

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2025, Finn's Place, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Holly Bruce (Chair), Councillor Susan Aitken, Councillor Stephen Docherty and Councillor Paul Leinster, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Judith Pollock, Mount Florida Community Council; Graham Stark, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; and Jess Steele, South East Integration Network.

Apologies: Debbie Fleming, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Eveline McNair, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association, Patricia Cahill, Sanctuary Housing Association; Kevin Watson, Toryglen Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A Abbott and M Hawkins (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K Argue, D Clark and A O'Meara (for the Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 12th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update etc noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership and amendments to the Governance Framework, advising

- (1) that Councillor Holly Bruce had replaced Councillor Paul Leinster as the Chair of this Partnership; and
- (2) of amendments to the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework in relation to Area Partnerships.

Connecting Battlefield - Phase 2, Battlefield Rest Junction – Presentation etc noted.

3 There was submitted a presentation by Mr Kevin Argue, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Connecting Battlefield – Phase 2, Battlefield Rest Junction, advising

- (1) that local concerns over how the redevelopment of the old Victoria Hospital site would impact the neighbourhood had prompted the Council to launch a design consultation and the consultation had highlighted the need to develop designs for the wider Battlefield area;
- (2) that concept design work followed the initial consultation by broadening the engagement and it looked afresh at Battlefield Rest and the neighbourhood for ways of improving the quality of the public spaces and giving greater priority to journeys on foot and by bike;
- (3) that the concept design for the project was being delivered jointly by the Council and Sustrans Scotland and Phase 1 of the project from Victoria Road to Grange Road had been completed in November 2024;
- (4) that Phase 2 of the project from Grange Road to Cathcart Road at the Letherby Triangle would include new upgraded bus stops, real time information for improved journey experience, a segregated cycle lane to avoid conflict with traffic and pedestrians, a simplified junction at Battlefield Rest to enable easier crossings for pedestrians and loading bays would be provided for shops;
- (5) of the work completed to date for the project; and
- (6) the next steps for the project which was estimated to be completed by August 2027.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the presentation and thanked Mr Argue for his contributions; and
- (b) that arrangements would be made for a copy of the presentation to be circulated to all members of the Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland, advising that

- (1) there had been no significant incidents or new crime trends since the previous meeting of the Partnership;
- (2) a successful festive action plan targeting the drink/drugs campaign had been undertaken and Police Scotland had also provided advice on increased fraudulent activity around the festive time;
- (3) locals had raised concerns regarding the use of E-bikes in the area and local actions plans and targeted patrols had been undertaken by Police Scotland, with successful results;

- (4) engagement was ongoing between Police Scotland, the Council and Glasgow Life in relation to anti-social behaviour around Langside Halls and officers from the Council's Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had trimmed back the greenery which allowed for there to be better community surveillance to help deter this anti-social behaviour and the Police Scotland would continue to monitor the situation;
- (5) Campus Cops were working with the Council's Education Services to help deter ant-social behaviour during the Easter and Summer school holidays; and
- (6) there had been no significant issues or events at Hampden to report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Thomson for the update.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted 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 October to 31st December 2024, advising that

- (1) the Service had attended 852 incidents in the South Sector of the city, these being 259 fires, 200 special service incidents and 393 false alarms;
- (2) there had been an overall decrease of 4% in the number of incidents attended during Q3 of 2024/25 compared to the previous year's total for Q3; and
- (3) since the introduction of changes in relation to SFRS response to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, there had a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GHSCP) regarding work being undertaken by the GHSCP in the South area of the city, advising

- (1) of the Glasgow City Health Improvement Training Calendar schedule for January to March 2025 which offers different levels of training on a range of subjects from informed through to specialist and this was a time limited resource which was available city wide;
- (2) of the Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young (HENRY) approach programme which focussed on family behaviour to help parents adopt healthier eating and lifestyle habits to give their children the best start in life;

- (3) that the re-commencement of the Quit Your Way stop smoking service which offered people help to quit smoking remained positive, with successful engagement at the face-to-face clinics as well as telephone support; and
- (4) that Health Improvement staff were supporting the roll out of the Scottish Government Breastfeeding Early Years Scheme Friendly Scotland Scheme which aimed to provide structures to encourage and support breastfeeding.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund programme – Queens Park Development plan – Funding approved.

7 In terms of Section 12.4 of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework, the committee as a matter of urgency heard a verbal report by the Director of Legal and Administration in relation to the approval of projects for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising that

- (1) the Partnership on 16th April 2024 had approved funding from the NIF for
 - (a) the installation of lighting at Queens Park at a cost of £40,000, in principle, subject to consultation with the Friends of Queen Park; and
 - (b) footway improvements at Ledard Rd/Overdale Street at a cost of £40,000; and
- (2) £16,000 of funding was approved for the Queens Park Improvement Plan, however this decision had been omitted from the minutes.

After consideration, the Partnership re-affirmed their decision to approve £16,000 of funding from the NIF for the Queens Park Improvement Plan.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund programme – Community engagement update etc noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIF 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) that Mount Florida Community Council had submitted their list of projects for proposed funding from the NIF for costings;
 - (iii) that Battlefield Community Council had forwarded their list of projects for proposed funding from the NIF to Councillor Holly Bruce;
 - (iv) that a decision would be made at the April meeting as to how the Partnership wished to split its remaining funding from the NIF;
- (b) agreed that a cost list of projects was needed and that a number of projects within the Local Place Plans could be included in the proposed list of projects for funding from the NIF;
- (c) agreed, in principle to apply the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data for each community council area in the ward when considering the appropriate split of its remaining funding from the NIF; and
- (d) requested the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to forward to members of the Partnership a copy of the NIF for Ideas Gathering template and a copy of the NIF calculator which had been created to assist with the allocation of the NIF funding across the ward.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Application 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 Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2024/25 was £61,580.48 and that £61,504.18 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £76.30;
- (3) that since the last meeting, 2 applications had received funding under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions; and
- (4) detailing the applications that had received funding from the Area Partnership budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
- (b) the applications dealt with under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report.

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

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the current position in relation to Langside Area Partnership Budget for 2025/26, advising that

- (1) the Area Partnership Budget for 2025/26 had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations from the current levels for 2025/26 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from their 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;
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings should be time critical; and
- (5) no applications had been received for funding from the playscheme.

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 2024/25 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) dealt with 1 application for funding for 2025/26 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>
Finn's Place – Listen More	Towards the cost of hiring a project worker to provide listening training to staff, volunteers and members of the community to enable Finn's Place to provide a warm welcome to those using the facility by being able to triage and signpost them to appropriate internal activities and also external support services	£6,100

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

11 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 and 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 Health and Social Care Locality 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
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) the suggestion that it would be useful to think about the long-term priorities for the ward rather than short-term priorities;

- (iii) that as some projects were run within a neighbourhood rather than the Ward, there appeared to be a lack of available data and that more relevant data would be required to help develop the Area Partnership Plans;
- (b) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans during 2025/26; and
- (c) requested the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to arrange a workshop in June or September 2025 for the Partnership to consider its priorities for the development of Area Partnership Plans.