Item 1

20th April 2023

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting on 2nd February 2023, held in the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; John Gerrard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; Lise Fisher, (on behalf of the Executive Director ofNeighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Jay Sutherland, Garnethill Community Council; and Inspector Jonathon Watters, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Depute Lord Provost Christy Mearns, Glasgow City Council; Kate Drummond, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector Network; and Jane Sutherland, Garnethill Community Council.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); S Gray (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); L Lovelock, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector Network; and J McBride and G Quinn (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and Sam Matthews and Jenny Muir, Jacobs Steer.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the 17th November 2022 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update etc.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an update on the membership of this Partnership advising

(a) Station Commander Graeme Morrow and Station Commander Kenny McCartney had been nominated respectively as the representative and substitute representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(b) Lise Fisher has been nominated as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Governance Framework - Area Partnership Meeting Arrangements – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

3 With reference to the minutes fo 30th June 2022 when the Partnership agreed that further discussions would take place between elected members of this Partnership and the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities in relation to this Partnership having 6 meetings a year instead of 4 meetings a year as outlined in Section 10.1 of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework, there was heard a verbal update by Councillor Bolander, advising that

(a) historically the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership had met 6 times a year which enabled the Partnership to consider the higher volume of reports and presentations that had resulted as the Ward covered the city centre;

(b) the city centre was undergoing an unprecedented level of change, and that it was essential that the Area Partnership had capacity that allowed for essential items of business to be discussed and they were;

(c) a number of large scale proposals, including but not limited to redevelopment of the St Enoch's Centre and surrounding area, redevelopment of Buchanan Galleries, Candleriggs and King Street Car Park;

(d) the city centre also continued to have a number of ongoing infrastructure projects such as the Avenues Project, and major transport developments such as the Glasgow Metro, bus transformation plan and railway station developments;

(e) a significant number of updates had been required in relation to homelessness and the begging strategy, and the number of asylum seekers and refugees coming into the Ward;

(f) there had been a number of policing issues within the Ward that required regular review, which were not limited to parades and processions, anti social behaviour, drug misuse and other areas of concern to the local community;

(g) as a result foregoing meetings of the Partnership had had lengthy agendas resulting in meetings lasting over 3 hours.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) agreed that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities make a request to the Strategic Partnership to increase the number of meetings held for Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership to from 4 to 6 a year.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network update noted.

4 There was heard and noted an update by Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) regarding its work, advising

(1) of the Network's concerns regarding the funding decisions made recently in respect of projects within the Ward;

(2) that the decision to award most organisations only a percentage of their funding for which they had applied would again have consequences for the organisations and inevitably services would be reduced at a time when they were most needed. as detailed in the report. and

(3) that a number of organisations had only received part of their funding, and the NWGVSN would provide assistance to those groups seeking alternative funding sources.

Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership – Update noted.

5 There was heard a presentation by Steve Gray, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Sam Matthews and Julie Weir, Jacobs Steer in relation the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership (GBP) advising that

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

(b) 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;

(c) buses would be given higher priority in any future city planning;

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

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

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

(g) 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

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

City Centre Transport Plan and People First Zone – Update noted.

6 There was heard and noted a presentation by Steve Gray, Neighbourhoods, Regneration and Sustainability regarding the City Centre Transport Plan (CCTP) and People First Zone advising that

(a) the CCTP would replace the City Centre Transport Strategy 2014-2024;

(b) the CCTP builds on previous work and studies and had been aligned with the National Transport Strategy and overarching Glasgow Transport Strategy (GTS), and was aligned with a number of additional policies;

(c) the vision and strategy of the CCTP would be to reinforce the city centre's economic competitiveness, by supporting the doubling of the population and reconnecting the city centre with surrounding communities and the riverside;

(d) the CCTP also aimed to reduce car dependency and traffic dominance in the city centre in order to create a people friendly city centre that was healthier and cleaner;

(e) of the key aims of the CCTP;

(f) that a public consultation had taken place between 27th July and 12th September 2022 which had engaged with over 500 people; and

(g) the CCTP would provide a 10 year strategy for transforming the city centre, sitting alongside the overarching GTS, Liveable Neighbourhood Plan and the Active Travel Strategy to help guide decision-making for transportation in the city centre to 2033.

