

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2026, by video conference.

- Present:** Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Christina Cannon and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Sean McKenna, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Christine Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Julie Toal, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council; Kimberley Duff, Wallacewell Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes; Brian Land, Barmulloch Community Development Centre; Jenny Reeve, Beatroute Arts; and Shawn Nicholas Fernandez, Springburn Unity Network.
- Apologies:** Councillor Audrey Dempsey, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Emma Mark, Police Scotland; and R MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Attending:** N Palmer (Clerk); A Martin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and F Lundie (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 the terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Sean McKenna.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 19th November 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

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

- (1) Frank McGowan was no longer the substitute representative for Springburn Community Council, leaving this position vacant;

- (2) Inspector Emma Mark had replaced Chief Inspector Declan Todd for Police Scotland and Chief Inspector Mhairi Crawford had been nominated as the substitute representative for Police Scotland; and
- (3) Tiah Reid had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

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

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership 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 report.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Community Sergeant Sean McKenna, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) there had been a focus on community engagement throughout the ward to combat theft and drugs;
- (2) there had been assigned a community campus officer based within Springburn Academy and St. Roch's Secondary School which had enabled a direct link between Police and young people across the ward, raising awareness around drug use and sexual harm;
- (3) of the positive outcomes of the youth diversion scheme which had focused on violence and disorder and had been successful re-engaging with many young people in education, with several returning to school on part-time timetables after previously struggling to attend;
- (4) of the impact having police patrols on foot at shops to combat retail theft on the lead up to Christmas which supported shop workers to feel safer at their work;
- (5) of the ongoing issues of e-cigarettes and vapes being sold within shops at Springburn Way;
- (6) that local officers continue to tackle the on-going drugs issues within Springburn area; and
- (7) that there had been ongoing complaints from residents about the use of off-road quad bikes within the ward, and the priority remains to continue to remove illegal e-bikes from the roads.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Sergeant Sean McKenna for the update and the continued hard work being carried out by Police Scotland; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Sean McKenna; and
- (c) requested that
 - (i) Police Scotland look at the on-going speeding issues from Bishopbriggs to Springburn Road where drivers were speeding at 50-70 miles per hour which had raised safety concerns from residents; and
 - (ii) Police Scotland collaborate with the Partnership and the community to raise awareness and help tackle anti-hate crime within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2025, advising the Partnership

- (1) the Service had attended 611 incidents in the North East area, 105 of which were incidents within the ward, 0 fatalities, 11 accidental fires and 2 vehicle fires;
- (2) there had been a reduction in incidents, placing the ward in a strong position and demonstrated the effectiveness of community engagement efforts;
- (3) that SFRS had visited schools as part of their bonfire night strategy, and this had been a positive impact as the period was quieter in the ward than in previous years; and
- (4) after an incident had taken place, the Service had engaged with youths within the ward to raise awareness around hate crimes and since then no other incidents regarding this had been reported.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Station Commander Allan for the update and the work carried out by the fire service within the ward.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Progress update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) approved the following proposals in principle, in table 1, subject to NRS providing a breakdown of costs in respect of (Ref 17-001), (Ref 17-019), (Ref 17-038) and (Ref 17-039);
- (c) approved the following proposals detailed in table 1 in respect of (Ref 17-008) - subject to the Partnership providing specific locations, (Ref 17-018) - cost of place making assessment, (Ref 17-022) – signage at motorway roundabout (Ref 17-035) for 3 metal benches at Broomfield Road and Robroyston Park and (Ref 17-040) approved option 1, this being £20,000 on the blue line as detailed in the appendix to the report;
- (d) agreed to remove Ref 17-033; and
- (e) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) provide a breakdown of costing for the CCTV projects and lighting columns as detailed in the report, and whether the repairs of lighting columns should be installed through Business as Usual as opposed to using the NIIF fund;
 - (ii) provide further information to the next meeting on the following proposals detailed in Table 1 of the report, as the Partnership wished to continue, if possible with all projects, namely (Ref 17-014) – Pavement improvement at Springburn Way; (Ref 17-023) – Traffic lights at Asda; (Ref 17-024) - Pedestrian crossing at Robroyston Road; and Ref 17-025 – Traffic calming at Robroyston Road;
 - (iii) in respect of Ref 17-022 as indicated above, ensure that any signage should include “please drive carefully”;
 - (iv) provide accurate costing or clarification from NRS Roads in respect of (Ref 017-029) to determine whether the project would proceed under Business as Usual or be omitted from future reports; and

- (v) provide the Partnership with estimate costings for 3 CCTV cameras in respect to (Ref 17-019), 1 CCTV camera for the T-Junction at Springburn Academy and 2 CCTV cameras for lanes at Hillkirk Street Lane.

