

SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 23rd November 2023.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Councillor Elaine McSporry (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Graham Campbell, Councillor Robert Mooney and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent David Robertson, Police Scotland; Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jennifer Anderson, Wheatley Housing Group and Eileen Marshall, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Also present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell.

Apologies: Bailie Paul McCabe, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Bailie Leòdhas Massie, Glasgow City Council; Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Lynsey Smith, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); T Jackson, R MacLeod and M Smith, Community Empowerment and Equalities; D Glover, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Superintendent David Reid, Police Scotland.

Appointment of Chair noted.

1 In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Bailie Paul McCabe, Councillor Elaine McSporry had been nominated to Chair the meeting.

Thereafter, the Partnership passed on their best wishes to Bailie Paul McCabe during his period of absence.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

2 The minutes of 5th October 2023 were submitted and approved.

Bonfire debrief noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

3 There was heard a verbal update by Area Commander David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Superintendent David Robertson, Police Scotland regarding this year's Bonfire night, advising that

- (1) in general, this year's Bonfire night had passed with a small number of incidents recorded, which was a reduction on last year;

- (2) as a result of the multi-agency approach, there had been a number of uplifts undertaken of potential bonfires prior to Bonfire night, resulting in fewer bonfires on the night;
- (3) preventative work by partner agencies had been carried out in Glasgow schools, educating children on the dangers of fireworks and lighting of bonfires etc;
- (4) unfortunately, there had been 3 attacks on firefighters, damage to one fire appliance and 5 police officers had also been injured across the Glasgow area; and
- (5) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland were currently undertaking a full debrief on all recorded incidents.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the success of this year's campaign, which was largely due to the multi-agency approach; and
 - (ii) that once completed, de-brief information on all reported incidents would be submitted to the appropriate Area Partnerships; and
- (b) requested the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, following a request by Councillor Philip Braat, to submit information to the Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership as to whether the number of incidents had reduced or increased within the Ward due to Winterfest not taking place this year.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2023/24 – Performance report for Quarter 2 noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Area Commander David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing an overview of the current performance for Quarter 2 2023/24, from 1st July to 30th September 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;
- (3) that accidental dwelling fire casualties had shown a slight increase, with tragically 1 fatality, compared to the previous quarter;

- (4) of a decrease of 28% in non-fire casualties from the previous year's quarter, which was the lowest number recorded in the preceding 5 years;
- (5) that this was the first reporting period since the changes to the Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023, resulting in a reduction of 48% on the previous year's quarter;
- (6) of a decrease of 50% on the previous year's quarter in relation to deliberate fire settings, indicating the lowest number recorded since SFRS data gathering began; and
- (7) that during Quarter 2, SFRS had responded to a total of 3,001 incidents in the Glasgow City area, showing a reduction in each category overall.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) that for information purposes, a breakdown of all UFAS incidents per Ward would be issued to Members in due course; and
- (b) that SFRS had indicated that it would continue to educate businesses and organisations of premises in areas where recorded UFAS levels were higher due to larger concentration of premise type e.g. offices, hotels, student accommodation etc; and
- (c) a verbal update from Area Commander David Murdoch, regarding correspondence previously issued to all Members in relation to the development of new Local Fire and Rescue Plans, intimating that SFRS
 - (i) was currently assessing the Scottish Government's spending review for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27, the potential savings required and the impact that these might have on service provision;
 - (ii) had agreed that the development of a new Local Fire and Rescue Plan be postponed to allow for public consultation to take place on any future changes to service provision as a result of the spending review;
 - (iii) would be revising the current Local Fire and Rescue Plan once all options had been developed following the public consultation and would report back to this Partnership with a full update; and
 - (iv) was committed to meeting with any Elected Member in the city to discuss the spending review and any potential changes to service provision that might affect their Wards.

Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 – Performance for Year 1, Quarter 2 noted.

5 There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent David Robertson, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Quarter 2 period from 1st July to 30th September 2023,

- (1) advising
 - (a) of the continued drive forward with its Public Health Approach to policing, which involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of communities;
 - (b) that overall, user experience surveys had indicated that satisfaction levels in Glasgow had increased and were currently higher than that of a national level;
 - (c) that violent crime incidents had decreased by 2.9% compared to the previous year's quarter;
 - (d) of the valued work undertaken with regards to Violence against Women and Girls and in particular in a 'Day of Action' supporting the roll out of a pilot drop-in centre for Romanian and Hungarian women who were at risk of serious sexual harm and exploitation; and
 - (e) that sadly, since 1st April 2023, 10 road deaths had been recorded, with 3 having occurred in this quarter; and
- (2) detailing in the Appendices to the report, statistical breakdown of complaints against police, crime and hate crime.