Homelessness, Rough Sleepers and Ukrainian Refugees Update noted.

7 There was heard and noted an update by Jim McBride and Gary Quinn, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnerhship (HSCP) with regards to homelessness, rough sleepers and Ukrainian refugees advising that

(a) the issues relating to homelessness and rough sleeping presented a major challenge to the city;

(b) many of the cases being dealt with relate to individuals with complex support needs, including many with a long standing dependency of drugs and alcohol misuse;

(c) although 85% of homelessness referrals were accommodated in an emergency furnished flat, a number of homeless individuals continued to live in hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, with the hotels being based in the city centre;

(d) the priority was to move people out of hotel accommodation as soon as possible, with single women and families given priority;

(e) a new complex needs service had been introduced in March 2022 with a team of 60 staff, who worked in partnership with Police Scotland, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and the Third Sector;

(f) the homelessness hub on Argyle Street was managed by the Simon Community, which provided a walk in hub offering access to advice, access to services and support to those affected by homelessness;

(g) intelligence had found that there were 4 long term rough sleepers in Glasgow City Centre, with an average of short term rough sleepers being between 20 to 25 people a night, and homelessness services, HSCP and Police Scotland working to try and provide accommodation to anyone found rough sleeping; and

(h) Ukrainians would be allowed stay in Scotland for 3 years with an entitlement to all benefits, and advised that 600 Ukrainians had been placed in temporary accommodation in addition to 1059 Ukrainians who had been placed in accommodation on HMS Ambition, and that support had been provide to those on the ship.

Police Scotland update noted.

8 There was heard and noted an update by Inspector Jonathon Watters, Police Scotland regarding the work being carried out in the area, advising that

(a) 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 of the plans would be published in April 2023;

(b) Operation Optimise was ongoing as bike thefts continued to be an issue, and that further bike marking events would take place whenever possible;

(c) theft of motor vehicles in the Anderston and Yorkhill areas continued to be an issue that was being investigated by Police Scotland;

(d) a number of businesses had signed up to provide safe spaces as part of the heat safe network; and

(e) a meeting would take place on Monday 6th February 2023 with regards to the gathering of car enthusiasts, and that Police Scotland would continue to target it's resources as appropriate.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) requested Inspector Watters provide an update with regards to City Centre Exclusion Orders.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Ward update noted.

9 There was heard a verbal report by Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), advising of the current issues, incidents and work being carried out within the Ward for the period from 1st October – 31st December 2022, advising that

(a) there had been 63 fires, including 50 accidental fires and 13 deliberate fires, 94 special services and 625 false alarms;

(b) that there had been 5 non-fatal causualties, 3 from road traffic accidents and 2 rescues related to water incidents; and

(c) significant engagement work had taken place in order to reduce the number of false alarms generated; and

(d) the SFRS continued to provide community engagement around the dangers of fire by attending 21 events within the Ward;

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) raised a question with regards to the provision of enhanced home safety visits to homeless people provided with temporary accommodation which was answered by Station Commander Morrow.

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

10 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 an introduction to the Area Budget, details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the allocation of £62,446.05 to this Partnership;

(b) that to date Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership had committed a total of £62,446.05 (99.999%), leaving a remaining balance of £0.86 (0.001%); and

(c) applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the

Report.

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

11 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 have 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*
SiMY Community Development	Towards the cost of providing additional support workers to deliver a programme of activities for children and young people	Approved £6,210

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership Workplan noted.

12 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the workplan for the Anderston City Yorkhill Area Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) suggested that planning and the new City Plan be added this Partnership's work plan.