

CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Calton Area Partnership.

Present: Linda Pike (Chair) and Cecilia O'Lone, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Lindsey Scott, Police Scotland; Morven Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Organisation; Colin Harkins, Bridgeton and Dalrnarnock Community Council; Catherine Kerr, Calton Community Council; Susan McKeown, Parkhead Housing Association; and Maggie MacBean Orr, Possibilities for Each and Every Child (PEEK).

Apologies: Greg Hepburn and George Redmond, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); R O'Sullivan and I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); M Bradley and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) and G Watt, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 4th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

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 on the membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting, no changes had been made to the membership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) there had been an increase in violent crimes since this time last year;
- (2) common assaults and serious assaults had been low;
- (3) robust action was being undertaken by Police Scotland to tackle prostitution in the ward;

- (4) there had been an increase in drug offences;
- (5) weapon seizure had increased slightly however, there was no trend to this;
- (6) community disorder had increased and would increase due to a change in weather, however this was not concerning and would be monitored; and
- (7) Police Scotland were aware of recent issues involving youths on E-bikes and action had been taken in relation to this and where possible they would also hold their parents/guardians to account by charging them and seizing the E-bikes.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was noted an update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 712 incidents in the North East area, these being 193 fires, 122 non-fire incidents and 322 false alarms;
- (2) there had been 7 accidental dwelling fires, 1 non-fire casualties, 11 deliberate fires, 3 non-domestic fires, 43 unwanted fire alarm signals, 2 road traffic collisions; and
- (3) 71 home fire safety visits had been carried out during the period as well as 11 fire safety enforcement audits.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2025/26, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

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

6 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 Calton Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £103,827.00 and that £3,240 been allocated to date, therefor leaving a balance of £100,587.00;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the Calton Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and
 - (ii) 1 application dealt with under delegated functions; 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>
Calton Area Association	Towards the cost of supporting a programme of activities throughout the year	Awarded £6,000
Movement Park	Towards the cost of providing a 24-week structured programme linked to track sessions	Continue for consideration
Riverbank Primary School	Towards the cost of 54 P7 pupils attending a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre	Awarded £1,500
Distinctive Dance Academy	Towards the cost of supporting the delivery of a free 3-day summer programme for children and young people aged 6-16	Awarded £1,236
Loop Theatre	Towards the cost of delivering a 39-week time-limited wellbeing programme	Continue for consideration

Tron Theatre	Towards the cost of supporting targeted workshops	Refused due to lack of engagement with local organisations
Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of the Alexandra Park Family Festival on Saturday 11 th July 2026	Awarded £1,500
Dance 4 Health Ltd	Towards the cost of musical entertainment provision, catering and hall hire	Refused due to high costs
Menself	Towards the cost of delivering a new walking football programme, purchasing a new laptop and resources	Awarded £1,650
*PEEK	Towards the cost of delivering a free Play Day event on Wednesday 29 th July 2026	Awarded £5,000
Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Area Association	Towards the cost of delivering a 20 week Comic Book Club for young people aged 10-15	Refuse as project considered to be a continuation of an existing project
Parkhead Housing Association	Towards the cost of hosting a sports themed overdoor event for the community	Awarded £1,800
Baltic Street Adventure Playground	Towards the cost of upgrading their current animal enclosures	Awarded £10,000

*Maggie MacBean Orr declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc – Delegated Authorities to the Chair.

7 There was submitted and noted 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 that

- (1) NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees;
- (2) planting of Christmas trees at Bane Square and Barrowfield was not achievable due to underground utilities/services;
- (3) planting of Christmas trees at Bridgeton Cross was not achievable due to ground conditions; and
- (4) planting of Christmas trees at Riverbank Primary School could proceed, providing that appropriate permissions to proceed were obtained.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed

- (a) to a 10% contingency from the Area Partnership budget towards Christmas trees, including the 10% contingency the amount to come out of Area Budget would be £17,115; and
- (b) delegated authority to the Chair should further funding decisions be required for Festive Lighting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted - Projects approved etc.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund programme, advising of progress to date including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the Ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed

- (1) to remove (Ref 09-022) MUGA play equipment and (Ref 09-039) astro pitch at Reid Street/ Dale Street Park; and
- (2) to continue for consideration (Ref 09-023) speeding signs, (Ref 09-024) play area/ sports pitch upgrade, (Ref 09-037) redeployable CCTV cameras, (Ref 09-038) 4 permanent Christmas trees, (Ref 09-040) speed control measures, (Ref 09-031) street lighting and (Ref 09-036) Murals.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Community Engagement update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund that had been submitted by community

organisations within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed to submit Barrowfield greening for costing.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

10 There was heard and noted a presentation by Garry Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Living Well Community Referral (LWCR), advising that

- (1) the community-based wellbeing referral programme supported people who experienced barriers to reconnect with their communities and take part in opportunities that improved health and wellbeing;
- (2) the pilot project operated in Calton and Shettleston areas and following an independent evaluation this had now expanded to 10 wards;
- (3) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support reconnecting to their community; and
- (4) referrals were welcome online, by phone or in-person.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

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