Item 1

16th March 2023

SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 24th November 2022.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Jill Brown, Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Baillie Leòdhas Massie, Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland; Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and Mark Nicol, Wheatley Housing Group.

Apologies: Councillor Graham Campbell, Councillor William Graham, Bailie Ann Jenkins, Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council; and Lynsey Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); T Jackson, R MacLeod and M Smith, Community Empowerment and Equalities; D Glover (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); T/Chief Inspector Lorraine Napier and Chief Inspector Aidan Higgins, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 25th August 2022 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 on the membership of the Safe Glasgow Partnership, advising that Gary Marshall had been appointed as substitute member for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in place of Kevin Murphy.

Bonfire night 2022 multi-agency debrief – Presentation noted etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of 25th August 2022 noting a multi-agency presentation on bonfire night and nominating Councillor Elaine McSporran to continue as the Partnership Fire Safety Champion, there was heard a presentation by Area Commander David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland regarding this year's bonfire night, advising that

(1) there had been 1 attack on firefighters, which was a reduction on previous years;

(2) there had been pockets of disorder recorded in the City's East End, Drumchapel and Maryhill areas, which had been dealt with effectively;

(3) consideration would be given to the use of dispersal orders and exclusion zones next year, noting that these had not been used before; and

(4) a full report on bonfire night would be submitted to the next meeting of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the success of this year's campaign, which was largely due to a multiagency approach; and

(b) thanked Councillor McSporran and all the other agencies involved for their hard work that had gone into making the campaign a success.

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2020-23 – Performance report for Year 3 Quarter 2 noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Q2 period from 1st July to 30th September 2022,

(1) highlighting the continued drive forward with its Public Health approach to Policing, which involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of the community;

(2) detailing some of the work being undertaken in relation to protecting vulnerable people, events, crime and serious and organised crime;

(3) confirming that Face to Face refresher training for Third Party Reporting had been delivered to some Glasgow City Council staff with over 120 people from 24 different organisations attending a virtual training event; and

(4) advising that a new Local Police Plan Survey was now out for consultation and had a deadline of 12th February 2022.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the new Local Police Plan would be issued for consultation online to the wider Council and requested members to engage and respond to the consultation, a draft of which would be emailed to members in due course;

(ii) that Hate Crime continued to be a priority for Police Scotland and each reported case was responded to based on the threat, risk and harm at that time;

(iii) Chief Superintendent Sutherland would bring an update on the call centre trial to the next meeting;

(iv) Police Scotland had to find significant savings in their budget and a fuller update would be provided once it was available; and

(v) the Festive campaign planning was progressing and would focus on drink driving, protecting personal property, party nights and getting home safely;

(b) agreed that

(i) historic sexual crime statistics should be added to the quarterly update;

(ii) the 'Looking Ahead' section of the quarterly update should contain forthcoming priorities and events and not those that have already taken place; and

(iii) further detail on public satisfaction/complaints should also feature in updates.

Road policing – Presentation noted etc.

5 There was heard and noted a presentation by Temporary Chief Inspector Lorraine Napier, Police Scotland in relation to Road Policing, Police Scotland, detailing

(1) the breakdown of staffing numbers covering the 12 bases in the West Area;

(2) the targeted areas being worked towards through the Road Safety Framework 2030, including those statistical areas they were looking to reduce; and

(3) the year-to-date statistics for April to October 2022.

Your Safety Matters – Presentation noted etc.

6 There was heard and noted a presentation by Chief Inspector Aiden Higgins, Police Scotland regarding the Your Safety Matters Campaign, detailing

(1) that the campaign had been put in place to support the safety and wellbeing of Police Officers and staff whilst at work and to reduce the number of assaults against them;

(2) the number of assaults on Police Officers and staff in the Glasgow Area compared with the National figure from 2017-2022;

(3) that some 20% of the national figure of those assaults were unfortunately in the Glasgow City Area, which had resulted in the Chief Constable launching the campaign; and

(4) that Police Scotland would be working with partner agencies to implement the campaign to make the workplace a safer environment to work in for Police Officers and staff whilst supporting their wellbeing and mental health.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-22 – Performance report for Quarter 2 noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an overview of the current performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the period for Quarter 2 2022/23 from 1st July to 30th September 2022, advising

