

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Item 1

16th April 2025

Minutes of meeting held on 4th February 2025, Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler and Councillor Chris Cunningham, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Joe McShannon, Kingsway Community Connections, Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council and Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council.

Apology: Lainey Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); S Johnstone (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); L Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; and K McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 13th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership 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

- (1) Inspector Siobhan Paterson had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland and had replaced Inspector Derek Gibson; and
- (2) Joe McShannon had been nominated as the representative for Kingsway Community Connections and had replaced Beth Reid.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) there was a new Area Commander, Inspector Colin MacLucas;
- (2) there had been a slight increase in car thefts and a decrease in fraud and hate crime incidents;

- (3) of the shoplifting incidents at Knightswood Shopping Centre and Tesco and of the positive work that had been carried out to tackle the ongoing issues, however Police Scotland would continue to monitor the area; and
- (4) there had been an increase of antisocial behaviour at Speirshall Terrace.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Inspector Paterson for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Police Scotland.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted 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 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising that

- (1) the Service had attended 1,147 incidents in the North West area, these being 304 fires, 239 special services and 604 false alarms;
- (2) Q3 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 10% in incidents attended in the North West compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 16% in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) the figure of 170 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 shows a decrease of 21 from last year's quarter, however this remains below the 5-year average;
- (5) the figure of 65 Dwelling Fires in Q3 2024/25, an increase of 3 from the previous year's quarter;
- (6) overall, there were 13 fire casualties in total, 11 which resulted from accidental dwelling fires and 2 which occurred at outdoor settings; and
- (7) that during the Q3 period, SFRS attended 239 special service incidents, ranging from flood and water rescues to animal rescue.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Adams for the work carried out by the service; and
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Station Commander Adams.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

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

- (1) of the continued concerns regarding the cost of living crisis and the increased demand on services, with the loss of and reduced funding to the organisation;
- (2) that Glasgow Eco Trust had published their first issue of the G14 What's On Community Newspaper which was a guide to access information on services, activities, and opportunities in Whiteinch, Scotstoun and Yoker:- [Glasgow Eco Trust What's On G14 community newspaper](#); and
- (3) of the difficulties encountered in the issue of emergency food vouchers.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

7 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places and or Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) of the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) identified citizen participation and environmental issues as potential initial priorities for the partnership; and
- (c) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) raised questions and concerns that were answered by Mr McCormick; and
- (2) requested that
 - (a) a detailed breakdown of the reallocated £50,000 for Sandholm Place to be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership;
 - (b) a detailed update on the work undertaken at Knightswood Park Pond so far, proposed next steps and timeline, costings provided for relining, and that a project manager or engineer attend to provide technical detail; and
 - (c) an updated report be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for the NIIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and

- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership requested

- (a) that the following costs be confirmed:-
 - (i) 4 redeployable CCTV cameras costed at £6,000 - £8,000 each (total £24,000 - £32,000), subject to confirmation that no ongoing revenue is required beyond redeployment fees;
 - (ii) the allocation of £60,000 to deliver a signalised crossing at Danes Drive Park, subject to confirmation that no ongoing revenue was required; and
 - (iii) the allocation of £60,000 to resurface Crescent Road (whole road); and
- (b) an update on the South Street/Balmoral Street junction since the introduction of speed cameras, so that the Partnership can consider the appropriateness of approving a signalised crossing at this location.

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

10 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 Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £87,055 and to date had committed a total of £80,865 (92.9%) to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £6,190 (7.1%); and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
 - (ii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with an application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Enable Glasgow Fortune Works	Towards the purchase of 76 sturdy, ergonomic and hard-wearing wooden chairs and 16 hand dryers, to support adults with learning disabilities who attend the day service.	Awarded £6,190

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

11 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 2025/26 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 2025 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2025/26 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2025/26 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 2025/26 Area Budget in the January/February for time critical applications;
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2025/26 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) dealt with an application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

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Active Schools
St Thomas Aquinas
Cluster

Towards the cost of
running extra curricular
activity in schools to
increase physical activity
and participation in sport

Awarded £1,600