NORTH EAST SECTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

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

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Councillor Maureen Burke, Bailie Anthony Carroll, Councillor Christina Cannon, Councillor Laura Doherty, Councillor Greg Hepburn, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Alex Kerr, Glasgow City Council; Commander Lorna Yuill, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mike Burns, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Robin Ashton, Glasgow FE Colleges; Michaela Collins, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, Group and Josephine Donachy, John Ferguson, Jimmy Reilly and Marie McCairns, Community Representatives.

Apologies: Karen McGuire, Skills Development Scotland and John Thorburn, Community Representative.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); and T Bowers and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2022 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the current membership of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and that

(1) Mary Dunn was no longer the substitute representative for Calton Area Partnership and that the Area Partnership would be contacted in order to nominate a replacement substitute;

(2) Maura McGregor was no longer the substitute member for GHA, that both positions were now vacant, and that the organisation would be contacted in order to nominate a member and substitute;

(3) Margaret McQuade was no longer the representative for North East Area Partnership, that both positions were now vacant and that the Area Partnership would be contacted in order to nominate a replacement member and substitute; and

(4) Eddie Andrews was no longer the representative for Baillieston Area Partnership and that the Area Partnership would be contacted in order to nominate a replacement representative.

Glasgow Communities Fund - Phase Two 2023-26 – Funding approved – Declarations of interest.

3 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 East 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

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

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

(iii) concerns which had been raised by members of this Partnership regarding the extent of meaningful community engagement and the time allowed for scrutiny of the proposals, and hoped that officers would consider these concerns when reviewing this phase of the Glasgow Communities Fund with lessons to be learnt for the next phase; and

(iv) the commitments given by officers and the City Convenor for Communities, at the meeting of the City Administration Committee on Thursday 12th January 2023, that

(A) all unsuccessful applicants to be offered support and advice by officers in accessing other sources of funding, with priority to be given to organisations who previously received funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund; and

(B) all successful applicants be offered ongoing training and capacity-building support to ensure diversified and sustainable funding streams;

(b) approved the North East programme of recommendations from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026 in Appendix 1a;

(c) expressed its gratitude to all community organisations, charities and volunteers whose work brought so much value to communities in the North East of Glasgow;

(d) thanked, in particular, the volunteers who took part in the North East Sector review panel as part of the Glasgow Communities Fund process; and

(e) requested that future reports to update on this support process be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership;

In terms of the Governance Framework, the following members declared an interest as detailed below and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon in respect of that application

(I) Michaela Collins - PEEK: Possibilities for Each and Every Kid ;

(II) Councillor Doherty - Glasgow East Arts

(III) Councillor Cannon - Royston Youth Action

(IV) Robin Ashton - Glasgow Kelvin

(V) Councillor Burke - Glasgow East Alcohol Programme and Women's Aid.

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

4 With reference to the minutes of 21st September 2022 when the Partnership noted an update on work which 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 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 21st September 2022, that the results showed a large degree of uncertainty around the role and value of Sector Partnerships and that a range of responsibilities had been suggested for them in future;

(d) the role of Senior Officer Groups was even less clear as only 1 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) agreed that option 1, as detailed in the report, was the preferred option; and

(ii) noted that the Partnership's preferred option would be reported to the Strategic Partnership in early 2023.

Minutes of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership noted.

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