

SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 18th June 2026.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

- Present:** Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Marie Garrity, Councillor William Graham, Councillor Greg Hepburn, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Bailie Christy Mearns and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, Police Scotland; Local Senior Officer Andrew Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Denise Hamilton, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Stephen McVey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jennifer Anderson, Wheatley Housing Group; and Lianne Weir, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.
- Apologies:** Councillor Holly Bruce and Councillor Jill Pidgeon, Glasgow City Council and Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.
- Attending:** L Sclater (Clerk); K Baxter and M Smith, Communities Team, Chief Executives Department; Group Commander G Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; K Hay, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and C MacKenzie, GCC Communications and Corporate Governance.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 12th March 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting at paragraph 7 (b) where Bailie Mearns had requested of Police Scotland, statistical information relating to crimes against children and if they could be incorporated into updates at this Partnership, Chief Superintendent Emma Croft responded by requesting that Bailie Mearns contact her directly with a summary of the information she was requesting and indicated that a response would be provided.

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 on the membership of the Safe Glasgow Partnership, advising that

- (1) Denise Hamilton had replaced Diane Gillies as Member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

- (2) Jen Butler had replaced Steven McVey as substitute member replacing Steven McVey, who had replaced Lynsey Smith as Member for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Police, Ambulance and Fire Service Youth Engagement programme – Presentation noted.

3 There was heard and noted a presentation by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the current and future of the programme, examples of partnership working through youth engagement and its challenges and outcomes.

Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership – Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability proving an update on the work of the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership (GVAWP),

(1) advising

- (a) that GVAWP was established to bring together key multi- agency partners to take forward actions at a local level as agreed in Scottish Government *Equally Safe Strategy* to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls;
- (b) that across Glasgow, demand for specialist Violence Against Women (VAW) services continued to rise sharply, with increases in both referral volumes and case complexity, with recent information and data highlighting significant service demand across multiple services; and
- (c) of the key strategic, operational activity progressed since the last reporting cycle, alongside analysis of current and emerging pressures across the system; and

(2) highlighting

- (a) that a citywide Prevention Working Group was being established to strengthen coordination across education, community and third sector partners and to progress a whole-system approach to prevention;
- (b) that GVAWP's recent Let's Talk About events on commercial sexual exploitation, immigration barriers, FGM awareness and stalking had all demonstrated a strong uptake and positive practitioner feedback; and
- (c) and update on system demands and pressures, with detailed statistical information relating to services provided and accessed to include Glasgow Women's Aid, ASSIST, TARA, Routes Out and MARAC, as detailed in the report.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2025-26 – Quarter 4 performance noted.

5 There was submitted a report by Local Senior Officer Andrew Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing an overview of the current performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the period Quarter 4 2025/26, advising

- (1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fire, deliberate fires, non-domestic fires, unwanted fire alarm signals, road traffic collisions, accidental dwelling fire casualties, non-fire casualties, road traffic collision casualties, homes fire safety visits and fire safety audits with the year on year change over the past 4 years along with details for each Glasgow City Council ward for the period;
- (2) that 15 non-fatal accidental dwelling fires casualties had been recorded, with tragically 1 fatality recorded during the Q4 period;
- (3) that the service had assisted 67 individuals in non-fire emergencies which demonstrated the services' vital contribution to public safety beyond fires;
- (4) deliberate fires continued to represent a notable proportion of total fire incidents, with refuse fires and outdoor locations remaining the most common types, however, significant prevention and engagement work was being undertaken within identified areas, including the delivery of targeted fire safety and prevention presentations to schools and youth groups, with this this targeted approach aiming to reduce deliberate fire setting, challenge antisocial behaviour, and improve risk awareness among young people;
- (5) the service had responded to 547 unwanted fire alarm signals for the period with student accommodations, residential homes and hospitals being the most frequent sources;
- (6) the service carried out 945 Home Fire Safety Visits during the Q4 period, with those visits primarily high risk in nature and delivered to households identified through referrals and vulnerable households identified to be most at risk from fire; and
- (7) that SFRS continued to promote campaigns outwith fire safety such as water safety, anti-social behaviour and first aid initiatives with its partner agencies.

