

SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 29th August 2024.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Graham Campbell, Councillor William Graham, Bailie Seonad Hoy, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Councillor Robert Mooney and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, Area Commander Andrew Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jenny O'Hagan, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Lynsey Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and David Shiel, Wheatley Housing Group.

Apologies: Jennifer Anderson, Lesley Gordon and Councillor Ann Jenkins.

Attending: L Sclater (Clerk); R MacLeod and M Smith, Community Empowerment and Equalities; Superintendent David Reid and Sergeant Stephen Want, Police Scotland; Group Commander Craig Campbell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Dan Daly and Gillian Ferguson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 13th June 2024 were submitted and approved subject to the following matters arising

- (1) Superintendant Lynn Radcliffe indicated that the data detection rate for hate crimes was currently owned and being worked on by Policing Together, however, she should be in a position to provide this information to the Partnership in the very near future; and
- (2) with regard to Councillor Bruce's request
 - (a) for 'Go Safe Glasgow' being brought back to the Partnership for further discussion, the Partnership agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting and that an officer from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability should be invited to attend to discuss in particular, the new £1m Road Safety Framework Fund; and
 - (b) for there to be representation from Glasgow Life on this Partnership, the Chair indicated that Councillor Bruce should detail in writing the reasons and benefits its representation could bring to the Partnership, and once this was received it would be given consideration and an update would be brought back to a future meeting.

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 Local Senior Officer Andrew Kenna had replaced David Murdoch as the member for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Group Commander Craig Campbell had replaced Garry Marshall as the substitute member for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

3 There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, providing an overview of the current performance of Police Scotland during the Quarter1 period from 1st April to 30th June 2024, advising

- (1) of the continued drive forward with its Public Health Approach to policing that involved working closely with partners to support vulnerable members of the community;
- (2) that there had been a slight increase in overall violent crimes and detection rates compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland committed to working towards reducing those figures;
- (3) that hate crime detection rates had slightly increased compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland continuing to work with its partners to report all hate crimes via the appropriate channels;
- (4) of some of the work being undertaken in relation to crime, homicides in the city, police impersonator fraud, events, operations and serious and organised crime; and
- (5) of a detailed breakdown of the complaints against police, violent crime, violence against women and girls, hate crime and community wellbeing, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) requested that Chief Superintendent Lynn Radcliff
 - (i) look into whether Police Scotland or other partners were working with bus and taxi drivers in the city on road safety awareness and report back to a future meeting with this information;
 - (ii) incorporate into its report a statistical breakdown of reported taser use incidents; and

- (iii) bring back to a future meeting, an update on the body worn camera roll-out for Police Officers due to commence in Spring 2025; and
- (c) thanked Police Scotland regarding its assistance and work undertaken to advise and re-assure the public with regards to the recent protests and unrest in England which had understandably caused anxiety to communities in Glasgow due to speculation of protests taking place in the city.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2024/25 – Performance report for Quarter 1 noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Area Commander Andrew Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing an overview of the current performance of the SFRS during the Quarter 1 period from 1st April to 30th June 2024, advising

- (1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities 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 19% reduction in accidental dwelling fires compared with the same quarter the previous year, with the figure for this quarter being the lowest number of accidental dwelling fires attended since SFRS had formed in 2013;
- (3) that although the figure remained below the 3-year average, there had been an increase in accidental dwelling fire casualties compared to the same quarter the previous year, and tragically, there had been 3 fatalities;
- (4) that there had been an increase of 9% in non-fire casualties compared to the same quarter the previous year, and tragically, there had been 11 fatalities;
- (5) that there had been a decrease of 44% in deliberate fire setting and a decrease of 31% in non-domestic fires, compared with the same quarter the previous year;
- (6) that there had been a 53% 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.

Bonfire planning presentation noted – Bonfire safety champion approved.

5 There was heard a joint presentation by Group Commander Craig Campbell, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Jenny O'Hagan, Neighbourhoods,

Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Bonfire 2024 planning arrangements, advising that

- (1) preparations were currently underway for Bonfire celebrations 2024, with an arranged multi-agency meeting taking place mid-September where officers from NRS, SFRS and Police Scotland would discuss and progress plans, look at emerging intelligence and actions required to mitigate risk during this period;
- (2) based on lessons learned from previous years, cleansing teams from the Council would be in place a week prior to Bonfire night to assist with clearing potential sites;
- (3) SFRS, in conjunction with Police Scotland, would be commencing their well established engagement and education approach where they would be visiting all secondary and primary schools across the city to engage with pupils, focussing primarily on safety but also on the potential for anti-social behaviour that could occur during this period; and
- (4) as in previous years, a control room would be set up at Eastgate during this period that would include officers from all of the multi-agency partners to prioritise and co-ordinate operations.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Jenny O'Hagan, NRS and Group Commander Craig Campbell, SFRS for their joint presentation and welcomed the on-going preparations from all multi-agency partners; and
- (b) approved Councillor Elaine McSporran as the Partnership's Bonfire Safety Champion, continuing on in this role from previous years.

One Glasgow Reducing Offending Project - Service overview 2023/24 noted.

6 There was submitted a report and presentation by Sergeant Stephen Want, Police Scotland regarding the One Glasgow Reducing Offending Project, advising

- (1) that the One Glasgow Reducing Offending project was a unique multi-agency partnership led by Police Scotland in partnership with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), Children and Families, Social Work Services and Community Justice Glasgow;
- (2) that the project was currently funded by Police Scotland and Glasgow City HSCP with project staff coming from both organisations;
- (3) that the aim of the project was to provide positive pathways for under 25s who were involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in, the criminal justice system;
- (4) of the service delivery outcomes for 2023/24 and a case study example with positive outcomes following use of the project's diversion service; and

- (5) of continued awareness raising of the project with various stakeholders to include the delivery of workshops to the youth justice sector and other partners.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Sergeant Want for his presentation.

Safer drug consumption facility – Presentation noted.

7 There was heard and noted a presentation by Dan Daly, Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership regarding the establishment of a safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow, advising that

- (1) following approval, a safer drug consumption facility was currently under construction and would be situated within Hunter Street Health and Care Centre, and would operate from 9am until 9pm daily, 365 days of the year;
- (2) the facility would create a hygienic environment where those who used illicit drugs purchased off the premises could consume these under clinical supervision and therefore reduce many things from drug-related health harms to fatal overdoses and transmission of infectious disease;
- (3) amongst other things, the facility would provide sterile injecting equipment, overdose assistance, advice on injecting techniques etc; and
- (4) a fully integrated staffing model had been created and would be in place for the facility's opening.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Dan Daly, Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership for his presentation, indicating that it would welcome an update on the facility once it had opened and been operating for a period of time.

Date of next meeting noted.

8 The partnership noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, 28th November 2024, by video conference.