SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1
5th October 2023

Glasgow, 24th August 2023.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Graham Campbell, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Bailie Leòdhas Massie, Councillor Robert Mooney and Councillor 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; Eileen Marshall, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Apologies: Councillor William Graham and Bailie Ann Jenkins.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); T Jackson, K Baxter and R MacLeod, Community Empowerment and Equalities; K Hay, for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Chief Superintendent David Robertson and Superintendent Davina Fereday, Police Scotland and Stephen Nesbit, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Chairs remarks.

1 Bailie McCabe opened the meeting by thanking Scottish Fire and Rescue Services for its quick response to a recent fire at the former Carnbooth House Hotel, Carmunnock.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

2 The minutes of 8th June 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting a verbal update by T Jackson in relation to the progress in establishing a 'Road Safety Digital Roundtable', highlighting that

(1) further meetings were planned to finalise arrangments for the CONSUL, Glasgow Community Choices Road Safety exercise;

(2) planning for the road safety digital exercise was on target to start in late September 2023; and

(3) officers would look at how the outcomes from the 'Road Safety Digital Roundtable' would feed into existing plans e.g. the local police plan, liveable neighbourhoods and Glasgow's road safety plan.

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 Councillor Philip Braat had been appointed as a member replacing Councillor Jill Brown.

Bonfire planning - Presentation noted.

4 There was heard a presentation by Group Commander Stephen Nesbit, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the work currently being undertaken in relation to planning for Bonfire night 2023, advising

(1) that a multi-agency approach had been re-established across Glasgow to provide a co-ordinated approach to the protocols for Bonfire night due to its success last year;

(2) of the 'Firework Control Zone' powers for Local Authorities that had came into effect in June 2023 and the factors surrounding why it would be unlikely that these would be used during 2023; and

(3) of forthcoming engagement, education and publicity campaigns.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Group Commander Nesbit for his presentation.

Variation in order of business.

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

Public trust and confidence - Presentation noted etc.

6 There was heard a presentation by Davina Fereday, Police Scotland, in relation to public trust and confidence, advising

(1) of the drivers of public confidence in policing and how these insights had been put into practice;

(2) of the results from the 'Your Police' and the 'User Experience' surveys and how they had been broken down into public confidence and public experience of contact;

(3) of a 'users journey', highlighting what had gone well and areas for improvement compared to the national average;

(4) that over the past year, overall satisfaction in Glasgow had mostly remained above the national average; and

(5) how local events could impact public confidence with enhanced visibility being a contributing factor.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Davina Fereday for her presentation; and

(b) agreed that further information on this matter be submitted to a future meeting.

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2020-23 - Year 3 performance noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the year end performance of Police Scotland during the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, advising that

(1) unfortunately due to data deadline timings, this update had been unavailable at the last meeting; and

(2) reduced budgets would likely have an impact on some areas of policing, however this would be kept under review and the Partnership updated accordingly.

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 - Year 1 - Performance for Quarter 1 noted.

8 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 1 period from 1st April to 30th June 2023, advising

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

(2) of the work being undertaken in relation to crime, community wellbeing, events and operations and serious organised crime;

(3) that domestic abuse of females had noted a 10.6% reduction compared to the same period the previous year;

(4) that sadly, there had been 7 fatal road crashes in this quarter, one cyclist and 6 pedestrians, 2 of which had been children;

(5) that Greater Glasgow Division continued to work with Professional Standards to monitor complaints and allegations and identify any trends; and

(6) that there had been a 19.2% decrease in complaints compared to the previous year, with a 24.7% reduction compared to the 3-year average.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(a) Chief Superintendent Sutherland would be on secondment for the next 3 months and Chief Superintendent David Robertson would be covering in his absence; and

(b) near misses for road incidents were not currently recorded, however this could be looked at by the group working on the Road Safety Glasgow Community Choices exercise.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2023-26 – Verbal update noted.

9 There was heard a verbal update by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on the draft local Fire and Rescue Plan 2023-26, advising that

(1) the draft local plan was currently being reviewed by SFRS; and

(2) there would be a further update regarding this at the November meeting of this Partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2022-23 – Performance for Quarter 1 noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an overview of the current performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) for the period Quarter 1 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, deliberate fire setting along with details for each Glasgow City Council ward with the year-on-year percentage change and 3-year average change;

(2) that unintentional injury or harm had seen an increase from the previous years quarter;

(3) that work was ongoing with Police Scotland to identify road accident hotspots and placing QR codes linked to road safety campaigns around the city;

(4) that non-domestic fires had incrased from the previous years quarter, with all fires within non-domestic premises being followed up with a visit from an SFRS Protection Officer who would carry out a post fire audit;

(5) that changes to the SFRS Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st^{t} July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarms attended by operational crews;

(6) that when more UFAS data was available, a further update would be provided to a future meeting; and

(7) that the prevention and protection team had been supporting building owners where issues had arisen with the external wall systems.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked SFRS for

(i) the comprehensive information session held for all elected members on the strategic service review and the impact it would have operationally within Glasgow; and

(ii) sharing its slides and report with the elected members who had attended the session; and

(b) noted that SFRS would hold further meetings with elected members if requested.

Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership – Update noted.

11 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the work of the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership (GVAWP), highlighting

(1) that the GVAWP city wide strategic plan was currently in draft form and the final version would be considered at a GVAWP meeting later in the year; and

(2) that Multi-agency Risk Assessment Confrence (MARAC) funding for the next 2 years had now been secured, which would enable the appointment of a 3rd MARAC Co-ordinator.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) welcomed the future funding for MARAC over the next 2 years.

Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-28 approved,

12 There was submitted a report and presentation by the Head of Community Justice Glasgow regarding the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP), highlighting

(1) the various ways engagement had taken place to ensure the views of Community Justice Glasgow Partners (CJG) and wider Glasgow communities were reflected in the CJOIP;

(2) the final vision statement agreed by CJG partnership was “reduce reoffending and the use of custody to the benefit of all Glasgow citizens”;

(3) the 6 key themes that would inform the focus over the next 5 years; and

(4) the 4 improvement plans which would be used to measure success.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Karen Baxter for her presentation; and

(b) approved the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for 2023-28.

Future meeting dates noted.

13 The Partnership

(a) noted the following future meeting dates:-

5th October 2023 at 10am (additional);
23rd November 2023 at 10am; and

(b) agreed to move all Partnership meetings in 2024 to start at 10am instead of 2pm.