Item 1

20th February 2024

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2023 at The Princes Trust, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Alexander Belic (Chair), Baillie Soriya Siddique and Bailie James Scanlon, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council; Katie Stewart, Princes Trust; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Bailie Elaine Gallagher, Glasgow City Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); M Fullerton (for the Chief Executive, Gorbals Housing Association).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 19th September 2023 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership advising that John Casey had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

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 and the continued work by officers within the community to combat this;

(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 officers had worked with partners leading up to Bonfire Night, with presentations held in schools on the dangers of fireworks, licence premises being monitored on the sale of fireworks;

(4) that a new Chief Constable was now in post;

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

(6) that there had been a decrease in police staffing in the Gorbals; and

(7) that there had been an increase in bike theft and house break-ins and that Police Scotland encouraged members of the public to take safety precautions to help alleviate bike thefts and house break-ins and that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions and concerns regarding of the decrease in staffing within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st July to 30th September 2023, as detailed in the report.

Bonfire de-brief noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Bonfire de-brief, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach had been identified, particularly in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish improved delivery efficiency;

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) had been established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely;

(3) that MACC operated from Glasgow City Council's Eastgate Building and included representation from Glasgow City Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue

Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland, which ensured a responsive co-ordinated approach;

(4) of the dedicated phone lines that had been setup within MACC, to record key details of the structures including location, proximity to buildings and power supplies and access to sites, which would be shared with all partners within MACC and added to a priority list for removal;

(5) that unauthorised bonfires would be prioritised based on a risk assessment by SFRS, with their removal attended jointly with Police Scotland to protect staff and maintain public order;

(6) that members of the public were encouraged to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires to Glasgow City Council by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700;

(7) that to ensure intelligence was captured in advance of bonfire night, community partners including housing associations, third sector partners, Police Scotland and SFRS staff would be provided with contact details of the Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator who would ensure vital information was passed to operations for removal; and

(8) that unauthorised bonfires could cause significant alarm and distress to individuals and other issues including potential risk of personal injury, damage to property and increased antisocial behaviour, therefore by deploying staff to locations it would promote public reassurance and give confidence to communities.

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 update noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the 2023/24 Winter Maintenance Plan, advising

(1) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Council's Environment, Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee could be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=110582;

(2) of the work carried out by the programme during the winter of 2022/23;

(3) of the priority 1 cycle and busy commuter routes; and

(4) that to promote "self-help" gritting, numerous grit bins would be located throughout the city to allow members of the public to grit areas out with priority routes and grit bin locations could be found at http://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/LocalPerspective/index.html?appid=e99ff0bfd5a44fd6a1c68de66e123299;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) that the most effective way to report faults of ice or snow affecting carriageway and footway surfaces was by calling RALF (Roads and Lighting Faults) on free phone 0800 37 36 35 and that the line was staffed 365 days/24 hours and could assist and prioritise works according to the nature and extent of the defect; and

(c) that the Council's gully cleaning programme could be found at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=29470.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 - Update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 With reference to the minutes of 19th September 2023, there was submitted an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Southside Central Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund
(NIF), advising of

(1) a progress update in relation to the process to support the NIF, as detailed in the report; and

(2) the Centre of Civic Innovation community engagement process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed the 4 locations for the installation of 4 re-deployable CCTV units, namely, Westmoreland Street, Bankhall Street, Boyd Street totalling approximately £19k; and

(c) requested

(i) the replacement and upgrading of street lighting be fast tracked; and

(ii) the road markings on Aikenhead Road, which were a safety concern, be repainted.

Gorbals Locality Plan - Update noted.

9 There was heard and noted a report by Michael Fullerton, Gorbals Thriving Places providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023/24;

(2) that the Southside Central Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £85,842.35 and that £74.396 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £11,446.35; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime to 25 primary schools across five wards	Awarded £1,596
The Feel Good Women's Club	Towards the cost of guest speakers twice a month to The Lunch Club	Awarded £1,620
The Wing Tsjun Scotland SCIO	Towards the cost of self defence programme classes in the Govanhill area	Awarded £1,950
Urban Uprising	Towards the cost of 2 instructors, enrolment and logbooks for 20 young people from the ward	Awarded £1,521
Gorbalites	Towards the cost to purchase 55 tickets for the pantomime at Rutherglen town hall	Awarded £825

SEAL baby massage and Yoga therapy	Towards the cost of baby massage/yoga classes and a complementary therapy clinic	Consideration continued from the 2024/25 Area Budget
Active Schools	Towards the cost of an active school programme	Awarded £1,120.35
Task Childcare	Towards the cost of purchasing 6 I-pads and wool for Care to Knit	Awarded £2,814

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

11 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 3rd October 2023 were submitted and noted.

Future Meeting Dates 2024 noted.

12 The dates of the 2024 meetings were submitted and agreed by the Partnership as detailed below.

(1) Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 1100 hours

(2) Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 1100 hours

(3) Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 1100 hours

(4) Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 1100 hours.