Item 1

17th September 2024

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2024, The Adelphi Centre, Glasgow

Present: Bailie Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Councillor Alexander Belic, Bailie Soriya Siddique and Bailie James Scanlon, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council; Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council; Katie Stewart, Princes Trust; Jess Steele, South East Integration Network and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Staion Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Allison McKenna Breen and John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 20th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Marion Nisbett had been nominated as the substitute representative for Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council.

Police Scotland ward update noted

3 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland advising the Partnership

(1) of drug misuse and youth dis-order in the ward;

(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) of several incidents in Queens Park and Victoria Park that Police had followed up and arrests had been made; and

(4) of the ongoing drug and organised crime in the Bridge Street and surrounding area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Chris Thomson.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2024, advising

(1) that the Service had attended 698 incidents in the South Sector during the fourth quarter that had been a significate decreased from last year's Quarter 4 total of 1,000;

(2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;

(3) that there had been 85 deliberate fires, 88 accidental fires, 50 dwelling fires, 16 non-domestic fires and that there had been 1 fire fatality this Quarter 4 in the North East area;

(4) that they had attended 186 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animals; and

(5) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.

Multi Member Ward Update – Consideration continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update on ward issues by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Neighbourhood Improvement Fund update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF that had been carried out and of the commitments to date totalling £807,000 as detailed in the Appendix to the report;

(2) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years; and

(3) that following on from the community engagement pilots in Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation were working towards rolling out this approach within Govan (Ward 5).

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) that the road resurfacing and patching work was due to commence in September;

(c) that the lights in Queens Park should have a full assessment carried out and £40,000 also be put towards this project, as detailed in the report;

(d) discussed whether solar cell or wind powered lighting would work in the Queens Park area: and

(e) that Karen Venables would confirm if inflation costs had been included in the total spend.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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 that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the September Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £16,850;

(4) if the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme; and

(b) that last year there had been a switch on programme at Richmond Park; and

(2) agreed that approval of funding and locations would not be provided until the final costs had been submitted and that the partnership would confirm approval at the next area partnership meeting in September.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

(1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-34 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 via the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the CES Service Reform, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the next steps and key priorities in the reform;

(4) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;

(5) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information found within appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown on proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown in appendix 2 of the report;

(6) of the city-wide engagement work; and

(7) that the Partnership should consider whether other options for engaging citizens on the NIF should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that an updated report on the progress of the review would be provided to a future meeting.

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

9 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

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

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(2) 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*
SEAL	Towards the cost of baby massage/yoga classes for young parents running weekly for 12 weeks.	Approved £3,176
In-House Event Solutions CIC	Towards the annual programme of free community events held at Queens Park Arena during the summer.	Approved £4,694.35
Govanhill Baths Community Trust	Funding is requested towards the Govanhill Festival and Carnival being held in August in various venues across the Southside and Queens Park.	Approved £2,500
Fellowship Connection Group	Towards bus hire and refreshments for a trip on 22nd May to Erskine Park	Approved £1,070

	Home then Largs for 40 people.	
Glad Foundation	Towards the cost of 3 seasonal community events on 30th June, 22nd September and 8th December.	Approved £778
Glad Radio	Towards costs of a Memory programme aimed at speaking to people in Pollokshields and Southside Central about experiences living in the area and Glasgow.	Refused
Education - Active Schools	Funding is requested to provide extra curricular physical activity and sport with schools linking in with local clubs.	Approved £800
The Wee Retreat CIC	Towards a six weekly workshop to support members of the community who have mental health challenges,	Approved £2,913
Preston Place Community Group	Towards creating a community garden and communal green space encouraging residents to come to take ownership on the space and contribute to its upkeep and benefit from the health and wellbeing of having a green space in their neighborhood.	Approved £2,950
The Louise Project	Toward the cost of a support worker to develop and run a new programme aimed at The Space, Govanhill to gain knowledge and understanding of essential life skills	Consideration continued for further information
Women on Wheels	Towards a programme aimed at teen girls to address the lack of provision for girls in the area.	Approved £4,287.50
Glasgow Sling Library	Towards costs to run pilot babywearing sling workshops.	Consideration continued for further information
Castlemilk Youth Complex	Towards a detached and outreach youth work service throughout Autumn and increased at key times in Pollokshields, Govanhill and Toryglen aimed at young people aged 11-18.	Approved £6,000

YCSA	Towards costs of a youth diversionary event to be held on the 5th November 2024.	Approved £3,150
*Police Scotland	Towards the cost of 2 quad bikes to assist with anti-social behaviour in Govanhill, Toryglen and Castlemilk.	Refused

* Chris Thomson, Police Scotland declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget 2023/2024 - Final monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/2024, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £86,197.35, including an overspend of £355 as detailed in the appendix, had been allocated to various projects in the Southside Central.