Item 1

4th November 2026

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th August 2026, Buddies Out of School Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair) and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Hannah Edward, Police Scotland; Mairi McLachlan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Marie McCairns, Cranhill Community Council; Edward Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council; Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust.

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and S Ferguson, R Noble and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainabiliy).

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 for Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Chief Inspector Hannah Edward, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 1st April 2026 were submitted and approved.

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

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability 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) approved

(i) (Ref 18-016) Cranhill Park improvements,

(ii) (Ref 18-034) provision of pedestrian crossing at Hallhill Road;

(iii) (Ref 18-038) demolition of toilets and utilities capped off as advised by NRS Carntyne Square; and

(iv) (Ref 18-035) preference of a pedestrianised crossing clarification from NRS of cost; and

(c) agreed to

(i) continue for consideration (Ref 18-027) Strone Road playpark; and

(iii) remove

(A) (Ref 18-039) CCTV at 64-69 Cockenzie Street;

(B) (Ref 18-030) Green space between Strone Road and Cranhill Primary School;

(C) (Ref 18-031) Assessment on Equipment and Repair or Replace and possibly new additional equipment; and

(D) (Ref 18-040) reinstatement of previously removed fence; and

(d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) confirm

(A) (Ref 18-021) if 4 new benches would replace the 4 existing benches at Budhill Square;

(B) (Ref 18-024) how many speed bumps were included within the costings of Hollowglen Road;

(C) (Ref 18-041) a completion date for the removal of fly-tipping at Gadie Street; and

(D) (Ref 18-007) provide an update if planters and benches had been funded by Parks and Open Spaces Fund.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – New proposals submitted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 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 requested

(1) costing for the following new proposals

(a) pedestrian or zebra crossing at junction at Gartcraig Road and Ruchazie Road;

(b) Hogarth Park better lighting on the paths, cleared paths for walking and cycling; and

(c) mural in the Calvay Housing Association area (pending submission of relevant paperwork by Artist); and

(2) to continue for consideration item 5 site at Corston Street/Edinburgh Road/ Cumbernauld Road; and

(3) that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability explore whether signage and road markings at the entrance of St Thomas Primary School and Carntyne Primary School and Leadburn Street could be treated as business as usual.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding festive lighting within the Ward for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(2) agreed

(a) a switch on event at Bellrock Steet; and

(b) total additional funding of £23,650 to be deducted from the 2026/27 Area Budget fund; and

(3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability liaise with Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust in relation to the switch on date and time.

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 East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £119,553.00 and that £28,592.00 been allocated to date; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and

(ii) there had been 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report; and

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

Application	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Calvay Housing Association	Towards the cost of re-roofing the glass conservatory at Burnmouth Court	Awarded £11,000.00
Smithycroft Secondary School	Towards the cost of establishing two small Art therapy Nature Groups for the young people who attend Smithycroft	Awarded £3,157.00

	Secondary School, the intention is to run four 8 week blocks for up to 8 pupils per block beginning on 2nd September 2026	
Calvay Community Events Committee	Towards the cost of hosting 2x Seniors Christmas Parties and Dinner and 2x Children and Families Parties and Dinner	Awarded £2,000.00
East End Community Carers	Towards the cost of trialling a 5 weekly programme of activities for late primary school and early secondary aged autistic children and young people who currently attend the family night sessions	Awarded £382.00
*Fuse Youth Cafe	Towards the cost of hosting the Glasgow East comic-con Festival on 12th September 2026 at Platform in Easterhouse	Awarded £2,600.00
**Cranhill Community Partnership	Towards the cost of distributing a quarterly community newsletter to every household in Cranhill	Awarded £750.00
Protests and Suffragettes	Towards the cost of delivering a community-led heritage programme across Calton, East Centre and Shettleston focusing on areas experiencing high levels of deprivation	Awarded £2,183

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

**Marie Ward and Marie McCairns declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.