

## **SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.**

By video conference, 13th June 2024.

**Item 1**

**29th August 2024**

### **Safe Glasgow Partnership.**

**Present:** Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Graham Campbell, Bailie Seonad Hoy, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jenny O'Hagan, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Lynsey Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jennifer Anderson, Wheatley Housing Group; and Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

**Apology:** Councillor Ann Jenkins.

**Attending:** C Jack (Clerk); K Baxter and M Smith, Community Empowerment and Equalities; G Cairns, D Glover and J O'Hagan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Superintendent David Reid, Police Scotland.

### **Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of 14th March 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting that

- (1) the Chair had confirmed there would not be Glasgow Life representation on the membership; and
- (2) with regard to "near miss data" David Reid, Police Scotland advised that this information was not in scope to provide however would feedback these concerns.

### **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 on the membership of the Safe Glasgow Partnership, advising that

- (1) Bailie Seonad Hoy had been appointed as member in place of Bailie Anthony Carroll;
- (2) Lynn Ratcliff had been appointed as member in place of David Robertson, Police Scotland; and

- (3) Jenny O'Hagan had been appointed as member for Glasgow City Council Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in place of Eileen Marshall.

### **COSLA Scrutiny Conveners' Forum – Update noted.**

**3** The partnership heard and noted a verbal update by the Chair regarding the the COSLA Scrutiny Conveners' Forum, advising of

- (1) an update provided by the SPA Chair and Police Scotland regarding upcoming budget decisions, the growing threat that serious and organised crime posed in Scotland and the new Chief Constable's focus on frontline services;
- (2) the implications of the 2023/24 budget on service delivery;
- (3) an overview of Police Scotland's Local Policing Service Delivery Review and highlighted the key drivers as an increased demand on policing and the constant and evolving nature of crime and enhancing community confidence;
- (4) an update on the progress of the Modernised Contact and Engagement Programme that comprised a series of technical projects that included the enhancement of direct crime recording, delivery of the Mental Health Pathway and the THRIVE model;
- (5) an update in relation to the progress of the Public Progress Development Programme (PPDP) and that the PPDP team had been fully established in February 2022 with the initial task of determining Police Scotland's current response to Public Protection; and
- (6) an update on the progress and direction of the Policy Scotland Policing Together Strategy launched in September 2022 that sought to set out a clear strategic direction for the equality, diversity and inclusion ambition of Police Scotland.

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – “Shaping Our Future Service” – Presentation noted.**

**4** There was heard a presentation by Local Senior Officer David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the future model of the fire service, advising

- (1) of the reasons for the need to reform the service;
- (2) of the current status of the operational changes that had commenced in September 2023 and the timeline for the 3 stages of the process which would result in a public consultation at the end of the year;

- (3) of statistical information in relation to incidents that the service had responded to during 2022/23 that had prompted the need for the service to make changes, which included the effects of climate change and the increase of wildfires and flooding;
- (4) that the service had spent years building its knowledge of changing community risk across Scotland and that some of its stations and appliances were not in the correct places to meet risk and demand;
- (5) that the success of the service was down to the staff, and of the mechanisms in place to support training and recruitment;
- (6) that many of the ageing buildings were no longer fit for purpose, and required urgent action and significant investment to make them safer and more suitable for staff;
- (7) of evidence associated to health risks due to exposure to a range of contaminants; and
- (8) of the areas that could be changed that would allow the service to use its resources differently and invest in service development.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked David Murdoch, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the presentation.

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2023-24 – Performance report for Quarter 4 noted.**

5 There was submitted and noted 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 for the period Quarter 3 2023/24, from 1st January to 31st March 2024, 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 there had been a 4% reduction in accidental dwelling fires from the same quarter the previous year, with the figure of 145 for this quarter being the lowest number of accidental dwelling fires attended since Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had formed in 2013;
- (3) that despite a decrease of 41% in accidental dwelling fire casualties, tragically, there had been 1 fatality;

- (4) that deliberate fires had shown a decrease of 28% during this quarter compared to the same period the previous year, and was 11% below the 3 year average;
- (5) that work was ongoing with partner agencies, Police Scotland and Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to deliver bespoke education and engagement events to reduce the deliberate fires figures;
- (6) that there had been a 61% decrease in the number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) compared to the same period the previous year as a result of the changes to the UFAS response from 1st July 2023; and
- (7) of the prevention and protection activities that had taken place within the quarter.

**Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2023-26 – Performance for Year 1, Quarter 4 noted – Requests to Police Scotland.**

**6** There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Q4 period from 1st January to 31st March 2024, advising

- (1) of the continued drive forward with their Public Health Approach to policing that involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of the community;
- (2) of some of the work being undertaken in relation to crime, community wellbeing, events, operations and serious and organised crime; and
- (3) of a detailed breakdown of the complaints against police, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff provide
  - (i) an evaluation of the process undertaken to differentiate between hate crime incidents or crime;
  - (ii) clarity about identifying Police Officers as opposed to those who are posing or impersonating Police Officers in order to commit a crime/fraud; and
  - (iii) the detection rate for hate crimes.

**“Go Safe Glasgow” initiative – Presentation noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

**7** The partnership heard and noted a presentation by G Cairns, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the “Go Safe Glasgow” initiative, advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government had set out national road casualty reduction targets for each authority to achieve by 2030 and provided a focus point and framework for Council officers to work towards, whilst supporting Glasgow’s Vision Zero where no one was killed or seriously injured on Glasgow’s roads by 2030;
- (2) of the various projects of the Council’s Safe Systems Approach delivered in 2023/24;
- (3) of discussions at the Road Safety Roundtable and updates regarding the 20 mph programme, pavement parking, delivery cyclists, 30% reduction in car kilometres travelled and accessibility;
- (4) of the Go Safe Glasgow Road Safety Partnership and the Safety Camera Partnership initiatives in 2024; and
- (5) of the new £1m Road Safety Framework Fund approved by Transport Scotland to support the delivery of “Safe Systems” road safety engineering projects across the city.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked George Cairns, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for the presentation; and
- (b) requested an officer’s attendance at the next meeting to discuss this in more detail.

**Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group - Presentation noted etc.**

**8** There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the progress of new Scottish hate crime legislation and circumstances around Third Party Reporting, advising

- (1) that the report provided the Partnership with progress on delivery of the Glasgow Hate Crime Working Group’s (HCWG) thematic Action Plans: Preventing, Reporting, and Responding;
- (2) that the HCWG was a multi-agency group that was embedded within Glasgow Community Planning Partnership structures and reported to this Partnership

and its purpose was to encourage and co-ordinate partnership approaches to hate crime;

- (3) of the aims and membership of the HCWG, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that, additionally, the HCWG contained within its sub-groups a focus on training, Third Party Reporting and the delivery of activity for the National Hate Crime Awareness Week;
- (5) that hate crime in Scotland was defined as any crime perceived as motivated by malice towards a social group and the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act, passed in 2021, consolidated and modernised hate crime laws;
- (6) that the Act added age and variations in sex characteristics to the list of protected characteristics, covering intersex conditions, extended existing laws to criminalise 'stirring up hatred' broadly, protecting all specified characteristics, which mirrored the 'stirring up racial hatred' provision in the Public Order Act 1986 and included protections for freedom of expression;
- (7) that a potential new protected characteristic of sex would be addressed separately to manage crimes amplified by misogyny and the Act also abolished the common law of blasphemy and mandated more detailed annual reporting of hate crimes by Police Scotland, with greater detail on victims and perpetrators;
- (8) that reporting methods, including Third Party Reporting, remained unchanged and the Scottish Government planned to review those procedures with Police Scotland, whilst protection still applied regardless of the victim's actual membership in or affiliation with the targeted group, for example, a homophobic crime remained as such even if the victim was not gay;
- (9) of the detailed circumstances surrounding Third Party Reporting, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the changes to national hate crime legislation and policy as a result of new hate crime legislation implemented in April 2024; and
- (b) recognised the input of Third Party Reporting sites in Glasgow, as detailed in the report.

### **One Glasgow service overview 2023/24 – One Glasgow Reducing Offending Project – Consideration continued.**

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

**Future meeting dates noted.**

**10** The partnership noted the following future meetings dates in 2024:-

*Meeting Date*

29th August 2024 at 1000 hours in a Committee Room, City Chambers;  
and

28th November 2024 at 1000 hours by video conference.