

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd September 2025, Kinning Park Complex, Cornwall Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Richard Bell (Chair), Councillor Stephen Dornan and Councillor Dan Hutchison, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jamie Lyall, Police Scotland; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Senga Devlin, Drumoyne Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; Thomas Napper, Kinning Park Community Council; Deidre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Imran Alam, Glasgow City Council; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; and Louise Gallagher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); P Boyce and K Dooley (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and P DeJong, J Ellis, J MacDonald, D Plizga and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, the Chair had approved the attendance of John Harkins.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 15th April 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting, no changes have been made to the membership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 15th April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising of the progress to date in relation to NIIF, including proposals previously submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of committed and actual spend to date, as detailed in tables 1 to 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) raised concerns regarding the incorrect information and the time taken to deal with NIIF, in particular as the ward was part of the original pilot process;
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be programmed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 05-012 – £190,000 towards an upgrade to the playgrounds within Linthouse and Elderpark areas, after clarification had been provided by NRS officers regarding the increased budget, as detailed in the report;
 - (b) 05-013 – £16,500 for lighting around the pond in Elder Park;
 - (c) 05-015 – £100,000 to upgrade and extend the swing park at Plantation Park;
 - (d) 05-016 – £10,000 to redevelop and upgrade the Trim Trail in Pirie Park;
 - (e) 05-020 – £41,200 towards improved lighting within the underpass at QUEH, which should be carried out by 31st October to ensure the time limited quote would apply without the Partnership having to approve a discretionary percentage; and
 - (f) 05-022 – £106,000 to improve the play area and MUGA pitch at Clyde Hall;
- (4) noted an update on the following projects:-
 - (a) 05-004 – regarding the request for a trial dog park, Karen Venables (KV), NRS advised this project could not be taken forward due to liability issues around incidents and safety etc and maintenance of the park. It had been agreed that the discussion around this would be taken off table with NRS and Councillor Bell;

- (b) 05-019 – that additional disabled parking within Govan Town Centre would require a Traffic Regulation Order, that a strategic parking plan would be developed this financial year and a future delivery programme for this request would be considered during 2026/27;
- (c) 05-021 – as it was not Council owned land the request would not meet the criteria, however KV would contact Amey to ask if permission could be given to the Council to plant trees along the motorway at Kinning Park, Cessnock and Ibrox to help block out motorway noise and that a further discussion would be taken off table by NRS and Councillor Bell;
- (d) 05-014 – that information had been provided by the community council and an estimate would be provided to the Partnership;
- (e) 05-023 – that NRS required to carry out further work to ensure the gable end mural would be delivered in line with governance arrangements and procurement rules;
- (f) 05-005 – the Partnership confirmed that an improved walkway would be required from Cessnock Subway Station to Festival Park, utilising an existing pathway;
- (g) 05-006 – NRS were waiting on information from Connecting Greater Govan with regard to a redesign of a green space and seating area around Cessnock Strip;
- (h) 05-007 – KV had contacted the community council regarding additional information on additional spaces for children's play area at Shieldhall Road and Drumoyne area, however as they had not responded, the project would continue until contact had been made;
- (i) 05-009 – the information had been clarified on several occasions that the area to be considered would be directly outside Good Coffee Cartel, Cornwall Street into an attractive green social space;
- (j) 05-010 – a walkaround would be arranged by KV with Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council and Tom Napper, Kinning Park Community Council to clarify the placement of benches and type of bench throughout Cessnock and Kinning Park;
- (k) 05-011 – KV would arrange a meeting with Drumoyne Community Council regarding more community halls and activities within Central Govan; and
- (l) 05-017 and 05-018 – KV would confirm the Council's road's plans for 2025/26 to avoid duplication and if required, the Partnership could cover any shortfall on road surfacing not being actioned by the Council's roads department; and

(5) requested information on 05-003 on why it had taken over 2 years to install CCTV at King George V Bridge, which KV would email to the Partnership prior to the next meeting.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 31st July 2025.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland

