Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership

Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance,
Chief Executive's Department

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Development of Theme-Based Housing Focused Working Group

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with options in the development of an Area Partnership Housing Focused Working Group

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

(a) note the contents of the report

(b) confirm if members wish to progress with establishing a working group

Introduction

At the meeting of the Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership on the 3rd September 2024, the Wheatley Group provided the partnership with an update on the range of services available for local residents that includes the following services;

- practical assistance provided to residents with mental health issues
- that the housing stock renovations had commenced
- the Housing Officer visit programme

Homelessness was identified as a potential issue and the need for more affordable housing being built to accommodate this rising problem was highlighted by Area Partnership Members. It was further highlighted that more Resident Associations were required to help with the communication between Residents and Housing Associations

In response to the level of discussion relating to housing issues within the ward, members of the Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership requested that the GCC Communities Team present an option paper with regards to the potential of establishing a housing focused working group for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the partnership in November 2024.

Development of Theme-Based Working Group - Definition and Purpose

In 2025, progress will be made towards the development of Area Partnerships Action Plans for each of the 23 wards across the city, utilizing data & evidence from local surveys, demographic data and community feedback to ensure that the priorities set in the plans are realistic and achievable.

Over the last year the Communities Team has been working with colleagues from GCC Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership Dashboards that will also support Area Partnerships towards identifying ward-based priorities.

The development of a theme-based working group is an opportunity for focused discussion that aligns with identified priorities within the Area Partnership Action Plan and promotes collaborative working between Communities and Service Providers towards identifying solutions on specific issues and themes.

Whilst Area Partnership Action Plans are still to be developed an initial key task of the proposed working group could be to consider data and local intelligence towards identifying housing specific actions & tasks that can be included within the Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership Action Plan.

Next Steps

If the partnership wishes to progress with establishing the working group, the GCC Communities team can arrange the first meeting of the group and prepare a draft agenda for circulation to Area Partnership Members for comment.

Attached as Appendix 1 to today's report is a draft term of reference for the working group for members consideration which outlines:

- Proposed purpose of the working group
- Remit/Role Responsibilities
- Potential membership
- Meetings - frequency (to be agreed)

In arranging the first meeting of the working group members are asked to confirm:

- Meeting date options
- Potential venues
- Initial key stakeholders to be invited
- Agenda items for this meeting

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