

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd February 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Holly Bruce (Chair); Councillor Susan Aitken; Councillor Stephen Docherty; and Councillor Paul Leinster, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Chris Tait, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association; Diane Osprey, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; Judith Pollock, Mount Florida Community Council; Patricia Cahill, Sanctuary Housing Association; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Kevin Watson, Toryglen Community Council; Harry Murtagh, Queens Park Bowling Club; Patricia Cahill, Sanctuary Housing Association; and Hester Wylde, South East Integration Network
- Attending:** E Paton (Clerk); A Abbot (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and L Boyd and S Faichney (Glasgow Life).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

- 1** The minutes of 4th November 2025 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 the membership of this Partnership, advising that
- (1) Inspector Graeme Hogg had replaced Inspector Chris Thomson as representative for Police Scotland, leaving the position of substitute vacant;
 - (2) Eveline McNair had stepped down as representative of Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, leaving the position of representative vacant; and
 - (3) Graham Stark had stepped down as representative for Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council, leaving the position of representative vacant.

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 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.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Community engagement update noted – Request to the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

4 With reference to the minutes of 2nd September 2025 providing an update on Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Community Engagement, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing additional NIIF ideas that had been submitted and NIIF allocation options to consider, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) agreed
 - (i) to forward the requests from the Toryglen Community Base and Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for costing; and
 - (ii) to assign NIIF allocation using the 60% population / 40% SIMD option, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report; and
- (b) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance liaise with Mount Florida Community Council regarding the rationale for the SIMD allocations and share this with the Partnership; and
- (c) noted the community council areas identified for each of the NIIF proposals, as detailed in the report.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

5 With reference to the minutes of 4th November 2024 noting the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIFF programme;

- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS for costings;
- (3) that NRS had now established governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report for the funding of murals through NIIF; and
- (4) of the progress to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the proposals which had previously been submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of the committed and actual spend to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) agreed to remove project reference 07-053, pedestrian crossing between the New Victoria Hospital and Clyde College;
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) arrange a site visit with the appropriate NRS team for project reference 07-054, pedestrian crossing between Langside Road and the Queen's Park Plant Nursery entrance;
 - (ii) clarify if the new project proposal that combined project reference 07-031, 07-032 and 07-034 together as one large project and provide the Partnership with costings; and
 - (iii) liaise with the Road Safety team in relation to project reference 07-020 and 07-052, pedestrian crossing between Langside Avenue and the central entrance to Queen's Park to agree the most suitable option; and
- (c) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance liaise with all appropriate organisations that have submitted NIIF request ideas to place these in order of priority to facilitate spending decisions.

Langside Library Refurbishment – Presentation noted.

6 There was heard and noted a presentation by Lyndsay Boyd, Glasgow Life, regarding the Langside Library refurbishment, advising of the

- (1) proposed works taking place to the library and community garden, including plans for the internal layout and internal layout example visuals;
- (2) programme of works and their completion dates - Haki tent and scaffold dismantle March / April 2026, External fabric works completed September 2026, Internal works completed September 2026 and External community garden works scheduled Spring 2027;

- (3) current progress of the works taking place, which included progress pictures of the site; and
- (4) community engagement taking place which included City of Poet sessions, Community Garden Group and the temporary book provision at Finn's place.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

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

- (1) that Chief Inspector Alistair McDonald had been in post since December and had been appointed as the new Area Commander within the ward;
- (2) that due to the closure of Gorbals Police Station all officers had been moved to Cathcart Station, resulting in more police presence within the ward;
- (3) there had been an increase in thefts of vehicles from home addresses but there was no obvious pattern to these and that Police Scotland were carrying out additional patrols at night; and
- (4) of the work Police Scotland were doing to tackle anti-social behaviour, including sending letters home to parents and parents getting in touch with Police Scotland for more information.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

8 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, 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 that

- (1) the service had attended 652 incidents in the South area, these being 145 fires, 161 non-fire incidents and 228 false alarms;
- (2) there had been 8 road traffic collisions, with 1 incident having non-fatal casualties and 2 of the incidents had resulted in people being rescued by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (3) of the deliberate fires in the South area, 52 were refuse and 7 were vehicles.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), providing an update during the last quarter regarding health improvement and of the ongoing work within the South of the city.

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; and
 - (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>
Active Schools Shawlands cluster	Towards the cost of delivering a range of sports clubs in schools within the cluster to enhance school provision from April 2026 to May 2027	Awarded £1,458

(c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	October 2025	Total Award
Toryglen Community Youth Project	Geoff Shaw Community Centre G42 0DN	£220	£704	£110	£1,034

Queen's Park Development – Consideration Continued.

11 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.