

**SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.**

Minutes of meeting held on 26th November 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow

**Present:** Councillor Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council; Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council; Jess Steele, South East Integration Network and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

**Apologies:** Bailie James Scanlon and Bailie Soriya Siddique, Glasgow City Council.

**Attending:** J Crawford (Clerk) and A Abbot (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

**Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.**

- 1 The minutes of 23rd October 2024 were submitted and approved.

**Chair's remarks.**

- 2 The Partnership extended their best wishes to Bailie Scanlon following his stay in hospital.

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

- 3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Amelia Martin had been nominated as the new representative for the Princes Trust, replacing Katie Stewart and Zara Kitson had been nominated as the substitute representative.

**Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.**

- 4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

### **Police Scotland ward update noted etc.**

**5** There was heard a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland advising the Partnership that

- (1) since the last Area Partnership there had been no major incidents in the ward;
- (2) the festive drink and drug driving campaign had commenced;
- (3) they had attended Primary and High Schools in the ward to educate pupils of the dangers of Fireworks, and this had resulted in a reduction of anti-social behaviour on Bonfire night; and
- (4) they were pushing for a resolution with regards to Calton Place and Bridge Street as buildings were lying vacant which resulted in anti-social behaviour within the area, and they were currently working with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to clear the area to carry out more surveillance.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Thomson, to include speeding cars, illegal parking and concerns of drink and drug driving, which should all be reported to Police Scotland.

### **Ward update noted - Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.**

**6** 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 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2024, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Service had attended 950 incidents in the South area, these being 309 fires, 176 special service incidents and 465 false alarms;
- (2) there had been an increase in the number of fires attended during Quarter 2, 2024/25, however the figure remained below the 5 year figure; and
- (3) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS), response from 1st July 2024 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews.

**Findings from the Health and Wellbeing survey update– Consideration continued.**

**7** The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update by North West Health Improvement Team, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

**Neighbourhood Improvement Fund (NIF) update noted.**

**8** There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the NIF, advising that there had been no update since September, but there would be a new template provided for the next meeting;

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) requested the Executive Director NRS provide costings to
  - (a) repair the paths in the Southern Necropolis, which may also require match funding from another source and
  - (b) install CCTV cameras at the Calton Place and Bridge Street area.

**Devon Street Urban Park – Presentation noted.**

**9** There was heard a presentation by Raydale Dower and Toby Paterson, Glasgow Urban Sports regarding the Devon Street Urban Park proposal, advising that

- (1) the Devon Street Urban Park would transform an unused area of land beneath the M74, on the southside of Glasgow, to create a new public, free to use, urban sculpture park and active leisure space;
- (2) the park would be a vibrant, new cultural landmark and destination, improving connectivity between the surrounding neighbourhoods of Gorbals, Govan, Govanhill and Pollokshields;
- (3) the cultural landmark would provide a new focal point and meeting space connecting the surrounding Gorbals, Govanhill and Pollokshields communities, addressing the sense of disconnection created by the development of the M74;
- (4) by utilising the cover provided by the motorway canopy, a safe and inclusive outdoor space would be created, with increased provision of recreational amenities for young people;

- (5) the park would create a safe and attractive environment for active leisure, urban sports and local community events, which would help to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of local communities through active leisure;
- (6) Devon Street Urban Park had secured a confirmed offer of a minimum £1.2m from the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation towards project delivery, which would be subject to match funding and time limited; and
- (7) following a series of workshops and engagement events, Glasgow Urban Sports planned to submit the proposed design to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Planning) in late 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Raydale and Toby for the presentation;
- (b) raised questions which were addressed by the officers, including womens safety and how fumes from the motorway would be addressed; and
- (c) confirmed it would be happy to support the project and funding applications going forward, on the provision that the Partnership was happy with the terms within the lease.

#### **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 Southside Central Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £85,842.35 and that £53,556.29 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £32,286.06;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and
- (4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Glasgow Sling Library	Towards the cost of running pilot babywearing sling workshops in the Southside	Awarded £2,360
The Wee Retreat	Towards the cost of funding for improvements and maintenance to the wellbeing centre	Awarded £2,696.11
Annette Street Primary School	Towards the cost of supporting 3 sessions at Pinkston Basin 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January for 24 young people.	Awarded £1,000
SEAL COMMUNITY Health Project	Towards the cost of running the Parenting & Stress Management service and Baby Massage/Baby Yoga service that will run weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively.	Awarded £4,616
Clydesdale Cricket Club	Towards the cost of running a 10-week activity programme promoting physical activity, social cohesion, and integration for asylum-seeking children, particularly those from South Asian backgrounds.	Awarded £1,750
Task Childcare Service	Towards the cost of staff clothing, snacks and materials for knitted clothing for the outdoor learning project 'Toddle Tuesdays'	Awarded £1,500
Home Start South	Towards funding to purchase new laptops that run the latest Microsoft programme to ensure the organisation meets GDPR and the cyber essentials scheme to continue to provide services to families across the south.	Awarded £5,945

**Future meeting dates 2025 approved.**

**11** The dates of the 2025 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 1100 hours

Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 1100 hours

Tuesday, 16th September 2025 at 1100 hours

Tuesday, 25th November 2025 at 1100 hours.