Item1

11th April 2023

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 31st January 2023 at St Francis Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Councillor Alexander Belic, Bailie James Scanlon, and Councillor Soryia Siddique, Glasgow City Council; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council; Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Yvonne Hutton, Oatlands Community Council; and Katie Stewart, The Prince's Trust.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); H McMillan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); M Fullerton (for the Chief Executive, Gorbals Housing Association); S Gray (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); B Marshall (Queen's Park Development Group); and A Angus and S Matthews (for Jacobs Streer).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 8th November 2022 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business.

2 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(1) Station Commander Douglas Miller had been nominated as the representative and Station Commander David McGroarty as the substitute representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(2) Karen Venables had been co-opted as the representative for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Police Scotland – Ward update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland, advising of the current progress Police Scotland was making within the Ward, advising that

(1) Chief Inspector Pauline Thomson had recently been appointed within the division;

(2) proposed local policing plans for 2023 -2026 were available to view via citizen space Local Police Plans 2023-2026 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space and constituents/residents were encouraged to view and complete the online survey, which would close on 12th February 2023, and that following the formal consultation process the final drafts would be published in April 2023;

(3) anti-social behaviour in the Govanhill area continued to be targeted by Police within the area; and

(4) there had not been a significant increase of poverty related crime as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership – Update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a presentation by Steve Gray, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Sam Matthews and Ali Angus, Jacobs Steer in relation the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership advising that

(1) Glasgow City Council had a plan to transform the way people got around the city region by improving public transport and that the first round of strategic improvements was being led by the Glasgow Bus Partnership (GBP) which brought together the8 Glasgow City Region local authorities, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, bus operators and passenger representative groups;

(2) the vision of GBP was of a region where bus services formed part of a network of connectivity by providing safe, affordable and enjoyable connections;

(3) the GBP sought to improve bus priority mechanisms and reduce congestion to improve bus journey times and reliability, and improve the accuracy of real time passenger information;

(4) the GBP would work to ensure that buses would be given higher priority in any future city planning;

(5) the GBP would explore options to introduce an integrated ticketing system;

(6) Stage 1 of the project had concluded in August 2022 where feedback had been sought from key stakeholders on bus travel including the 5 proposed bus corridors;

(7) Stage 2 would continue until March 2023 to develop an outline business case and concept corridor designs;

(8) Stage 3 and Stage 4 were subject to approvals and funding, with drawings and information being finalised in Stage 3 and project delivery planned in Stage 4; and

(9) a number of potential measures had been identified for potential use in the project, as detailed in the presentation.

Queen's Park Development Group Update – Update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Bob Marshall, Queen's Park Development Group in relation to the group's proposal for a development plan for Queen's Park, advising that

(1) in 2021 a working group was established comprising of elected members, Council officers and community councillors to look at means to maintain and improve Queen's Park;

(2) the working group had identified short term priorities for improvements, some of which had been implemented;

(3) the working group had noted that there was a need for larger capital investments, repairs and an improved maintenance regime;

(4) the working group had agreed that a comprehensive and long term development plan was needed to provide the context for such future investments, and that without this it would be difficult to access external capital and revenue funding sources;

(5) in order to collect the views of the wider community, the working group would be looking to appoint experienced consultants to work alongside Council officers to carry out a programme of community engagement and consultation;

(6) the aim of the working group would be the creation of a long term development plan, which would include a full set of costed development proposals with realistic capital and revenue funding plan and sourcess;

(7) the working group has identified specific sites and issues which must be addressed which would include the Queen's Park Glasshouse, the Pond area, Queen's Park Arena, the Scottish Poetry Rose Garden, play and sports areas, plus community facilities such a toilets, cafes and related activities, as well as including Queen's Park Recreation Ground and its associated amenities;

(8) the consultation and creation of a development plan would be a substantial piece of work and would take approximately a year to complete; and

(9) the estimated cost of the work would be approximately £40,000.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) asked a number of questions in relation to the facilities currently in use within Queen's Park which were answered by Mr Marshall.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Ward update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advising the of the current issues, incidents and work being carried out within the Ward for the period from 1st October – 31st December 2022, advising that

(1) there had been 30 fires and 62 false alarms;

(2) 405 home fire safety visits had taken place; and

(3) the Community Action Team continued to engage with schools and the local community who had made a number of visits to promote fire safety.

Gorbals Locality Plan update noted.

8 There was heard and noted a report by Michael Fullerton, New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) regarding the Gorbals Locality Plan, advising that

(1) NGHA had organised community meals within the local area that had taken place on a fortnightly basis, with 67 local residents attending, and that this event would resume in February 2023;

(2) following a successful funding bid to Cash for Kids, NGHA had been able to provide 289 children and young people with a £45 voucher to enable the purchase of Christmas gifts;

(3) Social Bite meals had been provided locally every Monday and Thursday in the Ward; and

(4) a cost of living group had been established to look at a means of offering support to those struggling with the cost of living, and NGHA was linking in with the local foodbank to provide support; and

(5) NGHA had been successful in securing funding for the Employability Group.

Area Budget 2022/23 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton Committee of 12th March 2020 (Print 7, page 527), when the committee approved the 2022/23

Area Budget allocations as part of a 3-year package of funding, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023;

(b) the Southside Central Area Partnership's budget totalling £85,842.35, with an additional carry forward budget of £1,500.30

(c) that the Area Partnership had allocated £59,550.33 to date leaving a balance of £27,792.31 yet to be allocated and spent by 31st March 2023; and

(d) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget 2022/23; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
SEAL – South East Area Lifestyle	Towards the cost of distribution of 400 vegetable soup packs, 200 health and wellbeing packs and to run an 8 week mindfulness and relaxation course	Approved £3,630
St Bride's Primary School	Towards the cost of purchasing sensory equipment for the school's sensory room	Approved £1,652
Gorbalites 50+	Towards the cost of running a 2-month footcare programme and a trip to Prestwick for 55 members	Approved £1,925
Community Renewal Trust	Towards the cost of conducting research in relation to non-attendance of school by members of the Roma community	Consideration continued as part of the 2023/24 Area Budget
Glasgow Rowing Club	Towards the purchase of a training boat	Approved £8,584
Govanhill Housing Association	Towards the cost ofeducational material and respective	Approved £8,584

	translations in relation to proper waste management, plants, bins and gardening euipment	
Citizens Theatre	Towards the cost of purchasing ipads for the Creative Learning Programme	Approved £3,029

Area Budget 2023/24 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2023/24 would be detailed in a future report. Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from their 2023/24 Area Budget at the January/February 2023 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2023/24 financial year and any funding recommended will be subject to confirmation of available finances.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the current Glasgow City Council budget position on the proposed Area Budget allocations;

(b) the current position on awarding funds from the 2023/24 allocation; and

(c) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2023/24 budget under existing delegated authority arrangements.

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Community Renewal Trust	Towards the cost of conducting research in relation to non-attendance of school by members of the Roma community	Approved £8,060 subject to approval of the 2023/24 budget by Glasgow City Council

(3) approved the provision of Travel Passes to GAP Childcare Services and TASK Childcare.