Thereafter, Local Senior Officer Andrew Kenna provided an update on:-

- (a) SFRS Service Delivery Review – Engagement with all stakeholders had taken place advising of all proposed recommendations, with Glasgow Option 1 being submitted for consideration by SFRS Board on 22nd June 2026, therefore an update would be provided at this Partnership's next meeting;

(b) Union Street Fire:-

- (i) Bailie Mearns requested that an update be provided to this Partnership on the visits carried out by SFRS to licensed premises that included Vape Shops following the Union Street Fire; and
- (ii) following on from Bailie Mearns' request above, SFRS indicated that they would submit to the next meeting, a summary of the number of visits carried out, best practice and lessons learned as a result of the visits.

Following on from the SFRS update, Local Senior Officer, Andrew Kenna intimated that he would be moving on to a promoted post within SFRS, with Local Senior Officer, Garry Marshall replacing him as Member on this Partnership.

Bailie McCabe and other Partnership Members thanked Andrew for all of his hard work to date with the Partnership and wished him well in his new role.

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 - Performance for Year 3, Quarter 4 noted - Request to Police Scotland.

6 There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Quarter 4 period from 1st January to 31st March 2026, advising

- (1) of the continued drive forward with its Public Health Approach to policing that involved working closely with partners to improve outcomes and better services for our communities;
- (2) that the number of complaint cases against the police had reduced by 12.8% compared to the previous year, and followed on from the introduction of body-word CCTV by officers launched in March 2026, the impact of this being continuously monitored;
- (3) that there had been a slight increase in overall violent crimes and slight increase in detection rates compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland committed to working towards reducing those figures;
- (4) that hate crime detection rates had slightly decreased compared to the previous year, and recorded hate crimes had increased 10% compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland continuing to work with its partners to encourage reporting of all hate crimes;
- (5) violence against women and girls - Police Scotland continue to undertake key work through partnership and engagement with communities to support wellbeing and promote personal safety and this remained a high priority from both a policing and partnership perspective;

- (6) since its inception in April 2026, the Glasgow City Centre Dispersal Zone continued to assist in the targeting of anti-social behaviour in the Glasgow City Centre and following consultation, an extension to the legislation for a period of 3 months had been granted which would allow for the city to look at the next steps, complete an audit of findings and the next steps going forward;
- (7) of a detailed breakdown of the complaints against police, violent crime, violence against women and girls, hate crime, and community wellbeing, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that Police Scotland share with the Partnership an audit that had been carried out in conjunction with GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability on Lanes and Lane safety in the city.

Additional Guidance: Approach to consultation responses made on behalf of Safe Glasgow Partnership – Details noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Communities regarding the approach to consultation responses made on behalf of this Partnership,

- (1) advising that
 - (a) the purpose of the Safe Glasgow Partnership was to undertake the local scrutiny role on behalf of Glasgow City Council and as such, from time-to-time, consultation requests would be made to the Council that would be delegated to the Partnership for response; and
 - (b) responding to such consultations provided an opportunity to influence government and agency policy, strategy and regulations where appropriate and in accordance with the Partnership's Terms of Reference; and
- (2) detailing
 - (a) proposals for a structured approach to be used by this Partnership that broadly aligned to that of the approach currently used by Glasgow City Council;
 - (b) the steps that would be taken by Partnership and Development officers when a consultation response was received that included contact with Partnership members to receive any comments they wished to be included in any response or indeed if they considered that they may not have any response/comments to make, as detailed in the Appendices to the report;

- (c) the procedure to be followed if a consultation response were to be drafted on behalf of this Partnership following either of the steps detailed as follows:
- (i) submit the draft response to a Safe Glasgow Partnership meeting (where timescales permit) for agreement in advance of submission; or
 - (ii) share the draft response by email with Safe Glasgow Membership seeking agreement (where timescales permit); or
 - (iii) seek approval from the Chair where timescales do not permit for a draft response to be considered and agreed as set out in (i) or (ii) above; or
 - (iv) agreement on final consultation response would be delegated to the Chair in discussion with the Partnership and Communications Officer (or substitute) where timescales do not allow for consideration under the points detailed above and would be shared for information only.

Future meeting dates noted.

8 The dates and venues of the Partnership 2026 meeting dates were noted as follows:-

- (1) 27th August 2026 at 1000 hours in person, City Chambers, Glasgow; and
- (2) 26th November at 1000 hours via MsTeams.