6 There was heard a report by Inspector Lyall, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the summer action plan carried out by officers to address anti-social behaviour (ASB), youth disorder hotspots etc;
- (2) of the ongoing issues with e-bikes double parking issues etc and the work by officers to address the problems;
- (3) of the monthly meetings with Housing Associations regarding ASB and more vulnerable residents;
- (4) that there had been an increase in protests which were being addressed by officers;
- (5) that Police Scotland continued to meet with Rangers Football Club regarding ongoing issues; and
- (6) of the focus on shoplifting, in particular for smaller premises within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report and thanked Inspector Lyall for the update;
- (b) that Inspector Lyall would investigate and report back to the next meeting of the Partnership information regarding a burger van trailer, which remained parked on the road with no registration out with match days, to check if this was parked illegally; and
- (c) that Jim Ellis, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would report unlawful parking in and around Asda during match days to the Council's Parking Enforcement Team.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership report noted – Request to Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

7 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on health improvement within the south of the city, with links to the health improvement training calendar, cost of living guide, the HENRY programme and breastfeeding support, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) requested information on the number of attendees for the HENRY programme due to concerns at a lack of response and cancelled sessions, which would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding; and
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Govan Area Partnership 2025/26 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme.

Variation in order of business noted.

9 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

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

10 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 Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £90,149 and that £61,649 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £28,500; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with 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>
Make Do and Grow	Towards the cost of a new volunteer programme that focuses on supporting vulnerable people in Govan	No award due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget
Preshal Trust	Towards the cost of supporting delivery of a new camera and marketing club by recruiting a sessional facilitator	No award due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget
Inclusive Homework Club	Towards the cost of delivering a sports programme for 20-25 young people during the October school holidays	Awarded £997 on the condition the attendees are from the Govan Ward
Active Schools Lourdes Cluster	Towards the cost of delivering 4 blocks of a 5-week multisport course within St Constantine's Primary School and 4 blocks of 4 weeks within St Monica's Primary School	Awarded £500
Halo Arts Govan Pantomime	Towards the cost of delivering a community pantomime 'Pinocchio'	Awarded £4,137

	<p>to the Govan schools as well as two community shows</p>	
Cycling Without Age Scotland (CWAS)	<p>Towards the cost of purchasing a trishaw to be cited at Pollok Park, which would offer rides around the park for those who are unable to make their own way round, including care home residents in the park's vicinity</p>	Refused due to the distance for Govan ward residents to Pollok Park but would consider the project should the organisation base it within the Govan Ward
Kinning Park Complex	<p>Towards the cost of delivering a mindful connections programme that would offer Yoga, Reiki, Sound Therapy and Shared Meal sessions to the community throughout the year</p>	Awarded £1,691
Home Start South	<p>Towards the cost of upgrading the website and enhancing social media content with up-to-date accessible information for all users</p>	Refused due to the excessive costs and limited Area Budget 2025/26 funds
Glasgow South West Foodbank	<p>Towards the cost of supporting emergency food and hygiene supplies to those most in need</p>	Awarded £2,000
LOOP Theatre SCIO	<p>Towards the cost of delivering a creative programme for adults with severe and complex additional support needs, especially those struggling with social isolation</p>	Awarded £5,160
Imagine Station CIC	<p>Towards the cost of supporting a safe inclusive space for neurodivergent children and their families in Govan</p>	Awarded £9,015 on the condition that free support is provided to Govan Ward attendees
Impact Arts	<p>Towards the cost of supporting the delivery of the Govan Craft Café which enables vulnerable older people in the area to take part in craft activities</p>	Awarded £5,000

Placed-based Anchor Organisation Selection Process noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

11 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the criteria and appropriate governance in place to select the anchor organisation for the Place-based work in Govan, advising

- (1) of the background to the new approach and that as a result of the review the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) had approved a new phase of Place-based work to take place over a 3-year period in 8 neighbourhoods within the city, including Govan;
- (2) of the criteria to reflect the priorities of the city's new Community Plan, and ensure that place based and people-centred work would be co-ordinated and complementary;
- (3) that a set of criteria had been put in place by the Council's Head of Policy and Corporate Governance and chair of the GCPP Executive Board, based on the principles of Best Value, to select the anchor organisation chosen to lead and coordinate the Place-based work in each area; and
- (4) of the panel members who would select the anchor organisation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and the criteria and supporting governance in place to progress the selection of an anchor organisation; and
- (b) requested that a female panel member be part of the selection process as the panel currently consisted of all male members.

Area Partnership Development Plan – Consideration continued.

12 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the work being carried out to address child and family poverty across the city to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Area Budget Evaluation – Consideration continued.

13 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report.