Item 1

31st August 2022

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th June 2022 by video conference.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Councillor Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Lesley Ann Docherty, Police Scotland; William McLachlan, Gartcraig Community Council; and Jim Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council; Michelle Hunt, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Marie McCairns, Cranhill Community Council.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); D Speirs and A Moore (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and S McGinley, S McLean, A Mollon, R Noble and A Paterson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 19th January 2022 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

(1) Councillor Declan Blench, Bailie Annette Christie, Councillor Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner had been elected as members for the East Centre ward;

(2) Station Commander Anthony Meechan had retired from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and had been replaced by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun as the representative, with Station Commander Russell McKinlay as the new substitute representative; and

(3) Inspector Stevie Kinvig had retired from Police Scotland and had been replaced by Chief Inspector Scott Simpson as the representative, with Inspector Lesley Ann Docherty as the new substitute representative.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Options for investment continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund in the East Centre ward, advising

(1) of the local engagement undertaken around the use of open spaces; and

(2) of the list of options for investment of this fund and a breakdown of costs totalling £89,200.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) continued consideration on all 3 options for investment as detailed in the report; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide an updated report to the next meeting with further breakdown details on the 3 options at Greenfield Park, Lethamhill Road Play Area and Greenspace and Budhill Park Play Area; and

(ii) consider options and provide information on investment within Danny's Park.

Roads Investment 2022/23 – Update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding 2022/23 Citywide Road Assets Investment Strategy and Programmes,

(1) advising

(a) of the impact and key benefits that the 2022/23 Roads Assets Investment Strategy would deliver;

(b) that the strategy was developed by using data from customer reports, surveys and condition data to determine the road assets selected for repair and what would be achievable with the level of funding available; and

(c) of the anticipated outcomes of each programme of the strategy, as detailed in the report; and

(2) detailing in the appendix to the report, the list of road asset improvement schemes identified for the East Centre Ward as part of Roads usual Capital/Revenue spend.

After consideration, the partnership

(i) noted the report; and

(ii) provided feedback on some areas of concern within their communities.

East Centre Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Consideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbouroods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the recommended options for spend towards Neighbourhood Infrastructure asset improvements,

(1) advising

(a) that following the recent budget allocation for the Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been allocated an additional £23m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships to invest in repairs and/or improvements to existing or new neighbourhood infrastructure assets, which equated to an additional £1m per ward across the City, and that it was intended that this £1m of investment would be considered, consulted and informed by local communities and stakeholders into how it should be spent;

(b) of the aims and key themes that the investment would support, as detailed in the report;

(c) that as part of a public consultation, this Council had received and used feedback from stakeholders to assist in determining priorities for 2022/23; and

(d) that any potential investment idea that was considered must be able to be implemented on an area which was maintained at public expense or Council owned i.e. public open space, adopted roads or in relation to a neighbourhood asset which was already maintained at public expense, and was not available to undertake work on private land; and

(2) detailing a suite of projects to be considered and which should be delivered by March 2024, and the next steps and timelines as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership

(i) noted the report;

(ii) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide an updated report to the next meeting of the Partnership on the following matters:-

(A) Eskbank Street carriageways – provide detailed costs for the works;
(B) all carriageways options be listed in order of most critical need first;
(C) further breakdown on upgrade of traffic signal equipment at Stepps Road/M8 on ramp; and
(D) surveying of hotspots within the Cranhill area, in particular possible fencing at Fastnet Street to deter illegal dumping and possible options to secure the site at Skerryvore Street at St Maria Goretti Primary School; and

(iii) that meantime, any preferred options for the additional Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships £1m asset improvement fund for the East Centre Ward should be submitted to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability by end of July 2022 to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

Festive Lighting 2022/23 – Consideration continued - Request to Executive Director of Neighbouroods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2022/23 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting locations for the East Centre ward delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2022/23 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2021/22 programme in 2022/23, excluding switch-on events, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, the feasibility and cost of the new location would be assessed and reported back to the Chair of this partnership for a decision prior to 30th June 2022; and

(5) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeds the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the 2021/22 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2022/23 programme; and

(b) requested that a report be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration with a relevant officer from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability requested to be in attendance.

Area Budget 2022/23 – Introduction and applications for funding dealt with etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton Committee of 12th March 2020 (Print 7, page 527), when the committee approved the 2022/23 Area Budget allocations as part of a 3-year package of funding, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an introduction to the Area Budget, details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the introduction to the Area Budget;

(b) that a review of the area budget funding priorities would take place during 2022/23; and

(c) the current budget position for 2022/23; and

(2) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Smithycroft Secondary School	Update outdoor area to include sensory garden etc	Approved £5253
Easterhouse Football Academy – Equipment (Girls Team)	To hire Stepford (for a free trial month) and to purchase equipment for newly established girls football team	Approved £149
Easterhouse Football Academy – Equipment (Youth Team)	Purchase equipment for youth football team	Approved £337.50
Greyfriars Pipes and Drums	Towards the replacement of existing uniforms and purchase uniforms for new members	Approved £120

Barlanark Greyfriars Church of Scotland	Towards the costs of new Grill Cabin	Approved £6,000
Buddies Out of School Care	To purchase equipment for a new sensory room	Approved £10,241

A new model of Area Partnerships – Progress noted etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of 18th January 2022 when the Area Partnership noted the findings of the review of Area and Sector Partnerships, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an outline of progress and the next steps in implementing the new model of Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the recommendations and principles that were approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 7th December 2021, as detailed in the report;

(2) that Terms of Reference for Area Partnerships had been revised to take account of these proposals, that included the creation of Citizens' Panels;

(3) of the progress made to date of Citizens' Panels and the decision to pilot in 3 wards namely Calton (North East Sector), Canal (North West Sector) and Greater Pollok (South Sector);

(4) of the roles of the Area Partnerships and Citizens Panels, as detailed in the report;

(5) a timetable for Area Partnership meetings was currently under review and would be made available to the Partnership as soon as possible;

(6) that further update reports would be brought back to the Partnership for consideration; and

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the decisions taken by the GCPP Strategic Partnership in December 2021 together with the new timeframe for the implementation of the 3 pilot Citizens' Panels and the rollout to other Wards which had been extended to ensure enough time was available for the Panels to be genuinely co-designed with citizens; and

(b) agreed to notify the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities by 30th June 2022 of any additional information and support that was required to assist with the transition to the new model of Area Partnerships.

Minutes of North East Sector Community Planning Partnership noted

9 The minutes of the North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 2nd February 2022 were submitted and noted.