

SAFE GLASGOW PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 28th November 2024.

Safe Glasgow Partnership.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor Holly Bruce, Councillor Graham Campbell, Councillor William Graham, Bailie Seonad Hoy, Councillor Robert Mooney and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland, Local Senior Officer Andrew Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jennifer Anderson, Wheatley Housing Group; and Lesley Gordon, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Also present: Councillor Zen Ghani (substitute for Elaine McSporran).

Apologies: Councillor Philip Braat, Councillor Ann Jenkins, Councillor Elaine McSporran, Jenny O'Hagan and Lynsey Smith.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); R MacLeod and M Smith, Communities Team, Chief Executives Department; Superintendent David Reid, Police Scotland; Group Commander Craig Campbell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; N Bell, A Fehilly and D Lambie, GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Chairs remarks.

- 1** Bailie McCabe opened the meeting by
 - (1) acknowledging the tragic loss of a life on Glasgow's roads and sent condolences to all concerned; and
 - (2) expressing thanks to the Lord Provost and the Glasgow Girls Club for the launch of the new campaign to combat violence against women and girls and advised everyone to watch the short film 'Where We Stop' which could be found on YouTube.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 2** The minutes of 29th August 2024 were submitted and approved subject to the Chair confirming that there was no requirement for representation on this Partnership from Glasgow Life.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership - Governance Framework – Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the GCPP Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

COSLA Community Justice Scotland Event and Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum – Updates noted.

- 4** The Partnership heard a verbal update by Bailie McCabe in relation to
- (1) The COSLA Community Justice Scotland Event he had attended on 14th October 2024, highlighting
 - (a) the address of Cabinet secretary for Justice and Home Affairs Angela Constance, MSP with public safety as a priority;
 - (b) the importance of stable housing in reducing offending in line with the Sustainable Housing On Release for Everyone (SHORE) standards;
 - (c) Community Justice Scotland's key goals which included reducing reliance on imprisonment, strengthening community sentencing and enhancing early intervention and family stability; and
 - (d) the impact of people with learning disabilities who are involved in the community and criminal justice system.
 - (2) The COSLA Police Scrutiny Conveners Forum he had attended on 21st November 2024, highlighting
 - (a) the Police Scotland 2030 Vision and Three-Year Business Plan;
 - (b) the Police Scotland Budget Proposal for 2025/26;
 - (c) an update on mental health distress and policing which was a collaboration between the Scottish Police Authority, Police Scotland, COSLA and other partners; and
 - (d) His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) Scrutiny Plans for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that Bailie McCabe would circulate slides from both meetings to provide further detail and context to both summaries.

Bonfire debrief presentation noted.

5 There was heard and noted a presentation by Group Commander Craig Cambell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff, Police Scotland and Darren Lambie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding this year's Bonfire night, advising that

- (1) in general, calls across the city were down this year compared to last year with the exception of the Pollokshields area of the city;
- (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 year-on-year;
- (3) all Secondary Schools and 143 Primary Schools had been visited by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Action Team and Police Scotland Campus Officers, focussing on a preventative message of anti-social behaviour, along with an extensive use of social media;
- (4) unfortunately, there had been 2 attacks on fire appliances as they attempted to respond to Bonfire calls and had to withdraw to a place of safety with the assistance of Police Scotland. On both occasions, there were thankfully no injuries sustained by any first responders; and
- (5) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland were currently undertaking a full debrief on all recorded incidents to help advise future planning.

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 Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliffe would contact Councillor Campbell if there had been any arrests in his ward relating to Bonfire night; and
- (b) welcomed the suggestion of starting next year's Bonfire planning earlier, with the inclusion of housing partners; and
- (c) agreed that organised events would not solve all issues relating to Bonfire night, however would go a long way to mitigate the problems.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2024-25 – Quarter 2 performance noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by Local Senior Officer Andrew

Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing an overview of the current performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the period Quarter 2 2024/25, from 1st July to 30th September 2024, advising

