SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow

Present:	Councillor Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Councillor Alexander Belic, and Bailie James Scanlon, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council; Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council; Jess Steele, South East Integration Network and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
Apologies:	Station Commander Martine Barr and Station Commander Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
Attending:	Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Docherty and A Abbot (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance) F Campbell and S Simpson (Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.)

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 30th April 2024 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business noted.

2 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 30th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

(1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm if they should be included in the 2024/25 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility; and

(3) that if the necessary funding for any additional costs was over and above the central funding this could be approved through delegated authority to the Council's Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Gallagher prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed that £20,000 be reserved from the Area Budget to fund the Festival Lighting programme 2024/25; and

(c) agreed that an additional special meeting would be arranged for October 2024 for festive lighting discussion/approvals.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Progress update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 30th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the Southside Central Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) that the majority of funding had been allocated to projects within the ward;

(b) that hotspot locations for CCTV cameras would be installed in conjunction with Police Scotland;

(c) that if required,CCTV cameras could be redeployed to a new lamppost after 4-6 months at a cost of £1,500; and

(2) requested the Executive Director NRS provide the costings of installing a CCTV camera at Bridge Street.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Item withdrawn

5 This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Inspector Graeme Hogg had been nominated as the new representative for Police Scotland, replacing Inspector Ian Scott.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard a report by Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland advising the Partnership that

(1) since the last Area Partnership there had been no major incidents in the ward;

(2) there was now a full team in place with 2 sergeants and 10 officers;

(3) there had been an increase in domestic house break-ins;

(4) parking was a real issue in the area including untaxed vehicles and foreign registered vehicles; and

(5) in relation to the Clydeside area of the ward, they had received only 16 calls from the public since 16th June, with less than 6 calls in relation to drug use.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions and concerns regarding cars that had been abandoned in the Govanhill area.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 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 April to 30th June 2024 advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 902 incidents in the South area, these being 314 fires, 193 special service incidents and 395 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 31% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and

(3) the figure of 150 UFAS for Quarter 1 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of 47% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership - update noted.

9 There was heard and noted a verbal update by John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GHSCP) regarding an update on the HSCP, advising

(1) they had secured funding for community cooking courses and wanted local community councils to take part; and

(2) they had also secured a small community grant fund for growing food and encouraged local community councils to get involved.

Bridge Street – Update and presentation noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on Bridge Street, advising that

(1) the demolition of the India Buildings had created an exposed corroded structure;

(2) visual reviews had shown that the external fabric in both buildings appeared to be in poor condition;

(3) further issues included the creation of a gap site, broken urban fabric, condition and loss of heritage;

(4) there could be a potential reduction of parking on site for re-use at the subway station;

(5) Tom Connelly, NRS was the lead officer of the masterplan and was aware of crumbling city assets and the fire at Calton Place;

(6) going forward, there would be options to make the street space greener, walkable and cycle friendly.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concerns regarding the safety of the area at night time and that the area had gone downhill; and

(c) highlighted further concerns regarding the former Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice at Carlton Place indicating that there was a real lack of security around the building.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;

(2) that the Southside Central Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £85.842.35 and that £33,168.85 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £52,673.50;

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and

(4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;

(b) agreed that £20,000 be reserved from the Area Budget to fund the Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25;

(c) the ineligible applications, as detailed in the report; and

(d) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
The Louise Project	Towards the cost of funding a support worker to develop and run a new program at The Space	Approved £3,264
Active Schools – Kings Park Cluster	Towards the cost of funding extra physical activity aimed at girls, pupils from minority backgrounds and pupils with disabilities	Approved £673
Active Schools – Shawlands Cluster	Towards the cost of funding extra physical activity aimed at target groups	Approved £1,840
Glasgow Sling Library	Towards the cost of running pilot babywearing sling workshops in the Southside	Consideration continued for further information
The Wee Retreat	Towards the cost of funding for improvements and maintenance to the wellbeing centre	Consideration continued for further information
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of funding a pantomime to 31 school performances	Approved 2,727

Friends of Queens Park	Towards repairing the medal storage container adjacent to Model Boat Club building	Approved £733.44
*Kin Kitchen CIC	Towards the cost of funding 3 events looking at ways to combat fly tipping and anti-social behaviour	Approved £1,500

*Jess Steele, South East Integration Network declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Annual report noted.

12 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/24, in relation to projects previously funded in 2023/24, of which £85,842.35 had been allocated in the Southside Central ward of which 10% of projects funded had been selected to submit an evaluation report on how the funding was used, the impact of the funding and how the funding met the Area Partnership's Investment Priorities.