

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on 28th April 2026, Citizens Theatre, Glasgow

- Present:** Councillor Alexander Belic (Chair), Councillor Mhairi Hunter and Bailie Soryia Siddique, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council; Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council; and Michael Fullerton, New Gorbals Housing Association.
- Apologies** Councillor Elaine Gallagher, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Amelia Martin, King's Trust;
- Attending:** J Crawford (Clerk); A Abbot (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); L Thomson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and G Watt, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 17th February 2026 were submitted and approved

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

- 2** There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting, Ian Brown had replaced Yvonne Hutton as representative of Oatlands Community Council.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

- 3** There was heard and noted a presentation by Garry Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Living Well Community Referral (LWCR) advising that
- (1) the community-based wellbeing referral programme supported people who had experienced barriers to reconnect with their communities and take part in opportunities that improved health and wellbeing;
 - (2) the pilot project operated in Calton and Shettleston areas and following an independent evaluation this had now expanded to 10 wards which included Southside Central;
 - (3) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support reconnecting to their community; and

- (4) referrals were welcome online, by phone or in-person.

After consideration, the partnership,

- (a) noted the presentation; and
- (b) raised questions that were addressed by Gary Watt, Glasgow Life.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland advising the Partnership

- (1) that the new City Centre dispersal zone had resulted in 541 warnings issued with approximately 8.5% (46 people) being arrested for re-offending incidents;
- (2) that illegal parking in the ward had been an issue and after a day of action within the ward had resulted in 50 people being issued with parking tickets;
- (3) that the bomb squad had been deployed to Holyrood Secondary School to remove a device, which was a firework and that the Campus Police continued to work with the school and residents as inquiries continued; and
- (4) that work in conjunction with the Simon Community would continue to help support rough sleeper into hostels.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Hogg.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 797 incidents in the South area that included 211 fires, 212 non-fire incidents and 314 false alarms, 110 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) with 1 fire fatality and 4 non-fire fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the 8 road traffic collisions in the South Area, there was 0 non-fatal casualty and 2 people rescued by firefighters;
- (3) of the 59 accidental dwelling fire, 38 were from cooking appliances and 7 were from an electricity supply; and
- (4) that there had been 337 Home Fire Safety Visits and 56 had been carried out in the Southside Central area.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

6 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 ward, advising

- (1) that the Glasgow City Health Improvement Training Calendar offered different levels of training on a range of subjects at various levels and that further information and booking details could be accessed via <https://www.nhs.uk/scot/your-health/public-health/health-improvement/glasgow-city-hscp-health-improvement/training-calendar/>
- (2) that the cost-of-living guide could be found here <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/JyBLXvWE5NmGowSX?ref=email>
- (3) of the Quit Your Way smoking service support and that face-to-face clinics as well as telephone support would be available to help people to stop smoking;
- (4) of the Breastfeeding Support in South Glasgow/NHS GGC, that had provided dates for Antenatal breastfeeding sessions and information could be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bfn-antenatal-breastfeeding-sessions-tickets-673812420087>; and
- (5) of the Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young (HENRY) Staring Solids workshops and Fussy Eating workshops in the Glasgow South area.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted a report by 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether they should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Southside Central Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to

tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme; and
- (b) requested
 - (i) that the Partnership discuss with local businesses and Housing Associations regarding contributions towards festive lighting;
 - (ii) costings to be brought back to the next meeting for lighting locations for Allison Street and North Lauriston; and
 - (iii) that dates and times for all switch on events be discussed with NRS and community councils.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Update noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 29th April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising of a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1, 2 and 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) agreed that the following proposals be removed -
 - (a) 08.018 – CCTV cameras for Langside Halls;
 - (b) 08.020 – Repair of path at the Southern Necropolis; and
 - (c) 08-021 – community space at Balvicar Square; and
- (3) requested that the Community Councils come back to the next meeting with ideas for the remaining balance.

