Item 1

10th November 2026

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st September 2026, Orkney Street Enterprise Centre, Orkney Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Richard Bell (Chair), Councillor Stephen Dornan and Councillor Dan Hutchison, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Jamie Lyall, Police Scotland; Senga Devlin, Drumoyne Community Council; Greg Easton, Govan 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; Ethan McInally, Govan Youth Information Project; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Imran Alam, Glasgow City Council; Louise Gallagher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Station Commander Kenny MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); K Dooley (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and J Ellis, T Henderson and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 14th April 2026 and 19th May 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Greg Easton was present at the meeting of 14th April 2026.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

2 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,

(1) Station Commander Kenny MacSwan had replaced Station Commander Martine Barr as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(2) Geraldine Lynch had replaced Anne Forbes as the substitute representative for Govan East Community Council.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Funding Approved – Progress Update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 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 the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed

(i) to approve the following proposals, as detailed in the report:-

(A) Ref 05-006 – Create a green space and seating area beside Cessnock Subway;

(B) Ref 05-013a – Lighting around the pond in Elder Park - £16,000 approved for 4 lighting columns;

(C) Ref 05-021 – Plant trees along motorway at Kinning Park, Cessnock and Ibrox;

(D) Ref 05-025 – Festive light package - to allocate £58,000 of available NIIF funding, including recurring costs for installation/transportation/derigging of 3D feature and 10 street lighting column features for the period 2026 to 2028; and

(E) Ref 05-026 – Upgrade and extend the small swing park located in Plantation Square North;

(ii) to allocate the remaining available NIIF funding to planting trees in the Govan area;

(iii) to remove Ref 05-011 – more community halls and activities for young people – as no vacant premises were identified; and

(c) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability bring further information regarding costings and locations regarding tree planting in the ward to a further meeting of the Partnership.

Festive Lighting 2026/27- Funding approved - Update noted etc

4 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 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;

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Govan Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation; and

(5) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%.

After consideration, the Partnership;

(a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme; and

(b) approved that the balance of the additional funding, exceeding the central funding of £3,600, as detailed in the report, would be met by NIIF funding.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2026, when the committee approved the 2026/27 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 2026/27;

(2) that the Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £94,248 and that £67,610 had been allocated to date; leaving a balance of £26,638;

(3) of the application that had been dealt with under delegated authority, as detailed in the report; and

(4) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27;

(b) noted the application that had been dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Riverside Primary School	Towards costs to support the school baby string programme, which aims to teach pupils how to play a stringed instrument	Awarded £3,000
Riverside Hall	Towards the costs to support the free lunch club which is used by elderly members of the community	Awarded £5,350
*Walmer Crescent Association	Towards the cost of paint equipment which will improve the appearance at the back of the shops	Refused due to limited funding
The Preshal Trust	Towards the purchase of a refrigerator for the organisation's training kitchen	Awarded £1,116
Benburb FC	Towards the cost of refurbishing the clubhouse, especially relating to the plumbing and utilities within the toilets and shower rooms	Awarded £9,000
Parkvilla	Towards the costs to supporting a physical activities breakfast club	Refused due to limited funding

	for pupils of Pirie Park Primary School	
Create your Dream	Towards delivering a 16-week pilot programme supporting up to 15 young people with structured one to one coaching and planning	Refused due to limited funding
Africa Future	Towards cost for a cultural event and follow up with sewing and IT sessions for refugees, asylum seekers and residents	Refused due to limited funding
Home Start	Towards the cost of updating mobile phones for frontline staff working directly with families in the community	Awarded £459
Govan Community Project	Towards the costs to support a small programme of events celebrating 25 years of Govan Community Project, including a free meal and ceilidh events	Refused due to limited funding
Govan Schools and Community Pipe Band	Towards purchasing drumming equipment for existing and new members	Refused due to limited funding
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime production to schools and community venues across the south side of Glasgow	Refused due to limited funding
Govan HELP	Towards the cost of essential equipment items for a new family centre in Govan which is due to open in August 2026	Awarded £5,000
Protest and Suffragettes	Towards costs to expand a targeted programme of locally based heritage activity, including community and school workshops	Awarded £2,713

*Avril Williamson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.