

**NORTH EAST AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.**

Minutes of meeting held on 14th November 2025, by video conference.

- Present:** Councillor Ruairi Kelly (Chair), Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland; Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chloe Frew, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Maureen Ferrie, GESH; Lynda O'Neill, Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apology:** Councillor Donna McGill and Councillor Sharon Greer, Glasgow City Council; and Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Attending:** N Palmer (Clerk); A Martin and D Spiers (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and C Mooney (Glasgow Life).

**Appointment of Chair**

**1** In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Councillor McGill, Councillor Kelly had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**2** The minutes of 5th September 2025 were submitted and approved.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership 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 Lynn Anderson had been nominated as the substitute representative for Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands (GESH), replacing Hazel Holmes.

**Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Late application accepted – Declarations of Interest.**

**4** 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 North East Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £88,194, including £2,900 carried forward from 2024/25 Area Partnership budget, and that £86,166 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £4,928; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26;
- (b) the application dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) 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>
*GESH	Towards the cost of a children's Christmas party event including Santa's grotto, selection boxes, gifts, party bags and entertainment	Awarded £600
Happy Creative Recreation Centre	Towards the cost of funding materials to support the delivery for the braids academy	Refused due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget
**St George and St Peter's Community Association Christmas Event	Towards the cost to take 75 older people to the local pantomime at Platform Easterhouse and lunch at St. George and St Peter's Centre on 18th December 2025	Awarded £520
Sunnyside Primary School	Towards the cost to take 24 primary 7 pupils on a residential trip to Blairvadach Outward Bound Centre on 2nd – 6th March 2025	Awarded £729

Growing 21 LTD Community Christmas Event 2025	Towards the cost to deliver Christmas events in the local community and would include a Christmas dinner and Christmas boat tri	Awarded £1280
Lochview Nursery Outdoor Nursery	Towards the cost of developing the nursery outdoor space for the children to play and learn	Refused due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget
Easterhouse FA – Christmas Outings	Towards the cost for Christmas outings between 5th and 12th of December 2025 for the children and young people who attend the club	Awarded £963
Buchlyvie Nursery School Outdoor Area	Towards the cost of equipment to develop the nurseries outdoor play area including sensory resources which would support children with additional support needs and less confident children	Refused due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget
***Glasgow Life Communtiy Safe Rave	Towards the cost of hosting a youth community event at Easterhouse Sports Centre on 12th December 2025 that included bringing children from S1 to S4 across the whole North East area of Glasgow	Awarded £836
Easterhouse Phoenix Development LTD	Towards the cost of equipment to support the over 55's wellbeing class	Refused due to lack of funds within the 2025/26 Area Budget

\*The Chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.

\*\*Lynda O'Neill declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

\*\*\*Charles Mooney declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

## **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Update noted etc.**

**5** With reference to the minutes of 5th September 2025 noting an update on the progress in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing a further update on the matter,

- (1) advising
  - (a) that in terms of the Council's Standing Orders, which set out the procurement process in relation to the purchase of goods, services and works by or on behalf of the Council, NIIF proposals should not be costed by external contractors or suppliers before submission, and only costed by officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS);
  - (b) that NIIF could not be awarded directly to suppliers or contractors who had been engaged with directly by Community Councils, local organisations or Area Partnership members;
  - (c) that in cases where local organisations had provided their own quotes from contractors and when the Area Partnership had approved NRS to also provide an estimate, these ideas could not be progressed to costing by NRS and NIIF could not be awarded;
  - (d) of an update in relation to the funding of murals through NIIF, as detailed in the report; and
  - (e) that as this funding was capital expenditure it could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, but that funding should ideally be fully committed by 31st March 2027; and
- (2) detailing in the appendices to the report, the report submitted to the meeting of this Partnership on 3rd September 2024 which outlined the criteria for the fund, a breakdown of spend and estimates sent for approval for each Area Partnership along with the updated NIIF Community/Area Partnership Guidance which had been circulated to Partnership members in January 2025.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) that a full NIIF report would be presented to the next meeting of this Partnership and would include estimates and progress updates on previously approved NIIF spend.

## **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Update of estimated costs noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF)

- (1) detailing a list of updated estimated costs for projects which had been considered at this Area Partnership on 5th September 2025; and
- (2) proposing that further consideration be given to the estimated proposals and to allocating further NIIF funding projects.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that
  - (i) each Community Council choose their top 3 or 4 priorities within their area and rank them in order;
  - (ii) the Community Support Officer, after liaising with the Chair, organise an in-person meeting at the beginning of 2026 to discuss these priorities; and
  - (iii) the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) follow up on costings and additional information outstanding within the ward prior to the next Area Partnership meeting in February 2026.

## **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted.**

**7** There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

- (1) that a report was submitted to Area Partnerships in August 2024 outlining the criteria of the NIIF and a process was agreed to ensure that all NIIF decisions were aligned to external audit requirements, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) that between May and July 2025, NRS had prepared detailed NIIF reports for each area partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, with estimated costs for NIIF ideas presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totalling £13,070,936.78 in estimates, that was more than half of the NIIF budget;

- (3) of a breakdown of spend and estimates that had been considered for approval at each area partnership, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that NRS were currently formalising appropriate governance arrangements for the funding of murals through NIIF and were working closely with procurement colleagues to agree an approach for the delivery of murals; and
- (5) of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

**Date and time of next meeting noted.**

- 8 The Partnership noted the next meeting on Friday, 6th February 2026 at 0930 hours.