ENV2/IPG12 developer contributions update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 The partnership heard a report by Neil Moran, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising that

- (1) the Glasgow City Development Plan had been adopted by the Council in March 2017, effectively replacing City Plan 2 (2009) Setting out the Council's vision and strategy for land use whilst also providing the basis for assessing planning applications along with associated Supplementary Guidance;
- (2) ENV2/IPG12 funds could be spent on the creation or enhancement of recreational open spaces, buildings that supported these uses, and community facilities; and
- (3) the Council has an established procedure for allocating and spending the ENV2/IPG12 funds, which included a detailed a costed proposal process for projects that exceed £50,000 in costs, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions that were addressed by N Moran, Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and
- (c) requested N Moran send an updated papers once they are published, to provide the Partnership with a Southside Central Ward specific update and information regarding the criteria for funding.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2026, when the committee approved the 2026/27 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 2026/27;
- (2) that the Southside Central Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £89,078 and that £5,612 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £83,466;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; 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>
Glasgow Zine Library	Towards the cost to provide an upgrade of the public collection and physical archive to enable the library to accessibly store and display more of the collection, increase capacity, preserve the zines, and make them accessible long-term	Awarded £8,500
Albert Avenue Self-Factoring Committee	Towards the cost of to refurbish the Albert Avenue Community Garden	Awarded £5,977
Wild Green Space CIC T/A We Are Wonder	Towards the cost of equipment to support an outdoor learning programme for young people aged 12-16 in the Pollokshields and Southside Central wards	£882
Fellowship Connection Group	Towards the cost of a bus trip to Lanark and refreshments for 40 people	Awarded £1,560
Wise Women	Towards the cost to support scoping in response to 2022/23 health and wellbeing survey undertaken in the Govanhill area of Glasgow, highlighting key indicators, gender disparities, and implications for public health and community stakeholders	Awarded £4,151
YSCA	Towards the cost of 2 Fireworks Diversion events on the 5th November 2025 in Glendale Primary School and the Roma Cultural Centre in Govanhill targeting young people aged 11-16	Awarded £3,900 Provisional award made conditional to checks to see if alternative funding is available from ScotGov or Police Scotland

Women on Wheels	Towards the cost to facilitate 'Ride Bright', a large community bike ride bringing together 200 women riding as 1 to motivate and inspire more cycling in 2026 and to campaign for safer streets for all	Awarded £4,858
Inhouse Event Solutions CIC	Towards the cost to support several events in the Queens Park Summer Programme, un from 2nd July 2026 to 2nd August 2026	Awarded £5,160
Gorbals Youth Café	Towards the cost to support a 30 day youth led programme in June 2026, which 'celebrates our past, showcases the present, and shapes the future of youth work locally	Awarded £4,738
Cuthbertson Primary School	Towards the cost of a project that would provide Primary 5 pupils with the opportunity to attend a live performance of Matilda the Musical at the Theatre Royal, followed by a programme of literacy and drama-based learning in school	Awarded £1,950
Active Schools Holyrood Cluster	Towards the cost to support 'St. Francis: Equity in Sport & Wellbeing, that would provide free professional coaching in karate, boxing, football, gymnastics, and tennis via breakfast, lunch, and after-school clubs	Awarded £900
Govanhill Baths Community Trust	Towards the cost of the Govanhill Carnival and Parade, 10th anniversary, with 400 participants and with over 2000 local people attending	Awarded £6,380
Community Renewal Trust	Towards the cost to support, continue and build on the successful in-school youth work already delivered by Govanhill Roma Youth Project (GRYP), extending the current work	Awarded £8,190

beyond the school term in June 2026 maintaining engagement through summer activities

Citizens Theatre
Garden Beds Planting

Towards the cost to purchase plants to be planted in the theatres new garden beds

Awarded £8,908 subject to further clarification on breakdown of cost and to delegate authority to the chair, as time critical