Item 1

21st March 2024

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st February 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Angus Millar (Chair) and Councillor Philip Braat, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council and John Gerrard, Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council

Apologies: Councillor Eva Bolander, Glasgow City Council and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Absence of Chair.

1 In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Councillor Eva Bolander, Councillor Angus Millar had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

Appointment of substitute approved.

2 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives from North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Voluntary Network, the Chair had approved the attendance of Lynn Lovelock to represent it at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3 The minutes of 23rd November 2023 were submitted and approved.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2023, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that 59 Police Scotland properties could be closed due to ageing estate and high maintenance costs;

(2) that with Stewart Street earmarked for closure, Baird Street was the closest station to the city, and response times for emergencies could take longer;

(3) that 11 e-bikes had been seized as dangerous to pedestrians;

(4) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward and having to deploy 2 to 3 officers to different locations on a weekly basis;

(5) that the Overnight Welcome Centre at Glasgow City Mission on Crimea Street, committed to tackling rough sleeping, was open for food and refreshments and staff could access an array of temporary accomodations for anyone seeking help;

(6) that a Shoplifting Awareness pilot would commence to seek more intelligence to help reduce the increase in shoplifting incidents as statistics had shown that the number of these incidents were back to 2019/20 levels; and

(7) that with regard to drug taking, numerous locations had been targeted to help stamp out any illegal activity and the Simon Community and the City Mission were there to support vunerable people.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Watters for the update and that members could provide feedback to Police Scotland regarding the closure of the Stewart Street station via https://consult.scotland.police.uk/estates/e961dc46/.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising that

(1) Tam Munro, the network's former chair had passed away in January 2024, after a long illness;

(2) Gordon Taylor would be the representative member for the Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network at future meetings;

(3) the NWGVSN IT Recycling Project was now named Plugged in - https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ and would accept any old IT equipment that would be refurbished; and

(4) the Marie Trust based at Albion Street offered food, refreshments and activities for the homeless community. https://www.themarietrust.org/

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 would be detailed in a future report;

(2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2024/25 Area Budget at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2024/25 financial year;

(3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances;

(4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings should be time critical; and

(5) of changes to the Playscheme Travel Pass Scheme as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2024/25 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;

(ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2024/25 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications;

(iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2024/25 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and

(iv) that SPT had taken the decision it would no longer produce travel passes for Playschemes and out of school care clubs due to the view that in many instances, Playscheme travel passes would duplicate the

reimbursement model that travel operators now had with the Young Persons' (Under 22) Free Bus Travel scheme; and

(b) dealt with the application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Garnetbank Primary School	Towards the cost of residential trip for P7 pupils to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre	£1,000