ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1
30th June 2022

Minutes of meeting on 17th March 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Lord Provost Philip Braat, Depute Lord Provost Christy Mearns, Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; John Gerrard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; Irene Louden, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Jane Sutherland, Garnethill Community Council; and Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); N Chauhdry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Fisher, and J Foster (for the Executive Direcor of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and K Drummond and L Lovelock, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector Network.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the 10th February 2022 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business.

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

Police Scotland update noted.

3 There was heard an update by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland regarding the work being carried out in the area, advising

(1) that officers within the Anderston Division had attended training sessions organised by the I Am Me charity with regard to disability hate crime and the creation of registered safe spaces for disabled people, and that this training would be rolled out to officers city wide;

(2) that officers had attended the Community Information Day at the Pyramid, and had engaged with the organisations and members of the public in attendance at the event; and

(3) of current operational activity being undertaken with regards anti-social behaviour as a result of youths gathering in the city centre.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of concerns which were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the report;

(2) that Gary Atkinson had been appointed as the representative and Tam Coyle the substitute representative for Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; and

(3) that no nomination from this Partnership had been received for the vacant representative and substitute position on the North West Sector Partnership.

Glasgow Begging Strategy – Update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a report by the Executive Director of, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability with regard to the Glasgow Begging Strategy (GBS), advising

(1) of the background and the origins around the establishment of the GBS;

(2) of the context and challenges associated with street begging which had been further affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3) that more recently emerging increases to general costs of living, including food and energy price hikes would only further increase the chances of more individuals/households slipping below the poverty line and that the Council in consultation with its project partners continued to assess the potential impact of these issues which had been reflected in the Council's budget for 2002/23 to focus on pandemic recovery, communities and supporting households most vulnerable to a cost-of-living crisis;

(4) that the GBS delivery had been impacted like many other Council projects and interventions, by the incidence of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(5) that overall, the Council had had to prioritise and focus resources on the economic recovery of the city, through such strategic workstreams as the City Centre Task Force and the Glasgow Economic Recovery Group;

(6) of the action plan for the GBS and activity across key projects including future activity proposals as detailed in the report; and

(7) that despite significant challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, the GBS remained largely on track.

Your Neighbourhoods, Your Place – Update noted.

6 There was heard and noted an update by Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) advising the partnership that

(1) Operation Mother had commenced in relation to the policing of Kelvingrove Park and NRS had been engaging with elected members, community councils and other stakeholders in this regard; and

(2) the deadline for applications for the Lane Improvement Fund had passed and that applications would be assessed on 24th March 2022.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network update noted.

7 There was heard and noted an update by Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on their work, advising that

(1) NWGVSN and their members were reviewing the format of reports provided to the Partnership and advised that any feedback from members would be welcomed;

(2) the IT recycling project had provided IT equipment to 20 households within the Ward; and

(3) the Community Information Day at the Pyramid on 1st March 2022 had been successful with other 75 members of the public attending, who were given the opportunity to meet with local third sector organisations, and that it was hoped that this event would be held on an annual basis going forward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service update – Consideration Continued.

8 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 29th August 2019, when the committee approved the proposed budget for the Glasgow Communities Fund for the next 3 financial years, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for

2022/23, advising of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation.

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 2022/23 allocation;

(c) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2022/23 budget under existing delegated authority arrangements; and

(d) that to date, Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership had committed a total of £20,197 (32.3%) to various projects in the area from the 2022/23 budget, leaving a balance of £42,248 (67.7%) unallocated.

Area Partnership Overview 2017 – 2022 noted – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an overview of the activity of the Partnership during the current electoral term of office, advising

(1) of the partnership working with member organisations and community representatives on this Partnership;

(2) that the Partnership had provided feedback on a number of initiatives, including the Roads Investment Strategy, Local Fire and Rescue Plan consultation and engagement with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability with regard to cleansing activity within the Ward;

(3) of funding allocations made by this Partnership in relation to the Festive Lighting Programme and the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund;

(4) of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including details of projects which received funding to respond to issues created by the pandemic;

(5) tat the Partnership had overseen an area of grants process, as part of the Integrated Grants Fund/Glasgow Communities Fund, ensuring that it was consistent with the priorities of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (CPP), this Council, the CPP Sector implementation plan and Sector investment strategy which had seen a total of £303,095 had been allocated to 198 projects; and

(6) that a workplan had been developed in order to identify priorities for this Partnership.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that an overview of activity be presented to the Partnership on an annual basis.