**Item 1**

**24th August 2023**

# SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 8th June 2023.

## Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Paul McCabe (Chair), Jill Brown, Holly Bruce, Graham Campbell, William Graham, Ann Jenkins, Elaine McSporran, Leòdhas Massie, Robert Mooney and Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland; Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mark Nicol, Wheatley Housing Group; Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Lynsey Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Eileen Marshall, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); T Jackson, K Baxter and R MacLeod, Community Empowerment and Equalities; G Cairns, D Glover and J Rodden (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Inspector Jim Young, Police Scotland.

### Chairs remarks.

**1** Bailie McCabe opened the meeting by acknowledging those who had tragically lost their lives recently on Glasgow's roads and passed on condolences to the families and everyone concerned.

### Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

**2** The minutes of 16th March 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following updates

(1) in relation to the progress made in establishing a 'Road Safety roundtable discussion', T Jackson advised the Partnership that

(a) relevant Council and Police Scotland Officers had met twice since the last meeting to discuss the best way to progress this matter;

(b) it had been agreed that the platform CONSUL would be the best networking tool to use as it was a dynamic way of maximising public engagement, with all officers involved being trainied in the use of the platform prior to its launch;

(c) confimed officers participating in the exercise would come from Glasgow City Council, Community Empowerment and Equalities, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Roads and Liveable Neighbourhoods), Police Scotland (Roads Policing – both local and national) and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(d) all officers were mindful of the potential outcomes that could arise from the 'roundtable discussions' and how they could feed into existing plans e.g. Local Policing Plan and Glasgow's Liveable Neighbourhoods and Road Safety Plan;

(e) Terms of Reference and the questions set for CONSUL would be agreed with the Chair of this Partnership prior to launch; and

(f) it was anticipated that the launch on CONSUL would be in September 2023, with it remaining open for a period of 4 months to ensure maximum public engagement; and

(2) in relation to the future funding of MARAC, Bailie McCabe advised that he had written to both the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive seeking the appropriate route for engagement with regards to the future funding for this vital service and would report back to the next meeting of this Partnership with an update.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted**.

**3** 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 Lynsey Smith had been appointed as member for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, replacing Pat Togher and Stephen McVey had been appointed as substitute member in place of Lynsey Smith.

**Variation in order of business.**

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

**COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum – Update noted.**

**5** The Partnership heard a verbal update from Bailie McCabe in relation to the COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum he attended on 9th May 2023, summarising

(1) that the Police budget for 2023/24 would be £1,328.2m;

(2) savings of approximately £50m had to be found, however, there would be no compulsory redundancies made as a result;

(3) the call centre update from January to April 2023 that included customer satisfaction using the 101 service; and

(4) that a copy of the Forum's presentation was available to any member of the Partnership that wished further information.

**Go Safe Glasgow (Road Safety) – Presentation etc noted.**

**6** There was heard a presentation by George Cairns, Glasgow City Council Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding work currently being carried out by NRS, advising

(1) of Scotland's Road Safety Framework and the Glasgow City Council Road Safety Plan, including the local transport strategy, behavioural change strategy, active travel strategy and liveable neighbourhoods;

(2) of the national road safety framework, which was based on the safe systems approach and the 5 pillars of road safety namely, safe speeds, safer roads and roadsides, safer road use, post crash response and safe vehicles;

(3) of key accident analysis and the speed analysis tool which gave data on locations throughout the city and linked in with the work of the safety camera partnership who used statistics to determine where to place cameras;

(4) of the work in relation to education in schools, training, publicity and partnership working; and

(5) that the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the work of the 'Go Safe Glasgow' Partnership, however, it would be relaunched this year.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) thanked Mr Cairns for his presentation;

(b) expressed concern that neither the Council or Police Scotland collated 'near miss/non injury' data due to limited resources, with resources targeted at reducing casualties; and

(c) noted that

(i) the liveable neighbourhood plans was a route to be able to look at local based issues of road users within particular areas;

(ii) the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, was currently looking at how road usage had changed since the COVID-19 pandemic; and

(iii) over the summer period, Police Scotland would be launching its driVR campaign that would target school aged children on all issues relating to road safety, hazard perception etc by using virtual reality headset technology.