Barmulloch Community Development Centre - Presentation noted.

8 There was heard and noted a presentation by Martin McElroy, Chief Executive of Barmulloch Community Development Centre (BCDC), detailing

- (1) the BCDC's mission to enable communities and organisations in ward 17 and surrounding areas, to improve social, well-being and economic standards;
- (2) their Local Place Plan to focus on green and open spaces and use the views from the local residents to help shape new projects;
- (3) the project which supports national and local government objectives, increasing usage of park and reduces anti-social behaviour and regenerates the local area both economically and socially;
- (4) the plans for Broomfield Park to upgrade and redesign the play area and youth area, improve policing and prevent use by quad bikes, reintroduce recreational use on derelict land behind Broomfield Road Centre, develop Barmulloch Garden Farm proposal on Ryeside Road and wetland/drainage proposals;
- (5) the plans for Robroyston Park to carry out a habitat survey, tree planting, possible summer events, a 'welcome' signage, heritage and public art and feasibility study and landscape design concept for future enhancement of the park; and
- (6) the Wider Green Network the 'Co-op Park' the path improvements, upgrades to the play and social space, tree and wildflower planting, Brookfield Park' heritage hub, path network and community growing space and 'Robroyston South' protection of green space with local access, new play facilities and creating of path network.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Martin for the presentation and expressed their support to Barmulloch Community Development Centre's projects in the future.

Spirit of Springburn - Presentation noted.

9 There was heard and noted a presentation by Helen Carrol, Chair for Spirit of Springburn, detailing the

- (1) timeline of the Local Place Plan, in 2019 the Community Charrette, the Pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, post-pandemic review and the local Place Plan initiation;
- (2) vision and ambitions for Springburn, which for many years had experienced underinvestment and a lack of adequate care;
- (3) stages of the process which were stage 0, stage 1, stage 2, stage 3 and finalise and submit the Local Place Plan, stage 1 was gathering all evidence and responses which was successful;
- (4) key areas for the projects being Springburn Park, the Winter Gardens, Springburn Way and Springburn Shopping Centre;
- (5) key projects which are Densifying Springburn (vacant sites with affordable housing opportunities), Community spaces, the focus on health and wellbeing and connecting Springburn internally and externally; and
- (6) next steps which are Action Plan – priority, partners, timeframe, funding, promote and engage with the community, build momentum and identify funding – Pride in Place.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Helen for the presentation and expressed their support to Spirit of Springburn’s projects in the future.

Area Budget 2026/27 - Applications for Funding - Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2026/27 Area Budget at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2026/27 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted

- (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2026/27 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;
 - (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2026/27 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications;
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £750 could be allocated from the 2026/27 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) dealt with the application 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>
All Saints Secondary School – Exchange trip to Germany	Towards the cost of taking 20 students to Stuttgart, Germany	Awarded £1,500
Community Events Scotland – Easter Family Funday	Towards the cost to organise an Easter event at Robroyston Park on Friday 10th April 2026	Awarded £5,000
Achieve More Scotland	Towards the cost to organise a Friday night programme that would take place at St. Roch's Secondary School for approximately 70 young people to attend for various activities	Awarded £2,500
Balgrayhill Ukrainian Tenants Alliance	Towards the cost to host 12 community wellbeing sessions at Balgrayhill Community Centre at the beginning April 2026	Awarded £960
Present Community – The Springburn Plinth	Towards the cost to repair a sandstone plinth in Springburn, opposite the old Springburn library	Awarded £3,555, subject to confirmation of permissions

Future meeting dates approved.

11 The dates of the 2026 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 1100 hours;
Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 1100 hours; and
Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 1100 hours.