

**EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.****Minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2025, City Chambers.**

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Bailie Annette Christie, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Narjes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Eddie Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council; Maire McCairns, Cranhill Community Council; Jim Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust; and R MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Paul Conroy and Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; and E Cusick, Calvay Housing Association.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and M Bradley and R Noble (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of the previous meeting of 27th August 2025 were submitted and approved.

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

**2** With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 East Centre Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £114,591 and that £53,305 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £61,286;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2025/26;
- (4) of the application that had been deemed ineligible as a result of recent changes to the criteria for funding from Area Partnerships.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; 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>
Our Lady of Peace Primary School	Towards the cost of delivering a 12 week programme over 2 days per week to P1 to P3 teaching infants to cycle	Awarded £5,520
Live Music Now Scotland	Towards the cost of hosting 10 events in Lightburn Hospital and Living Well in Carntyne to improve health and wellbeing and combat isolation	Awarded £4,100 subject to condition of confirmation of engagement with Wheatley Homes
Easterhouse FA	Towards the cost of Christmas outings between 5th and 12th December for children and young people attending the club	Awarded £1,247
Carntyne and Riddrie Credit Union	Towards the cost of upgrading IT equipment	Awarded £3,030
Cranhill Primary School	Towards the cost of a residential trip for 22 pupils from P7 from 28th to 30th January 2025	Awarded £2,500
Sandaig Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of equipping a new sensory room in the school	Awarded £5,176
*Cranhill Development Trust	Towards the cost of various activities in Cranhill Beacon which will be held twice weekly for 4 hours per evening	Awarded £11,076
*Cranhill Community Partnership	Towards the cost of the first major project of the Partnership to create a Cranhill Local Place Plan	Refused due to insufficient engagement with the community evidenced in application
St George and St Peter's Community Association	Towards the cost of taking 75 older people to a local pantomime at Platform Easterhouse and lunch on 18th December 2025	Awarded £200

**Glasgow Life Community Safe Rave	Towards the cost of a youth community event at Easterhouse Sports Centre on 12th December 2025	Refused due to lack of identified participants in Ward 18 attending
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\* Marie Ward and Marie McCairns declared an interest in these items and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

\*\* Bailie Christie and Councillor Turner declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

### **Festive Lighting programme 2025/26 update noted – Funding approved.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Festive Lighting programme 2025/26, advising

- (1) that each Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 of central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;
- (2) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and for the Partnership to consider whether these should still be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-28 festive lighting programme, following a new procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (4) that any approved funding in excess of the central funding would require to be met from the East Centre Area Partnership budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
  - (i) the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme;
  - (ii) that any new festive requests would be subject to NRS Street Lighting approval;
  - (iii) that the request received for festive lighting in the Cranhill area was not achievable due to street lighting infrastructure and NRS Festive Team would liaise with NRS Street Lighting in 2026 to discuss options in the area; and

- (iv) that Gartcraig Road junction with Ruchazie Road would be inspected for 8 column mounted features;
- (b) agreed additional funding of £19,250 over and above the central funding for the 2025/26 Festive Lighting programme, as detailed in the report;
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
  - (i) explore options for festive lighting in the future within the Cranhill area of Ward 18;
  - (ii) examine the electrical source supplied to the Cranhill Community Centre - Beacon as an option for festive lighting in the future; and
  - (iii) the dates of all 2026/27 Area Partnership meetings be submitted to NRS at the beginning of the cycle to allow the Festive Lighting report and options to be presented at earlier meetings of the Partnership in the future.

#### **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted.**

**4** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

- (1) that a report was submitted to Area Partnerships in August 2024 outlining the criteria of the NIIF and a process was agreed to ensure that all NIIF decisions were aligned to external audit requirements, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that between May and July 2025, NRS had prepared detailed NIIF reports for each area partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, with estimated costs for NIIF ideas presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totaling £13,070,936.78 in estimates, that was more than half of the NIIF budget;
- (3) of a breakdown of spend and estimates that had been considered for approval at each area partnership, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that NRS were currently formalising appropriate governance arrangements for the funding of murals through NIIF and were working closely with procurement colleagues to agree an approach for the delivery of murals; and
- (5) of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that graffiti art be taken into consideration in the approach for the delivery of murals.

**Date and time of next meeting noted.**

**5** The Partnership noted the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 28th January.