- (1) of the progress made in relation to local fire and rescue plan priorities on the prevention and reduction of accidental dwelling fire, unintentional injury or harm, non-domestic fires, unwanted fire alarm signals 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 whilst deliberate fires had shown a slight increase this year, the figures remained 6% below the 3 year average;
- (3) that accidental dwelling fire casualties had been the lowest recorded in this quarter since Scottish Fire and Rescue Services records began in 2013;
- (4) that tragically there had been 3 fatalities during the quarter, with SFRS having offered crews that attend such incidents and in certain circumstances, mental health and wellbeing support as per their 'Post Incident Support Policy';
- (5) of the continued decrease of unwanted fire alarm signal calls since the introduction of the policy change in July 2023; and
- (6) of the prevention and protection activities that had taken place within the quarter.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) an update regarding correspondence previously issued to all members in relation to the development of the new Local Fire and Rescue Plans, intimating that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 - (i) was currently developing the SFRS Strategic Plan which was due by summer 2025;
 - (ii) would begin to develop the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the City of Glasgow and would share the timeline for this over the coming months;
 - (iii) continued to have the safety of communities and staff as their main priority and thanked everyone for their patience with the delay to the development of the Local Plan; and
- (b) that SFRS would be standardising all local reporting templates in the coming months to ensure consistency nationally within the service.

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

7 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 Q2 period from 1st July to 30th September 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, with a total of 194 referrals being made since the development of the Compassionate Distress Response Service in January 2024;
- (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) of the ongoing multi-agency response to Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation, working with those vulnerable young people with the highest risk;
- (4) that hate crime detection rates had slightly increased this quarter compared to the previous year, with Police Scotland continuing to work with its partners to report all hate crimes via the appropriate channels;
- (5) of some of the work undertaken in relation to crime, homicides in the city, youth engagement, road safety, events, operations and serious and organised crime; and
- (6) 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 that
 - (i) body worn cameras would initially be rolled out in Tayside Division in Spring of 2025 and then in Glasgow sometime over the coming year;
 - (ii) there was significant police activity ongoing with road safety particularly around speeding, with the focus in the city centre being on electric bikes and for the wider city, attention was on school drop off zones and the vulnerabilities of children;
 - (iii) Operation close pass had been rolled out in every police sub-division in Glasgow to educate all road users on allowing cyclists enough room when passing them;

- (iv) there would be an information and discussion event with taxi drivers which would then be followed by an enforcement event sometime in 2025;
 - (v) near miss data was challenging and sporadic, therefore could not be shared as a specific data set, however Police Scotland would look at specific areas to assess if anything could be done in relation to this;
 - (vi) a report about the ongoing work with victim support would be brought to the next meeting; and
 - (vii) the use of naloxone from a policing perspective had been hugely successful; and
- (b) requested that Chief Superintendent Lynn Radcliff
- (i) seek further clarification from 'Policing Together' colleagues in relation to when more meaningful statistics around hate crime would be available to share with the Partnership, following the changes to legislation and the challenges that this brought;
 - (ii) pass contact details of the Commander of the British Transport Police to Bailie McCabe;
 - (iii) seek clarification on whether further information could be provided in relation to taser deployment and would report back to the Chair of the Partnership; and
- (c) thanked Superintendent David Reid for his work over the past couple of years and wished him well in his new post in Edinburgh.

Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership – Update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the work of the Glasgow Violence Against Women Partnership, advising

- (1) that the GVAWP city wide strategic plan was discussed at their Partnership meeting on 19th November 2024 and it was agreed that there would be a specific GVAWP workshop in January 2025 to finalise the plan to ensure that the outcomes would be achievable;
- (2) of the continued strain on the small team that supports the work of Violence Against Women and Girls in the city and the urgent need to consider opportunities to further develop the team to continue to support the delivery of MARAC and GVAWP priorities;
- (3) that GVAWP funded an event to bring Professor Jane Monkton Smith to Glasgow to present on the Homicide Timeline with 180 delegates attending;

- (4) that the funding decisions for Delivering Equally Safe would not take place until December 2024 and that the investment of this fund in Glasgow was £2,074,875.47 and any reduction of service provision would impact on public sector services;
- (5) that referrals to the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) remained consistently high in Glasgow and had increased from 975 in 2021 to 1099 for 2024;
- (6) of the success of the Financially Included project that was in its third year of service delivery, assisting 390 women;
- (7) of the different areas of partnership working, including VAW&G Needs Assessment, No Wrong Door, Homelessness and Inform Women Transform lives campaign; and
- (8) that Advocacy, Support, Safety, Information Services Together (ASSIST) celebrated 20 years of delivering a specialist domestic abuse advocacy and support service at the end of October.

Road Safety Improvement Fund 2024-25 – Consideration continued.

9 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Services regarding the Road Safety Improvement Fund 2024-25.

Future meeting dates approved.

10 The partnership approved the dates for future meetings in 2025 as follows:-

13th March 2024 at 10.00am (In person)
19th June 2024 at 2.00pm (By video conference)
28th August 2024 at 10.00am (In person)
27th November 2024 at 10.00am (By video conference)