

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair) and Councillor Eunis Jassemi, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Jamie Kerr, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ;Alex Durie, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Elaine Hindle, Broomhill Community Council; Dr Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Séamus-Pádraic Gallagher, Thornwood Community Council; Colin McGeoch, Whiteinch Community Council; and Ross McPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sarah Craig, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council.
- Attending:** D Brand (Clerk); T Monaghan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) ; and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Appointment of substitutes approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Jamie Kerr, Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan and Alex Durie respectively.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

2 The minutes of 16th April 2025 were submitted and approved.

Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Sarah Craig had been nominated as the new representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership replacing Lyndsay Thomson;
- (2) Elaine Hindle had been nominated as the representative for Broomhill Community Council replacing David Rennie, leaving the substitute position vacant; and
- (3) Station Commander James Sullivan had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service replacing Station Commander Graeme Morrow.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

4 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Sergeant Jamie Kerr, Police Scotland advising the Partnership that

- (1) the recent Presidential visit had had an adverse impact on resources, however Community Police were now able to provide a sustained period of improved contact;
- (2) the number of incidents reported between April and September 2025 had shown a decrease of 5.4% compared to the same time last year;
- (3) recorded crimes had increased since last year, and that theft, mainly shoplifting, had shown an increase of 23%, and that this trend was also a UK wide issue;
- (4) statistics regarding assaults had remained static and were mostly reported in private places;
- (5) housebreaking had shown a reduction of 36%;
- (6) vehicle crime had reduced by 44% and a number of arrests had been made due to the proactive approach being taken by the Service;
- (7) road traffic offences had increase by 37% but that reflected the proactive efforts by officers in tackling the crime;
- (8) reductions in both sexual crimes and robberies had decreased;
- (9) road safety issues, in particular parking at schools was being monitored due to the schools just having returned; and
- (10) more officers were visible in the parks over the summer.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the update and thanked Sergeant Kerr; and

- (b) raised a number of questions, highlighted the issues associated with people barbecuing in parks, and requested that Sergeant Kerr meet with Community Councillors to look at re-educating communities on disposal of barbecues after use and to work towards developing a parks policy.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advising the Partnership of the incidents that had taken place in the Victoria Park Ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 31st July 2025.

Variation in order of business

6 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising of a progress update including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) agreed that each Community Council needed more time to assess the majority of proposals before making decisions; and
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be progressed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 12-010 – feasibility study relating to drainage improvements on major paths within Victoria Park;
 - (b) 12-029 – installation of new traffic crossing between the rear of the Cala Development and Jordanhill School which was accessed from Chamberlain Road; and
 - (c) 12-039 – installation of new pedestrian crossing on Dumbarton Road at St Paul's Church/Victoria Park Kindergarten.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) providing an update on activity within the North West of the city, advising of

- (1) the venues and days for the clinics in the Quit Your Way Community Stop Smoking Service Programme and that telephone support could be accessed by phoning 0141 232 2110 or by emailing ggc.quityourway.northwestglasgow@nhs.scot; and
- (2) of the progress on the Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young (HENRY) approach programme.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted - Funding approved.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-28 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) of an update on the 5 sites that the Partnership had previously requested to be costed, and that only 1 site could be taken forward; and
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Victoria Park Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) funding for
 - (A) the 2 displays that had been delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, as detailed in the report; and
 - (B) an additional display to be provided at Jordanhill School, Chamberlain Road; and
 - (ii) approved additional funding of £6,960 to be met by the Area Partnership budget allocation.

Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme – Update noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 11th September 2024 noting liveable neighbourhoods and active travel in the Ward, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the status of the Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programme highlighting the updates provided to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee on 10th June 2025 namely Liveable Neighbourhoods and City Network.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing and update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued concerns with regards to youth engagement and the cost of living and food costs;
- (2) of the upcoming plans within the Whiteinch Centre, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the family fun day had been rescheduled following it being postponed in June;
- (4) of the continued work that De'il's on Wheels community bike workshop had been doing within the community; and
- (5) of the work being carried out by DRC Youth project and North West Community Pantry.

Area Partnership Development Plan noted.

12 With reference to the minutes of 12th February 2025 approving the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership plans, there was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of the work being carried out to address child and family poverty across the city and the need to align this with Area Partnership plans, with updated reports to be provided to future Partnership meetings.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

13 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £59,733 and that £21,953 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £37,780; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) the 5 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Buddies Clubs and Services (Glasgow West) Ltd	Towards the cost of commencing a planting and growing opportunity for young people to engage in growing sustainable produce	Awarded £528 pro rata
Active Seniors SCIO	Towards the cost of 2 Seniors Wellness events and St Andrews social event to provide opportunities for older people to meet old and new friends	Awarded £208 pro rata
Sunny Cycles	Towards the cost of purchasing additional bikes and fitting the container with bike hooks for better storage	Awarded £3,688
Glasgow Wood Recycling	Towards the cost of adequate warm clothing for 40 volunteers	Awarded £3,049

Area Budget Evaluation noted.

14 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, detailing information on 10% of projects funded during 2024/25, which had been selected to complete an Evaluation Report.