(1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fires, accidental dwelling fire casualties, unintentional injury or harm, accidental other building fires, and prevention and protection activities along with details for each Glasgow City Council ward with the year-on-year percentage change and 3-year average change;

(2) that deliberate fires had icreased significantly during this quarter compared to the same period the previous year, however, work was ongoing with partner agencies like Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to target and reduce those figures;

(3) of a slight increase to the number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) compared to the same period the previous year, although it should be noted that many historical regular premises of high UFAS acitivity had been directly affected by Covid restrictions in 2021 as there was less occupancy within buildings and now with the gradual return of people to workplaces, this had led to an increase; and

(4) that during the quarter 2 period,

(a) SFRS had responded to a total of 4,268 incidents in the Glasgow City area which showed an increase of 212 incidents from quarter 2 in 2021/22; and

(b) the average number of incidents over the previous three years stood at 3,988 which was a slight increase on the three year average.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(i) the spending review for Scottish Fire and Rescue Services in the next financial year could potentially be higher than the estimated £12-18m indicated savings;

(ii) there could be the possibility of industrial action from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services staff in the near future; and

(ii) the new draft Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Local Plan would be brought to a future meeting for consideration.

Community Justice Annual Report 2021/22 noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Community Justice Glasgow Annual Report 2021/22, providing an overview of the achievements made through the strength of the Partnership and telling the story of Community Justice.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the annual report 2020/21; and

(2) that the Annual Report would only be produced digitally but was very accessible and had been designed to be easy to navigate whilst utilising many different formats including film, audio, written and pictures; and

(3) that some performance data had to date not been made available that would have shown the statistical progress towards performance indicators and that an analysis would be provided in due course.

Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group – Presentation noted etc – Instruction to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

9 There was submitted a report and noted a presentation by D Glover, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the work of the Hate Crime Working Group, highlighting

(1) the education and events that took place over National Hate Crime Awareness week;

(2) that this year's events had been developed with a focus on raising awareness for witnesses and empowering victims to know their options for reporting and recognising when hate crime was happening;

(3) the combined reach of the social media campaign for this year's National Hate Crime Awareness week which had reached 24k, an increase on the previous year;

(4) that the GOLD training module had been completed by 249 learners within a month of launching;

(5) that the hate crime policy officer had delivered third party reporting training to 124 staff from 24 organisations; and

(6) the development of the Ambassadors Pilot Programme, where staff could be nominated as ambassadors for hate crime work within their service to build cross-organisation capacity of recognising and responding to hate crime;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that Councillor Holly Bruce had been appointed as the Chair for the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership; and

b) requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities to submit a report to the next meeting in relation to the undernoted motion raised at the meeting of Glasgow City Council on 27th October 2022:-

'Council agrees to continue to tackle hate crime and Islamophobia in partnership with communities, Police Scotland and other stakeholders. Council further agrees as a first step to support Islamophobia Awareness Month in November 2022 to bring understanding and attention to the scourge of Islamophobia and encourage better reporting of incidents to the police. Council also instructs that a paper be brought to Safe Glasgow detailing how the APPG definition can be embedded in its work and consider how Safe Glasgow can raise awareness of crime motivated by prejudice on the grounds of actual or perceived religion.'; and

(c) agreed that Councillor Elaine McSporran would undertake the role of Chair of the Hate Crime Working Group.

Glasgow Safe Partnership – Potential future visits noted.

10 There was heard a verbal update by Tom Jackson, Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Partnership visiting Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services in 2023 to gain more insight into particular aspects of the services, whilst noting that possible topics that had been raised by members previously had been:-

(1) water safety;

(2) transport;

(3) call centres: and

(4) armed response;

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) Councillor McSporran had found previous visits extremely helpful and informative and welcomed the opportunity for more;

(b) any topics that members would like covered by a visit should be submitted to Tom Jackson; and

(c) that both Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services were both happy to facilitate any future visits requested by members.

Future meeting dates noted.

11 The Partnership noted the following meeting dates:-

16th March 2023; and
8th June 2023.