Item 13

31st January 2023

NORTH WEST SECTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th January 2023 at the City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair), Councillor Blair Anderson, Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Eva Bolander, Bailie Patricia Ferguson, Councillor Eva Murray, Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Paul Douglas and Chief Inspector John McCartin, Police Scotland; Group Commander Mark Meehan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sheila White, Glasgow FE Colleges; Dougie Taylor and Martina Johnston-Gray, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Sharon Bowers, Elizabeth Brown, Irene Loudon, Andrew Lynch, Lionel Most, Charlotte Noble and Ellen Wright, Community Representatives.

Apologies: Councillor Allan Gow; Janet Hayes, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Mark Leitch, Skills Development Scotland; and David Nicholson and Duncan Speirs, Community Representatives.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); B Monaghan, Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities; and T Bowers, P Boyce and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities).

Death of Allan McGinness.

1 The Chair referred to the recent death of Allan McGinness, community representative for Canal Area Partnership and member of Lambhill Community Council, and extended the Partnership's condolences to his family.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 22nd September 2022 were submitted and approved.

Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the current membership of the Partnership, advising that

(1) Bailie Patricia Ferguson had replaced Councillor Paul Carey as the elected member representative for the Drumchapel/Anniesland ward;

(2) Station Commander Kenny McCartney had replaced Station Commander David McGroarty as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue services;

(3) Chief Inspector John McCartin had replaced Chief Inspector Natalie Carr as the representative for Police Scotland;

(4) Irene Loudon had been nominated as the member representative for Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership;

(5) Andrew Lynch had been nominated as the substitute representative for Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership; and

(6) Elizabeth Brown was now the member representative and Duncan Speirs the substitute representative for Victoria Park Area Partnership.

Review of Sector Partnerships – Preferred option agreed – Recommendation to Strategic Partnership.

4 With reference to the minutes of 22nd September 2022 when the Partnership noted an update on work that had been undertaken to review the Sector Partnerships, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing a further update in relation to the future of the Sector Partnerships and providing options for members to consider,

(1) advising that

(a) the refreshed Community Action Plan continued to be developed with an expected sign-off in early 2023 so it was not possible at this stage to factor this into the review of Sector Partnerships;

(b) the role of Sector Partnerships in Phase 2 of the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) had been agreed and they would be responsible for awarding funding, covering the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026, to organisations providing a service in the relevant sector;

(c) the findings from the survey of Community Planning partners had been considered by the Partnership on 22nd September 2022, that the results showed a large degree of uncertainty around the role and value of Sector Partnerships and a range of responsibilities had been suggested for them in future; and

(d) the role of Senior Officer Groups was even less clear as only one of the 3 groups had been operating in recent years, and that only 1 in 7 respondents was a member of a Senior Officer Group; and

(e) many of the revised duties which had been selected for Sector Partnerships by respondents could be carried out more effectively by

other structures, for example Area Partnerships were better placed to engage and understand the needs of local communities; and

(2) detailing the 3 options for consideration by Partnership members for the future of sectoral Community Planning in Glasgow, which were for

(a) Sector Partnerships to continue but meet less frequently, once or twice per year instead of quarterly;

(b) Sector Partnerships to cease to operate with responsibility for any in-year consideration of GCF Phase 2 projects to be undertaken by the Strategic Partnership; and

(c) the status quo to remain in place with Sector Partnerships meeting 4 times per year with a revised remit to be agreed following discussions with partners but based on the responses identified in the Smart Survey.

After consideration, the Partnership

(i) noted the work undertaken in relation to the future of Sector Partnerships; and

(ii) agreed that Option 1, as detailed in the report, was the preferred option and that this would be reported to the Strategic Partnership in early 2023.

Glasgow Communities Fund – Phase Two 2023-26 - Division – Funding proposals approved - Declaration of interest.