After consideration, and David Robertson responding to various questions from Members, the Partnership noted that Police Scotland would

- (i) report back to a future meeting with details of the work undertaken and currently on-going in relation to Hate Crime and in particular with a breakdown of 3rd party reporting statistics and how those statistics were recorded and what engagement had taken place;
- (ii) continue to work with partner agencies in relation to information on 'near miss' road incidents as due to their nature, these statistics were not currently recorded;
- (iii) be happy to meet with Councillor Campbell and discuss concerns he had raised in relation to taser use and the application of procedures,; and
- (iv) liaise with First Bus Glasgow with regards to the withdrawal of some night bus services as this was a public safety issue, in particular for those who worked in the hospitality industry.

Hate Crime Working Group update noted.

6 There was heard and note a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Hate Crime Working Group's thematic action plans, advising

- (1) that the Hate Crime Awareness week 2023 had taken place between 16th and 21st October 2023 with a series of events delivered, focussing on empowering people to report hate crime;
- (2) of the successful social media campaign and adverts placed at SPT Subway stations, BT Hubs around the city and on local radio stations, all promoting awareness of the campaign;
- (3) that hate crime reporting in Glasgow had increased in 4 out of 5 protected characteristic areas in this last reporting year;
- (4) that the 'Supporting Victims of Hate Crime Conference' had taken place on 19th October 2023, with 30 delegates in attendance that included partners from Police Scotland, Victim Support Scotland and the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council; and
- (5) Third Party Reporting was currently under a national review as part of the Scottish Government's Hate Crime Strategy, with an expectation that the delivery plan accompanying the new strategy would be published in early 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the update by the Hate Crime Working Group;
- (b) the growth of delivery in the National Hate Crime Awareness Week compared to that of 2022;
- (c) the ongoing national developments around third party reporting; and
- (d) that the Wheatley Group would provide information to all Members in relation to tenancy procedures in connection with anti-social behaviour/hate crime reporting.

Community Justice Annual report 2022/23 noted.

7 There was heard a presentation by the Head of Communities regarding the Community Justice Annual report 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Margaret Smith, Community Empowerment and Equalities for briefing members on the annual report on the website that could also be found at <http://cjq-annualreport23.co.uk/>

Police and Fire scrutiny arrangements noted – Request to Head of Communities.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Communities regarding a review of Glasgow's arrangements for the scrutiny of Police and Fire Services, advising

- (1) that at its meeting on 11th May 2023, Glasgow City Council had a motion submitted in relation to accountability models for both Police and Fire Services and instructed officers to review Glasgow's own current arrangements and to suggest any potential opportunities there could be to enhance the local accountability of those services in Glasgow;
- (2) of the current arrangements in place that included the Safe Glasgow Partnership (SGP) meeting on a quarterly basis where it was provided with updates by the Divisional Commander Police Scotland and the Local Senior Office, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the progress made in relation to local priorities contained within their Local Plans;
- (3) that the SGP could also, if required, meet outwith the quarterly meeting schedule for site visits and have special meetings to consider specific subject matters that members wished to explore further; and
- (4) that as Chair of SGP, Bailie Paul McCabe also attended the COSLA Local Scrutiny Conveners Forum that had been established to enhance the ability of Elected Members to have a meaningful role in the governance and scrutiny of policing in Scotland, and that he reported back to the SGP with updates.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and welcomed the opportunity to suggest options to enhance scrutiny; and
- (b) requested that the Head of Communities investigate the following options on behalf of this Partnership and report back with an update:-
 - (i) that Glasgow Life be considered as a potential member of this Partnership;
 - (ii) could meetings of this Partnership either be recorded and uploaded to the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's website for viewing or be webcast live to allow for the wider public to see the meetings; and
 - (iii) could meetings of this Partnership be held using the Council's hybrid meeting facility to allow for members to attend remotely, if required.

Dates of future meetings noted.

9 The partnership noted the dates for future meetings in 2024 and agreed that the Clerk issue MS Teams invites for the following dates:

14th March 2024 at 10.00am

13th June 2024 at 10.00am

29th August 2024 at 10.00am

28th November 2024 at 10.00am