

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2025, Pearce Institute, Govan Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Richard Bell (Chair), Councillor Stephen Dornan and Councillor Dan Hutchison, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jamie Lyall, Police Scotland; Watch Commander John Parker, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Esme Clark, Govan Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; John McKinstry, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; Deidre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Ethan McNally, Govan Youth Information Project; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Imran Alam, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Louise Gallagher and Melih Caner Inancli, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and K Dooley (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

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 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Watch Commander John Parker.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 5th February 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.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Watch Commander John Parker, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) advising

- (1) of the engagement carried out by the Service to local schools on fire safety; and
- (2) that a more detailed report would be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report
- (b) that SFRS should report issues of parked cars obstructing a road, which would affect a route for appliances to attend an incident to the Council for enforcement action to be taken.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

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

- (1) of the action days carried out by officers around parking issues and e-bikes;
- (2) of the ongoing issues with e-bikes etc and the work by officers to address the problems;
- (3) of the recent drug dealing and misuse within the ward and the work by officers to combat this; and
- (4) that an action plan would be in place during school holidays and that officers would work with GYIP and schools to address the issues of youth disorder;
- (5) that the Govan Community Alcohol Partnership would be ongoing; and
- (6) of the continued work during match days to address anti-social behaviour of the crowds attending football matches.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Inspector Lyall for the report; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Lyall.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 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

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;
- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) its disappointment that the same proposals that had been approved for funding in November 2024, had still to be costed;
 - (iii) that additional information had been provided by Mafalda Moreaud, NRS to allow full costing on projects to be completed by the project team; and

- (iv) that final costings would be approved via delegated authority by Councillor Bell, as Chair, as agreed by the Partnership members, with projects spread across the full ward;
- (b) requested that the officers from the project team, NRS attend the next meeting of the Partnership to address the issues raised by Partnership members; and
- (c) approved and agreed the proposals detailed within the report for costing.

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

7 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 no funds had been allocated to date; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; 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>
*Govan Youth Information Project	Towards the costs of supporting a peer programme and residential trip to Ireland for a group of 16 young positive role models and staff	Awarded £7,200
Glasgow Tamil Academy	Towards the costs of funding a community event celebrating Tamil women, which aimed to provide a platform for women to share their experiences, showcase their culture heritage and build connections within the wider community	Awarded £2,410

34th Glasgow Girls Brigade	Towards the costs of supporting a day trip to Almond Valley Heritage Park	Awarded £925
Harper Church	Towards the costs of a community kitchen refurbishment and window replacement	Awarded £9,015 on the condition that further information be confirmed to allow Councillor Bell to approve the request under delegated authority at the agreement of the Partnership
The Daisy Project	Towards the costs of supporting a 12-week health and learning programme for women who have suffered domestic abuse	Awarded £2,090
Halo Arts	Towards the costs of delivering a monthly free community cinema at the Pearce Institute from May 2025 – March 2026	Awarded £5,000
Old Govan Fair	Towards the costs of funding 2 free community events, for the annual Govan Fair on 6th June 2025 and the Govan loves Christmas event	Awarded £9,000
Sunny Govan Community Media	Towards the costs of supporting the delivery of a 6-week radio skills course that will include a SQA L5 National Progression Award	Awarded £4,800
Dig in Foods Ltd	Towards the costs of running a summer barter programme where small scale local growers can bring any surplus they have grown and swap this for a voucher to use in store	Refused as it was not considered a project the Partnership would support
Govan High School – Malawi Trip	Towards the costs of a Malawi school trip for 12 pupils, 8 of which are living in SIMD 1 and 2	Awarded £1,000

Govan High School – London Dance Trip	Towards the costs of travel expenses for a school dance trip to London	Awarded £1,000
FARE	Towards the costs of supporting an Easter and summer programme running from and for the pupils of Govan High School	Awarded £2,100
**St Constantine's	Towards the costs of a weekly Seniors Lunch which takes place in the hall every Thursday between 12noon to 3.00pm	Awarded £4,080
International Film Festival Glasgow	Towards the costs of curating and delivering its education programme, educator's fees, equipment and audiovisual support along with travel support and provisions for attending schools	Refused as not considered the events would be well attended in the ward
ACVC	Towards the costs of running a 48-week miniature crafting and painting club designed for enthusiasts of all levels	Awarded £5,676 on the condition the pro-rata fund was also approved by Cardonald Area Partnership on 30th April 2025
***Pearce Institute	Towards the costs of supporting a 36-session youth arts project, aimed at 9 to 16-year-olds, challenging sectarianism, racism and bigotry and culminating in a large-scale community performance	Awarded £4,660
Glasgow Life	Towards the costs of contributing towards Southside Stars, a joint programme with The Pearce Institute which is a week-long celebration of young people's talent in dance, arts, drama and music culminating in a final performance for family, friends and the local community	Awarded £500

Scottish Sports Futures	Towards the costs of supporting a young leaders training programme with the addition of one young person gaining paid employment for 6 months	Refused as it was not considered value for money
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* Ethan McNally declared an interest in these items of business and took no part in the discussions or decisions thereon.

** John McKinstry declared an interest in these items of business and took no part in the discussions or decisions thereon.

*** Councillor Bell, Alice Connelly and Deidre Gaughan declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussions or decisions thereon and Councillor Hutchison assumed the Chair for this item.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £90,032 had been allocated to various projects in the Govan Ward, representing a 100% spend.