6 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 4th August 2022 (Print 2, page 279) agreeing the approach for Phase Two of the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) which was due to begin in April 2023, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an update on the implementation of the GCF and seeking approval of grant recommendations from the agreed North West programme, advising

(1) that the approach to implementing Phase Two of the GCF was supported by an operational framework that incorporated learning from the GCF Phase 1 and from an Ipsos Mori review;

(2) that the total budget allocation for the GCF from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026 was £55,871,742 and it had been agreed to commit to the 3-year budget allocation, as set, meaning that it would be fixed in the budget;

(3) of the GCF city-wide and sector allocations that had been approved by the City Administration Committee on 12th January 2023 and that the funding recommendations for the North East Sector, North West Sector, and the South Sector would be considered at the relevant Sector Partnerships at their meetings on 19th and 20th January 2023;

(4) that the application process had gone live on 8th August 2022 with a closing date of 12th September 2022 and applications were required to be submitted online using a Smart Survey platform that enabled mandatory supporting documents to be uploaded by applicants as required;

(5) that 436 applications with a total value of £136,589,926 had been assessed using the methodology, as detailed in the report, however set against an available budget of £49,323,573, this equated to 64% more than available funds;

(6) that it was proposed that the applicants, as detailed in Appendix 1a to the report be granted funding from the GCF city-wide award from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026;

(7) that those applicants not recommended for funding, as detailed in Appendix 1b to the report would be given formal confirmation of their unsuccessful GCF application as soon as possible and a mechanism to provide feedback was being developed, with the aim of providing feedback by the end of February 2023; and

(8) that an Equality Impact Assessment which outlined the next steps in relation to the monitoring process of the Fund would be developed in partnership with strategic leads from across the Council family, other funders and the Third Sector.

Adjournment.

7 The Partnership agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1340 hours until 1350 hours.

Resumption of meeting.

8 The meeting resumed at 1350 hours and the sederunt was taken as follows:-

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair), Councillor Blair Anderson, Councillor Ken Andrew, Councillor Eva Bolander, Bailie Patricia Ferguson, Councillor Eva Murray, Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Sheila White, Glasgow Clyde College; Dougie Taylor and Martina Johnston-Gray, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Sharon Bowers, Elizabeth Brown, Irene Loudon, Andrew Lynch, Lionel Most and Ellen Wright, Community Representatives.

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Attending: C Jack (Clerk); B Monaghan, Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities; and T Bowers, P Boyce and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities).

Councillor Bolander, seconded by Councillor Andrew, moved the recommendations as detailed in the report.

Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved as an amendment the recommendations as detailed in the report with the addition of the following recommendations:

- express frustration and disappointment at the extremely limited opportunities for democratic scrutiny and accountability – both in terms of time and access to officers;

- note frustrations at the shortcomings in the current process particularly around meaningful community engagement; and

- look forward to the review of the existing methodology, noting that community members, the third sector and sector partnerships should be meaningfully involved in this process.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands 9 members voted for the amendment and 5 for the motion.

In terms of paragraph 9.2 of the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework as a two third majority had not been reached neither proposal was accepted.

Thereafter, and after further consideration, the Partnership unanimously agreed to

(a) note

(i) the progress to date on the implementation of the Glasgow Communities Fund; and

(ii) the applications not recommended for funding from the North West programme allocation at Appendix 1b;

(b) approve the North West programme of recommendations from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026 at Appendix 1a; and

(c) acknowledge the need for a review of the methodology which had been used for Phase 2 of the Glasgow Communities Fund, which would constructively engage with the members of the communities of the North West and take on board their frustrations about the room for improvement within this process with a view to improving the process for the next phase of the Glasgow Communities Fund;

In terms of the Governance Framework Councillor Abdul Bostani declared an interest in respect of the Glasgow Afghan United application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon in respect of that application.

Minutes of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership noted.

9 The minutes of the Glasgow Community Planning Strategic Partnership of 6th December 2022 were submitted and noted.