

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor John Carson and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Alan Walker, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Maureen Cope, Castlemilk Community Council; Andrew Dewar, Cathcart and District Community Council; Mark Caldwell, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; and Fraser Howat, Castlemilk Youth Complex.

Apologies: Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Mhairi Taylor and Lynn Thomson, Cathcart and District Community Council; Fiona Dunwoodie, Fair Deal; and Jess Steele, South East Integration Network.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); H McMillan and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and F Soutar, Netherholm Area Association.

Appointment of substitutes approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives and the substitute representatives, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Alan Walker for Police Scotland and Andrew Dewar for Cathcart and District Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 21st November 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting at Item 9, regarding future meeting dates, the Partnership agreed that the meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2025 be moved from 1400 hours to 1000 hours.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) that no changes had been made to the membership since the previous meeting; and
- (2) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Club noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Frank Souter, Chair, Netherholm Area Association, regarding the work of STEAM, advising

- (1) that only 9% of staff in technology business had come from lower socioeconomic groups;
- (2) that he had been a STEAM ambassador for a number of years, working in the Castlemilk area since 2022;
- (3) of funding from a variety of providers, which enabled the club to purchase equipment and food for a breakfast service and that the club would be open to all and free to attend;
- (4) of the 4 STEAM activities carried out each month, namely crafting/sketching/model making, science, 3D design and 3D scanning and printing;
- (5) that by attending STEAM Club on a regular basis, students attained transferable skills, widened STEAM knowledge and raised aspirations, which would allow young people to develop skills that would last a lifetime;
- (6) of the work in some schools within the ward and the hope to extend this to more schools; and
- (7) that the club would be seeking future funding to replace printers and provide laptops and a tutor to allow phase 2 of the project to meet the increased expectations of the young people attending.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report and thanked Frank Souter for the update; and
 - (ii) that Councillor Vallis would provide STEAM with contact details for Education Services; and
- (b) asked a number of questions that were addressed by Frank Souter.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Sergeant Alan Walker, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the successful Festive Action Plan, carried out by Police Scotland during 2024, including analysing crime trends, anti-social behaviour and footfall at licenced premises, which would continue in 2025;

- (2) that there had been an increase with vandalism and graffiti and officers continued to work with the Council, utilising CCTV to try and address this issue; and
- (3) that Police Scotland would continue to monitor youth disorder by working with neighbouring divisions, increased patrols and using its stop and search powers where appropriate.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Sergeant Walker.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Service had attended 24 fires, with no fatalities, 19 Special Services, and that 200 home fire safety visits had been carried out across the south of the city;
- (2) of the work carried out by SFRS Community Action Team and community engagements regarding the new home fire safety visit strategy;
- (3) that the Service had attended 26 unwanted fire alarm signals; and
- (4) that information on the SFRS public consultation had been emailed to members for wider circulation, with the survey opened until 2nd April 2025 and could be accessed via the following link [on our website](#).

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and that SFRS would visit community councils, which could be arranged by contacting Castlemilk Fire Station.

Health and Social Care Partnership - South Glasgow update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding an update on the south of the city, advising

- (1) that GCHSCP had enabled NHS referrals to financial advice services through various short-term incomes for a number of years, however due to current

funding challenges, the NHS Financial Inclusion Service had been terminated from 31st January 2025;

- (2) that the service had been widely used by NHS staff, with almost 5,000 referrals a year on average and that staff remained able to signpost patients to local services and supports in the [Glasgow City HSCP Cost of Living Support Guide Oct 24](#), although it could result in longer waiting times for patients to be seen; and
- (3) of the current Participatory Budget, with a recent vote taking place, which had a positive response with 504 online votes and 314 paper votes, with the results to be circulated to the members of the Partnership to advise who would receive the 8 awards of £1,000 and 6 awards of £500.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

8 With reference to the minutes of 25th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 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, Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) 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) requested a reminder of current priorities, which Heather McMillan, Communities Team would circulate;
- (c) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Derek Speirs; and

- (d) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

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

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 Linn Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £80,437 and that £78,537 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £1,900, including returned funds of £500 by Park Run; 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 application dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report; and

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The Jeely Early Years Service	Towards the cost of purchasing 4 iPads used by children using the service	Awarded £1,800

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

10 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 2025/26 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 2025/265 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and
 - (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) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows: -

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	October 2025	Total Award
Cojac	Castlemilk Drive	£396	£1,408	£220	£2,024
Kingscroft Community Hall	Glencroft Road	£450	£1,530	£225	£2,205
The Saturday Club	Cathcart Parish Church, Carmunnock Road	£460	£1,380	£230	£2,070