

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th February 2026, by video conference.

Greater Pollok Area Partnership.

Present: Councillor William Graham (Chair), Councillor Saqib Ahmed and Councillor Rashid Hussain, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; Jean Honan, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Sarah Ali, Crookston Community Group (BME Community Representative); Alistair MacLellan, Levern and District Community Council; Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association; Andrew Peline, SWAMP; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Helen Mill and Colin White, Village Story Telling Centre; and Ali Ashman and Lyan Al Aghbari, St Pauls High School.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance) and A Morrow, Sanctuary Housing.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 26th November 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 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

- (1) Ali Ashman and Lyan Al Aghbari were now the representative and substitute representative respectively for St Paul's High School, and had replaced Dua Zahra and Yanti Sharma; and
- (2) Elaine Atwood had resigned as the co-opted representative for Darnley Parent Council and that the position was currently vacant.

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

3 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.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Projects approved etc - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 17th September 2025 noting the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for costings;
- (3) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had now established governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report for the funding of murals through NIIF; and
- (4) of the progress to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the proposals which had previously been submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of the committed and actual spend to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) approved (Ref 03-005) create free sports and play facilities for kids, (Ref 03-022) improve surfaces on pavements within the Greater Pollok Ward boundary, (Ref 03-036) redeployable CCTV request, (Ref 03-037) redeployable CCTV request and (Ref 03-038) redeployable CCTV request; and
- (b) agreed that further information was required for (Ref 03-024) improve lighting; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) arrange a walk around for (Ref 03-015) improve surfaces on pavements and reduce kerb heights;
 - (ii) arrange a site visit for (Ref 03-025) install lined directions; and
 - (iii) arrange a walk around with SWAMP and Police Scotland for (Ref 03-033).

Nitshill Place Based Programme – Update noted.

5 There was heard a verbal report by Anthony Morrow, Sanctuary Housing, advising that

- (1) funding had been secured through the Place Base Programme which would be invested into community projects;
- (2) the projects to be funded had not been decided yet and welcomed suggestions from other members of the Partnership;
- (3) other funding options were currently being explored; and
- (4) an update would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

6 There was heard a verbal report by Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that there had been an increase overall with regards to drug supply, offensive weapons, dangerous driving and shop lifting;
- (2) that there had been reductions in serious and minor assaults;
- (3) of several incidents within the Ward regarding the theft of transit vans and that Police Scotland had identified individuals responsible;
- (4) of significant concern in regards to off-road dirt bikes, E-bikes, E-scooters and quad bikes and that when a child was in possession of such a vehicle, Police Scotland would also hold their parents/guardians to account by charging them with offences under the Children and Young Person (Scotland) Act 1937; and
- (5) to remain vigilant, report any incidents to Police Scotland and be mindful of social media usage.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2025, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 652 incidents in the South area, these being 145 fires, 161 non-fire incidents and 228 false alarms;

- (2) within the Ward there had been 7 accidental dwelling fires, 1 non-fatal casualty, 17 deliberate fires, 9 unwanted fire alarm signals and 2 road traffic collisions; and
- (3) 40 home fire safety visits had been carried out during the period as well as 6 fire safety enforcement audits.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), providing an update during the last quarter regarding health improvement and of the ongoing work within the South of the city.

Community update noted.

9 There was heard and noted a report by Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association providing an overview of their joint work venture with Village Story Telling Centre aimed at supporting people living with dementia and that a report on the matter would be brought back to a future meeting of the Partnership, they may seek funding to look at projects in the future.

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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the Great Pollok Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £90,546, however due to an over allocation in 2024/25 the allocation had been reduced to £83,592 and that £89,301.22 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £1,244.78;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Greater Pollok Area Budget for 2025/26; and
- (4) that no applications 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> |
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| Friends of Crookston Castle | Funding towards costs of art and educational materials | Awarded £1,244.78 |

Area Budget 2026/27 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

11 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising that

- (1) the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2026/27 Area Budget at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2026/27 financial year;
- (3) any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) any applications considered at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2026/27 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;
 - (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2026/27 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £750 could be allocated from the 2026/27 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) dealt with the application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

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| Crookston Early Years | Towards the cost of creating a safe and nurturing area outdoors | Awarded £6,200 subject to confirmation with Education Services on costs relating to uplift of materials and consultation with the Chair |
| Friends of Crookston | Towards the cost of providing a structured set of school visits to the Castle for the 8 primary and 2 high schools serving the majority of young people in Greater Pollok between the end of April and June | Awarded £9,303 subject to confirmation of the need for travel costs in consultation with the Chair |
| Pollok Baptist Church | Towards the cost of a family programme and activity | Awarded £3,955 a maximum of £500 for each trip to be used for bus hire |
| Parent For Future Scotland | Towards the cost of active travel coordinators to work with parents within Darnley, St Saviours and Riverside Primary Schools | Awarded £2,760 |
| Cleeves Primary School | Towards the cost of a garden/ growing proposal at the Cleeves Primary and Burnbrae Children's Centre campus | Awarded £6,986 subject to consultation with the Chair on costs relating to purchase of noticeboard |
| People Relief Support | Towards the cost of a programme of activities over Summer Holidays | Continue application for consideration of a visit being organised for partnership members and officers |