

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The differing levels of scrutiny and engagement will be linked to the principles that underpin the role and function of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership and its new substructure: the three Sector Partnerships and twenty one Area Partnerships.
- 1.2 At this point, the differing levels of the structure are still finding their feet and beginning to understand the role that they play within the overall Community Planning structure. However, it is important to recognise that each element of the structure will have its own unique role in terms of local scrutiny and engagement of the national Police and Fire Services.
- 1.3 Most importantly, the degree of scrutiny and engagement needs to be appropriate to the key functions of community planning at each level.

2. Level One – Safe Glasgow Group

- 2.1 The main role of the Safe Group will be as the designated body to scrutinise and review the local Police and Fire and Rescue plans for the City of Glasgow. These plans will require to encompass priority setting, community engagement, and performance related measures. Both the Police and Fire and Rescue Plans are at an interim stage and will remain so until later this year when the consultation process is completed.
 - At this level, the group has delegated power from the Glasgow CPP to assist in the scrutiny of Police and Fire activity, and will provide a progress report to the CPP and Glasgow City Council's Executive Committee.
 - There should be no crossover or duplication of the functions of the national Police or Fire Authorities.
 - This should be a bimonthly meeting (at least for the first year).
 - The scope of scrutiny will include Police and Fire Plans and Police and Fire contributions to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).
 - Police and Fire plans will be reviewed and 'signed off' by GCC, but the main scrutiny of the plans will be at national level. The focus for the group will be on how the Police and Fire services fulfil their duties under the SOA.
 - Police and Fire Plans will be created in partnership with Glasgow City Council and other partners to ensure a good fit with SOA
 - This group will predominantly be made up of elected members with partner representation from Glasgow CHP, Glasgow Housing Association and representation from Police and Fire.
 - A performance management system that complements the national ones will be developed, to enable the group to monitor performance against set targets.

2.2 Other responsibilities of the Group will be to:

- contribute to the delivery of the Glasgow Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). In particular, the local outcome indicators and programme will need to be developed in relation to the national outcome 'We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger';
- consider progress reports on the implementation of the local Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Glasgow plans;
- receive statistical reports on complaints about policing, fire and rescue;
- be notified of any policing and fire and rescue matters being the subject of independent national review bodies in Glasgow;
- consider safer community projects/initiatives;
- provide comments/replies on any consultation documents pertaining to policing, fire and rescue services and safer communities; and
- Recommend improvements in local policing, fire and rescue services.
- There will be an ability to co-opt other suitable persons to assist in its functions

3. Level two – Sector Partnerships & Area Senior Officer Groups

3.1 The Sector Partnerships have a key role in being able to feedback on the general performance of Police and Fire and Rescue as partners. In other words, the focus of the Scrutiny here is on how well Police and Fire contribute to the Implementation Plans for the SOA and other partnership plans, rather than evaluation of their own plans. The Safe Glasgow Group could develop a simple questionnaire that allows the Sector partnership to assess the contribution of Police and Fire in various partnership activities.

- At this level, the focus should be on consultation and partnership working, rather than scrutiny of plans. However, the Police and Fire Plans should be presented here, so that partners can understand what functions Police and Fire can bring to the delivery of the SOA.
- There should be a clear link to the SOA and One Glasgow – so the questions might be - are the Police and Fire working as good partners? What have they set out to deliver in partnership? Did they deliver what they said they would? They will be the lead on some initiatives e.g. Reducing Offending and Alcohol, and partners on others.
- There could be some review of the Police and Fire Plans as they relate to local partnership working. This can be fed back to the Safe Glasgow Group, or the Safe Glasgow Group could seek specific pieces of information from the Sector Partnership based on outcomes that have been identified in the Police and Fire Plans.
- Evaluation of their partnership working and delivery of SOA outcomes at a sector level. Evaluation of full outcomes will be a longer term process – the SOA is a ten year plan but collation of Police and Fire contributions to the short term outcomes should be relatively straightforward.
- 6 – 9 elected members per sector will be involved in these structures across the city along with a range of partner representatives and local residents.

4. Level three – Area Partnerships

4.1 The Area Partnerships have a clear role in relation to their capacity for community engagement. This is where community residents and partners have a responsibility to ensure that Police and Fire and rescue are carrying out effective engagement with communities – geographic and communities of interest. Rather than focusing on the idea of ‘scrutiny’ – this is where the partners can support and encourage Police and Fire to engage more effectively with the local agenda and encourage their participation in local action plans around Neighbourhood Management or other priority initiatives.

- This is the responsive level of the partnership, and this is about Local Engagement and feedback on local operational matters and policies rather than scrutiny.
- Feedback will come through the Sector CPP to Safe Glasgow Group.
- This level is where Community Engagement is most required and appropriate.
- At this level, Police Scotland have their Multi Member Ward (MMW) plans and Fire and Rescue have Tactical Assessments. This is the informing level.
- A joint report between Police and Fire will be prepared for each Area Partnership on a biannual basis.
- This could be developed by the Safe support team, based on stats from the Police and Fire Services.
- Reporting would be cyclical e.g. every three meetings
- There should be a clear link to Neighbourhood Management issues – NM will help shape an action plan
- It is clearly about community feedback on issues, opportunities for consultation and for Police and Fire to respond to issues.
- 3 or 4 elected members sit on each Area Partnership – all the members for each MMW

4.2 Role profiles will be developed for the following:

- Elected members and members of the Safe group
- Members of the 3 sector partnerships
- Members of the Area Partnerships.

4.3 This will be followed by a training package that supports all participants to clearly understand their role in relation to degrees of Local Scrutiny and Engagement.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members of the Group are asked to note the contents of the report.