

CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th February 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair) and Councillor George Redmond, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Morven Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Angela Anderson, Barrowfield Community Council; Colin Harkins, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Community Council; Caitlin Longman, Calton Community Council; Margaret Storrie, West of Scotland Housing Association and Maggie MacBean Orr, Possibilities for Each and Every Child; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Councillor Cecilia O'Lone and Bailie Linda Pike, Glasgow City Council and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- Attending:** D Brand (Clerk); and K McIntosh and B McQuillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

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

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update 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
- (1) that Alexander Mackie had been nominated as the substitute representative for Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Community Council, replacing Nancy Humphries;
 - (2) that Susan McKeown had been nominated as the representative for Parkhead Housing Association; and
 - (3) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

- 3** There was heard a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the positive statistics that had been reported for the period from 1st August 2024 to date in relation to violence, drugs, anti-social behaviour and drugs supply;
- (2) that there had been a reduction in calls reporting crime;
- (3) that no adverse feedback had been received since the opening of the Thistle Service and that good relationships had been established with managers at the facility; and
- (4) that more information in relation to local surgeries would be publicised shortly.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Shaw.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising

- (1) that the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East Sector, 138 deliberate fires, 118 accidental fires, 40 dwelling fires, 16 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this quarter;
- (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 SFRS had attended 172 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animal rescues, that there had been a total of 17 special service casualties and SFRS had attended 3 fatal incidents of which the majority had been assisting other agencies; and
- (4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community, as detailed in the report.

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

5 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 Calton Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £99,512.15, that funding of £91,645.98 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £7,866.17; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report;

Applicant	Purpose of application	Decision
Distinctive Dance	Towards the cost of purchasing 3 portable mirrors	Awarded £1,650
Glasgow Women's Library	Towards the cost of tree planting workshops and equipment for the Garden and Tree Care Project	Refused as no evidence how this benefitted the Ward
Sunny Cycles	Towards the cost of a community bike ride of 100 women to motivate and inspire more women to cycle more in 2025	Awarded £2,410.25

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

6 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 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
Glasgow Women's Aid	Confidential address	£440	£1,496	£220	£2,156

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted 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 NIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 17th 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) 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; and
- (b) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.