to Area Partnership meeting arrangements approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of 7th December 2021 approving proposals for a citizen engagement model to be developed to support the work of Area Partnerships and to empower communities to play a greater role in decision-making, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the work undertaken in relation to the development of a citizen engagement model to inform the allocation of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF);

(2) of proposals to hold special meetings of the pilot Area Partnerships, namely Calton and Greater Pollok on 9th and 10th October 2023 to consider the outcome of the citizen engagement and consider allocating the NIIF;
that as part of its budget setting for 2021/22, this Council has established a £23m NIIF with £1m being made available to each Area Partnership to allocate on capital expenditure which could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(3) that it had been agreed that the citizen engagement processes being developed for Area Partnerships would be used to gather the views of citizens in each Ward on how the NIIF should be spent, and that this work had progressed in 2 pilot areas;

(4) that between January and June 2023 a pilot programme of work was undertaken to research existing systems, identify opportunities and co-design and test possible solutions with citizens with a view to providing recommendations on how the model could be rolled out for NIIF city-wide;

(5) of the timeline for this pilot programme of work currently underway in the 2 pilot areas: and

(6) that ideas were currently being costed before local people vote on the preferred option for funding which would be presented to the Area Partnerships for approval.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the ongoing work to engage citizens on the allocation of the NIIF; and

(b) authorised special meetings of the Calton and Greater Pollok Area Partnerships in October 2023 to consider citizens' proposals on the allocation of the Fund.

Review of Community Planning Partnership – Update noted etc – Request to Executive Group.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing an update on the progress of the stategic review of the work of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) and the service reform of the council's community empowerment and engagement services, advising

(1) that the Executive Group, alongside this council's internal review of the Chief Executive's Department, had embarked on a review of its priorities and focus to ensure effective joint working amongst the Partnership and the most efficient and effective future use of resources across the council and its partners;

(2) of the key findings of the Executive Group review sessions that had been carried out over the summer to reflect on the impact of Covid-19 on the Partnership's work and effectiveness, as detailed in the report;

(3) that work to tackle family poverty and improve public health had become clear priorities for all partners and there had been agreement that the Executive Group should concentrate on what it could do to drive the enablers that supported those priorities;

(4) that phase 1 of the review of community empowerment and engagement services had resulted in the Grants and Initiatives team being transferred into the Economic Development organisational structure, and that Community Justice and Communities would integrate into the current Corporate Policy and Governance section; and

(5) that review workstreams had been out in place and work was underway to consider, along with partners, how all work with communities was best arranged across the council family to ensure it supported the work to tackle the grand challenges, fulfil the council's mission and commitments, and the work going on currently to achieve systemic change to tackle child and family poverty.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the progress of the review;

(b) requested a progress report to be presented to the next meeting of this Partnership; and

(c) approved the Executive Group's request to return to the next meeting of this Partnership with proposals for a refreshed Local Outcome and Improvement Plan and reformed governance structure for the GCPP.