

## **ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.**

**Item 1**

**1st May 2025**

Minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2025, Renfield Centre, Glasgow.

### **Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership.**

**Present:** Bailie Christy Mearns (Chair) and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Claire Livingstone, Dundasvale Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; and Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council.

**Apologies:** Councillor Eva Bolander, Glasgow City Council; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; John Gerard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council.

**Attending:** L Sclater (Clerk); and J Hunter and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

### **Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of the previous meeting of 13th February 2025 were submitted and approved.

### **Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.**

**2** With reference to the minutes of 13th February 2025, there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Claire Livingstone had been nominated as the representative for Dundasvale Community Council and Eillen Finlay as the substitute representative.

### **Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted – Request to Police Scotland.**

**3** There was heard a verbal report by Mr James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the ongoing issues related to the cost-of-living crisis and the increase in National Insurance contributions for employers;

- (2) that demand for community based services was increasing at a time of increasing financial pressures; and
- (3) of its concern in relation to rising Youth Crime, as intelligence was showing that youths were travelling to Glasgow from other areas to become involved in potential crime events and were using their free bus pass to travel into the city to meet up via arrangements made over social media channels.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report and thanked Mr Duffin for the update;
- (2) expressed concern at youth crime increasing, whilst recognising that both Police Scotland and GHSCP were involved in local initiatives to combat these issues;
- (3) requested that an update be provided by Police Scotland at the next meeting regarding the '4 corners' pilot; and
- (4) agreed that if members of this Partnership wished any questions put to Police Scotland and GHSCP, they should submit them to R Sullivan, Communities Team by email who would happily pass them on to both organisations with a view to responses to any questions being made available at the next meeting.

**Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Project Ideas discussion noted – Funding allocation approach approved, in principle.**

4 There was heard a verbal report by Judith Hunter, Communities Team regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) potential funding allocation methods and project ideas for this Partnership, advising that

- (1) proposals for this meeting was to have discussions in a group setting to look at prioritising potential funding projects using the remaining funds available and to agree how those remaining funds could be allocated fairly across the Ward;
- (2) a full breakdown of projects already costed, and the funds remaining would be provided at the next meeting in May;
- (3) the remaining funds would be less £100k as this Partnership had previously approved to allocate this funding amount to tree planting in the Ward; and
- (4) to assist Members, a NIIF calculator had been created that broke down potential remaining funds into 2 categories of population and deprivation within each Community Council area and potential allocation splits of 100% by population, 50/50 population/deprivation, 75/25 population/deprivation or 25/75 population/deprivation.

After much discussion, the Partnership agreed that

- (a) in principle, they would like to prioritise remaining NIIF funds using a 50% population/50% deprivation approach, whilst recognising that the Partnership would be provided with a full and up-to-date list of project ideas at its next meeting in May;
- (b) Members would go back to their Community Councils to agree potential funding projects and rank them in order from 1-3, indicating projects that they wished to be costed by NRS and to also have a reserve list of a further 2 project ideas in case for some reason, their main 3 project ideas could not be met; and
- (c) each Community Council would provide R Sullivan, Communities Team with its 3 main project ideas and 2 reserve ideas by Tuesday, 8th April 2025 to allow for submission to NRS and discussion at the next meeting in May.