

## What are Local Community Planning Partnerships?

At its very heart, community planning is about providing a platform for communities and partners to work together to deliver services which meet local needs. The work of Glasgow's 10 Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs) is absolutely crucial in this regard.

The 10 LCPPs in Glasgow are organised in line with the new multi-member wards and cover the whole of the city. Each Partnership has its own Board with a degree of delegated decision-making powers within its boundaries. The composition of LCPP Boards reflects the concept of equal partnership, which is an underpinning principle of Community Planning. Therefore, each Board consists of:

- **Four** members of Glasgow City Council, one of whom is Board Chair as determined by the Council as nominating body.
- **Four** community residents (one from equalities related groups, one from active community councils, one from local tenants/residents/housing groups, and one from local Public Participation Forums).
- **One** Board member from each of the following Partner Groups:
  - Scottish Enterprise
  - Strathclyde Police
  - NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
  - Communities Scotland
  - Job Centre Plus
  - Voluntary Sector
  - Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
  - FE/HE Sector
  - Housing Sector

This ensures a wide range of views are represented on local Boards.



## Community Engagement

Glasgow Community Planning Ltd is also working closely with Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS) to develop a citywide Community Engagement Database which will greatly improve information sharing amongst the voluntary sector and community planning partners throughout Glasgow. The database will build upon the excellent work which GCVS has already carried out in establishing its own Infobase list of voluntary organisations with paid members of staff. The new database will widen its focus to include those organisations which are run on an entirely voluntary basis. This is a significant piece of work and it will make effective community engagement considerably easier to facilitate.

## All change

After just one year of community planning in the city, the membership of LCPPs is currently undergoing something of a transformation.

At a national and local level, the elections in May have brought about a great deal of change to the political landscape in Scotland. With 40 councillors on LCPPs throughout the city, these were clearly very important elections for community planning in Glasgow.

Even before the election, it was clear that Glasgow's 10 LCPPs would undergo significant changes. Almost a quarter of the 40 councillors who were members of LCPPs prior to the election were not seeking re-election. As the table shows, Glasgow City Council has now confirmed the names of the councillors who will be on each local Board, and there are a substantial number of changes from how the Boards looked before the election.

However, when the Boards reconvene in August after the summer recess, it will not only be many of

the politicians who are new to community planning. At its meeting in May, the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (CPP) agreed to new rules governing community residents on LCPP Boards. This will see existing community members on Boards will stand down on 30th June 2007.

The Partnership aims to ensure that LCPPs hear from a range of different voices throughout the communities they serve. Refreshing community membership each year is seen as a vital step towards achieving this. The challenge for the Community Planning Partnership is to ensure that all new members are supported in a way that allows them to hit the ground running and continue the good work that has been carried out in the last year.

The last 12 months have certainly seen community planning in the city take significant strides forward. We have employed 5 Community Engagement Network Co-ordinators (ENCs) who will work to support and encourage greater engagement with communities throughout Glasgow. A key component of community planning is ensuring that it delivers the needs of local people and the ENCs will play a vital role in supporting this.

## Local Community Planning Partnership Members

### **Drumchapel/Annie'sland & Garscadden/Scotstounhill**

Paul Carey (Chair)  
Jonathan Findlay  
Graeme Hendry  
Jean McFadden

### **Govan & Craigton**

John Flanagan (Chair)  
Stephen Dornan  
Allison Hunter  
Matthew Kerr

### **Langside & Linn**

Archie Graham (Chair)  
Sadie Docherty  
John McKenzie  
David Ritchie

### **Partick West, Hillhead & Anderston/City**

Gordon Matheson (Chair)  
Philip Braat  
Craig Mackay  
Hanzala Malik

### **Springburn & Glasgow North East (part)**

Jim Todd (Chair)

Gilbert Davidson  
Gerald Leonard  
Grant Thoms

### **East Centre & Calton**

Frank Docherty (Chair)  
Patricia Chalmers  
Jennifer Dunn  
George Redmond

### **Greater Pollok & Newlands/Auldburn**

James McNally (Chair)  
Colin Deans  
Alex Glass  
William O'Rourke

### **Maryhill/Kelvin & Central**

Ellen Hurcombe (Chair)  
Alex Dingwall  
Jim Mackechnie  
Mohammed Razaq

### **Pollokshields East and Southside Central**

Anne Marie Millar (Chair)  
Khalil Malik  
Irfan Rabbani  
Jim Scanlon

### **Shettleston, Baillieston and Greater Easterhouse**

Catherine McMaster (Chair)  
James Coleman  
Douglas Hay  
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## Partnership working

And we are starting to see real examples of partnership working delivering for the people of Glasgow. For example, Glasgow City Council, in partnership with the CPP, Communities Scotland, Glasgow Housing Association (GHA) and Glasgow Community and Safety Services (GCSS), has launched its Clean Glasgow campaign. The CPP provides funding of £1 million towards this campaign which seeks to improve the environmental condition of Glasgow's neighbourhoods.

Similarly, the Neighbourhood Management pilot in the North of the city is bringing together a host of partners including Strathclyde Police, GHA, Glasgow City Council and the local Community Health and Care Partnership to improve security, cleansing and environmental services in the local neighbourhood. By actively seeking the views of residents on local priorities, this pilot is designed to improve the quality and responsiveness of public services to local needs.

Surveys of local residents helped to pinpoint the top 10 priority issues for each neighbourhood within the Springburn and Glasgow North East LCPP identifying issues such as road safety, litter and vandalism, dog fouling, dumping and youth disorder. From those results, GCPL and partners developed action plans to address these issues. This is community planning at its very best and if the pilot proves successful – and early indications are positive - it will be rolled out throughout the city.

## Moving Forward

Clearly after only one year of operation, community planning in Glasgow is still in its infancy. However, the structures are now in place to take forward effective collaborative working throughout the city. We have achieved a great deal in the last year, but we have only just begun.

Working with partners throughout Glasgow, the Community Planning Partnership can bring about real regeneration for this city.

Our challenge is to ensure that we do.



## Further Information

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