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2022-23 – Performance report for Quarter 4 noted.**

**7** There was submitted and noted a report by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing an overview of the current performance for Quarter 4 2022/23, from 1st January to 31st March 2023, advising

(1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fires, unintentional injury or harm 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 significantly decreased during this quarter compared to the same period the previous year, with work ongoing with partner agencies Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to target and continue to reduce those figures;

(3) that tragically, accidental dwelling fire casualties had an increase of 2 fatalites compared to the previous quarter;

(4) of a slight increase in the number of accidental other building fires from the previous year's quarter, however it remained below the 5-year average;

(5) that whilst there was a slight increase in the number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) compared to the same period the previous year, the changes to the UFAS response from 1st July 2023 would see a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incindents attended by operational crews, however SFRS would still attend care homes, hospitals etc with there usual response;

(6) that during Quarter 3, SFRS had responded to a total of 3,431 incidents in the Glasgow City area and outwith UFAS, the number of incidents attended for each category during this quarter had been lower; and

(7) that all elected members would be sent a letter detailing the current information from the SFRS Strategic Service Review Programme, detailing where required savings would be made over the next 4 years;

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(a) a further meeting of this Partnership would be held to discuss the changes and the impact that the SFRS Strategic Service Review would have operationally within Glasgow; and

(b) SFRS would hold further meetings with all elected members upon request.

**Taser use - Presentation noted.**

**8** There was heard a presentation by Inspector Jim Young, Police Scotland, in relation to taser use, advising

(1) that Police Scotland currently had 1360 specially trained officers (STO) with 169 of those deployable within Glasgow;

(2) that it was the intention to increase the number of STOs to 2000 by 2024;

(3) that all taser use from the stages between draw to discharge were submitted to and reviewed by the National Taser Unit Policy and Compliance (NTUPC) with any discharges referred to the Professional Standards Department (PSD) and the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) for Scotland for independent review;

(4) of the rigorous selection process that officers had to go through to become a STO, as well as an initial 4-day training course, comprising of theory and practical assessments, and an additional annual refresher course;

(5) that whilst Glasgow had been sent to more incidents than any other police division in Scotland, it had one of the lowest discharge rates in the country; and

(6) of the statistics around, age, gender and ethnicity.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Inspector Young for his presentation;

(b) was encouraged by the lack of ethnic disparity; and

(c) noted that

(i) taser use had proven to be an effective tool in policing as STOs were now frequently deployed to situations that might have previously required an armed response;

(ii) the rules around deployment of STO’s were based on the national decision making model, with all STO standard operating procedures publicly available online; and

(iii) Chief Superintendent Sutherland would share further information with Councillor Campbell on when Police Scotland stopped referring all types of taser use, outwith discharge, to PSD and PIRC.

**Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2020-23 – Performance for Year 3, Quarter 4 noted.**

**9** There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Quarter 4 period from 1st January to 31st March 2023, advising

(1) of the continued drive forward with its Public Health Approach to policing, which involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of communities;

(2) that overall, violent crimes associated with violence against women and girls had noted a downward trend compared with the previous year;

(3) of some of the work being undertaken in relation to public protection, violence, antisocial behaviour, protecting vulnerable people, events, crime and serious and organised crime;

(4) of on-going road safety campaigns, namely, Fatal Four, that targeted mobile phone use whilst driving and the Seatbelt, Vulnerable Road Users and Speeding campaign; and

(5) that sadly, 7 road deaths had been recorded during this quarter.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the statement read out by Chief Superintendent Sutherland from the Chief Constable on institutional discrimination indicating that this was available in full on the Police Scotland website;

(b) that there would be an additional Partnership meeting arranged for Police Scotland to bring further information on institutional discrimination along with other areas raised at the previous meeting;

(c) that due to the year-end figures on complaints being unavailable nationally, Chief Superintendent Sutherland would send them to the Chair of this Partnership when the figures were released and that they would be included in the update at the next meeting;

(d) that the HMICS thematic inspection of hate crime had given positive feedback on this area to Police Scotland, however it was important for all partners to be proactive in tackling hate crime; and

(e) that a report would be submitted to a future meeting in relation to the Dame Elish Angiolini report and the change in legislation.

**Hate Crime Working Group – Update noted.**

**10** There was submitted and noted a report and presentation by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the work of the Hate Crime Working Group, highlighting

(1) that the GOLD training module had now been completed by 1026 learners since its launch;

(2) the education and training had been offered and delivered to services within the Council and with its parter organisations;

(3) that third party reporting numbers in Glasgow were low and recruitment of new sites were on hold pending a review by the Scottish Government;

(4) the progress 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;

(5) that National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023 would take place from 14th to 21st October 2023; and

(6) the ongoing work with Boots and Beards on a pilot that encouraged Council funded organisations to sign up to the anti-racist charter and encourage anti-racist activities for staff and services users.

**Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan – Consideration continued.**

**11** The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report and presentation by the Head of Community Justice Glasgow regarding the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan.

**Future meeting dates noted.**

**12** The Partnership noted the following meeting dates:-

24th August 2023 at 1400 hours; and
23rd November 2023 at 1000 hours.