**Item 1**

**24th November 2026**

# SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on 15th September 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Alexander Belic (Chair) and Bailie Soryia Siddique, Glasgow City Council; Tracey Boyle, Gorbals Third Sector Forum; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council; Tim Porter, Hutchesontown Community Council; Elaine Murray, Laurieston Community Council; Suzanne Bell, Community Renewal; and Michael Fullerton, New Gorbals Housing Association.

Apologies Councillor Elaine Gallagher and Councillor Mhairi Hunter, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Layla-Roxanne Hill, South East Integration Network.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); A Abbot (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); R Strachan and L Thomson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability),

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of 28th April 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

(1) Zara Kitson had replaced Amelia Martin as the representative of the King's Trust;

(2) Audrey Carlin had replaced Zara Kitson as the substitute representative of the King's Trust;

(3) Layla-Roxanne Hill had replaced Hester Wylde as substitute representative of South East Integration Network;

(4) Paolo Greco had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Oatlands Community Council;

(5) Malek Balog is the new representative and Suzanne Bell as the substitute representative for Community Renewal; and

(6) Elaine Murray is the new representative for Laurieston Community Council.

**Police Scotland ward update – Consideration Continued.**

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

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.**

**4** 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 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2026, advising the Partnership

(1) that the service had attended 855 incidents in the South area that included 298 fires, 205 non-fire incidents and 334 false alarms, 114 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) with 0 fire fatalities and 4 non-fire fatalities recorded;

(2) of the 3 road traffic collisions in the South Area, there was 5 non-fatal casualty and 3 people rescued by firefighters;

(3) of the 45 accidental dwelling fire, 28 were from cooking appliances and 7 were from an electricity supply; and

(4) that there had been 312 Home Fire Safety Visits and 35 had been carried out in the Southside Central area.

**Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update - Consideration Continued.**

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

**Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved.**

**6** 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;

(3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Southside Central Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation; and

(5) 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 report; and

(b) approved additional funding totalling £33,770 to be deducted from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

**Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Projects approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

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

(1) the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) approved

(i) the additional funding of £33,770 for Festive Lighting 2026 to be deducted from the remaining balance of the NIIF; and

(ii) that the remaining NIIF balance of £42,871.82 be ring fenced to resurfacing of paths and pavements; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability arrange a walk around visit for Allison Street with particular focus on the paving at Allison Street between Victoria Road and West Moreland Street to investigate what works were required on the paths and pavements.

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

**8** 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 £73,496 had been allocated to date, therefore leaving a balance of £15,582; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Southside Central Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and

(ii) of the 4 applications that had been dealt with under delegated authority, as detailed in the report; and

(b) dealt with the application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

| *Applicant* | *Purpose of application* | *Decision* |
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| SEAL – Stressbuster Project | Towards the cost to support 40 families in the Gorbals area, focussing on parents of young children and families experiencing poverty and the cost-of-living crisis. This project would provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space where families can access practical tools to reduce stress, | Awarded £2,767 |

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| | build resilience and improve emotional wellbeing | |
| Home Start South | Towards the cost of purchasing 19 Samsung Galaxy A37 5G mobile phones for frontline staff delivering support in the community | Awarded £920 |
| AfriCon Scotland | Towards the cost of a volunteer-led youth football and community activities programme for young people from African, refugee and asylum-seeking families in Govanhill, Gorbals and surrounding Southside communities | Refused due to being ineligible |
| First Hampden CIC | Towards the cost of a feasibility study to investigate the potential regeneration of the first Hampden football ground into a heritage site | Refused due to funds being secured elsewhere |
| Halo Arts | Towards the cost of delivering pantomimes for school children in the South of Glasgow | Rejected due to duplication |
| The Occasional Cabaret | Towards the cost of presenting a production for 18 learning disabled adults within Southside Groups | Awarded £2,486 |
| Radio Buena Vida CIC | Towards the cost of supporting the building of a website to transform the radio archive into a more accessible and searchable community resource | Awarded £4,497 |
| Queens Park Food Bank | Towards the cost of supporting a pilot project to provide care packages for new visitors to the food bank who are residents at the Queen’s Park Hotel | Awarded £1,865 |
| Laurieston Day Nursery | Towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for outdoor play | Awarded £3,047 |