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Review of Area and Sector Partnerships – a new model for Area Partnerships

Purpose of Report:

To provide Area Partnership members with:

(1) The Glasgow Community Planning Partnership report from 7th December 2021 which outlines the background and context to the review of the City's Sector and Area Partnerships (attached at Appendix I);

(2) A recap of the recommendations approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership on 7th December 2021; and

(3) An outline of progress and the next steps in implementing the new model of Area Partnerships.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- note the decisions taken by the GCPP Strategic Partnership in December 2021; and
- advise of any additional information or support that members require to assist with the transition to the new model of Area Partnerships.

Purpose of report.

1. This report provides members with the background and context to a review of the City's Area Partnerships; details of the recommendations approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) on 7th December 2021; and an indication of the next steps in implementing the new model of Area Partnerships.

Introduction.

2. The background and context to the review were provided in a report to the Area Partnerships in January/February 2022. The report to GCPP is attached at Appendix I. This is particularly to assist new members of the Area Partnership.

3. The recommendations and principles that were approved by GCPP on 7th December are summarised below.

   a) The model is participatory and will encourage views and inputs from all sections of the community. Community representation and participatory democracy will be enhanced, particularly via the creation of a Citizens' Panel in each ward;
   b) Citizens panels will be piloted in three wards – Calton, Canal and Greater Pollok. Results from these pilots will inform discussions with regard any wider roll out across all 23 wards;
   c) The model is local, and Sector Partnerships would not be required as part of this neighbourhood-based approach;
   d) The model will support the development and scrutiny of a Local Area Action Plan (LAAP) for each Area Partnership;
   e) Priorities in these LAAPs will be aligned to the strategic priorities of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership;
   f) The model will be less formal, and less report based with consideration given to how to engage in non-traditional ways; and
   g) The model will prioritise effective communication both within the partnership and within communities.
   h) A programme of support will be put in place for Area Partnership members.

4. Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Area Partnerships were revised to take account of the proposals above, including the creation of the Citizens Panels. The revised terms of reference were attached to the previous report to the Area Partnerships and are attached to the GCPP Report in Appendix I.

Progress to date.

Citizens' Panels.

5. Area Partnerships and the Citizens' Panels in the ward will work together within this new local structure. In broad terms, roles would be as below:

- The Area Partnership to oversee the development and implementation of the LAAP, continue to make decisions on Council grants and fulfil its other roles as included in the revised Terms of Reference.
- The Citizens Panel to be a consultative body for the Area Partnership (for example on its Local Area Action Plan priorities) and for GCPP partners on various local and city level issues. This to help ensure that a wide range of citizens have a say on issues/services that affect them.

6. As highlighted earlier, the decision was made to pilot Citizens' Panels in three wards - Calton (North East Sector), Canal (North West Sector) and Greater Pollok (South Sector). Learning from the pilot areas would inform the roll out of Citizens' Panels across the City.

7. Members will recall that the intention was to implement these pilots prior to May 2022. However, at the last meetings of the Area Partnerships, the majority of members said that this timeframe was too short and a longer planning time was needed in order to fully consult and involve Area Partnership members and other local representatives in each of the three pilot wards.

8. As a result, the timeframe for the Citizen Panel pilots has been extended and they are being developed with the support of the Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI, which is part of NRS). CCI has been working with Council officers and partners and are about to engage with local people in the pilot areas to *co-design the pilot panels*.

9. CCi's work to date has found that, to genuinely co-design with citizens, a clear offer of what they are being asked to do is essential in order for citizens to sign up and understand if it is something they are interested in doing. CCI have invited key stakeholders to a meeting in the coming weeks to agree a clear definition on what is on offer and that will inform a vision for Citizen Power in Glasgow.

10. Therefore, the revised timeline for the development of Citizens' Panels is:

June to End August 2022 - Research and Co-Design.
Extend the research and co-design phase - design the offer from GCC/ GCPP and deep dive research and co-design with citizens.

September to November 2022 - Test & Learn phase.
Test & Learn phase in the 3 areas agreed running September to November (with independent evaluation).

December 2022 - Feedback and reporting.

January to March 2023 - Scale, Test & Learn.
Extend to more City Wards.

April to May 2023 - Final Engagement, Co-design, etc.
Co-design workshops to finalise the offer based on feedback and design.

June 2023 - Citywide Rollout of Citizen Panels.

11. While the extension to the initial timeline may be disappointing, it provides an opportunity to deliver something of real value, genuinely co-designed with citizens.

Area Partnership Timetable.

12. A timetable of Area Partnership meetings after the summer recess is being finalised and will be circulated to Area Partnership members as soon as is practicable. Members will be given the opportunity to provide comments on this timetable and agree where Area Partnership meetings should take place.

Next Steps

13. The following information/reports will be brought to the next meetings of the Area Partnerships. This will assist members with beginning the transition to the new model of Area Partnerships:

    a. An update on the three pilot Citizens' Panels;
    b. Ward information for that Area Partnership, including demographic composition, other relevant data, a high-level mapping of activity and groups in that ward and relevant plans that impact on that ward. It is hoped that this will assist members in developing a Local Area Action Plan for the Partnership and identifying additional organisations to co-opt as members;
    c. An update on the City's Community Action Plan to assist with members' understanding of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities;
    d. Guidance and a template for the Local Area Action Plan to ensure consistency of format and approach across all Area Partnerships;
    e. Details on local venues to allow members to decide on locations for future meetings;
    f. Proposals on how communication across the Community Planning Partnership and with communities will be improved;
    g. Details of training and ongoing support for members;
    h. An update on the future of the Sector Partnerships.

14. Members are asked to consider any additional information or support that they require to assist with the transition to a new model of Area Partnerships and make this known to Fiona Dickson or Derek Speirs by 30th June 2022.

Recommendations.

15. The Area Partnership is asked to:

    - note the decisions taken by the GCPP Strategic Partnership in December 2021; and
    - advise of any additional information or support that members require to assist with the transition to the new model of Area Partnerships.