

Action notes

9th February 2016

Present:

Frank McAveety – Council Leader – co-chair

Ghazala Hakeem – Poverty Truth Commission & CAP– co-chair

Lynn Brown – Executive Director of Financial Services

Matt Kerr – Councillor Executive Member for Families, Health and Social Care

Sharon McKechnie – Tackling Poverty Manager

Jonathan Squire - Ethnic Minorities Law Centre

Morag Sweeney – Dept. for Work and Pensions

Lorna Kelly – Glasgow Centre for Population and Health

Angela Jamieson – Community Activist Panel

Steven Andrew – Community Activist Panel

David Cairns – Community Activist Panel

David Ramsay – Glasgow Homelessness Network (GHN)

Maggie Brunjes – GHN – Stream Lead

Gerry Quinn – PLP Manager

Andy White – GCC, Social Work Services Welfare Rights

Kevin Rush – GCC, DRS – Stream Lead

Lorna Wilson – Wheatley Group – Stream Lead

Fiona Moss – GGC NHS Board – Stream Lead

Sheena Campbell – GCC, Lone Parents Development Manager

Bernadette Monaghan – Volunteer Glasgow

Tressa Burke – Glasgow Disability Alliance

Martina Johnston Gray – GHN – Stream Lead

Allison Eccles - Head of Business Development, Social Work Services – Stream Lead

Sandra McDermott – GCC, Financial Services

Jim Gray – GCC, Democratic Services

Duncan Booker – GCC, Sustainable Glasgow Manager

Marissa Costello – One Parent Families Scotland

Sandra Collins – GCC, Financial Inclusion

Douglas McLaughlin – Navigate

Isla McIntosh – Glasgow Disability Alliance

Apologies from:

Shaw Anderson – GCC, Democratic Services

Stuart Patrick – Chamber of Commerce

Brian Scott – Glasgow Disability Alliance

Florence O’Hale – CAP Member

Martin Armstrong – Chief Executive of Wheatley Group

Jim McCormick – Joseph Rowntree Foundation

David Maxwell – Volunteer Glasgow

Innocent Jakisa – CAP member

Beverley Downie – GCC, Financial Inclusion Partnership Manager – Stream Lead

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghazala welcomed everyone to the PLP event, the first to be held within the community at the Mary Barbour Suite, Pearce Institute, Govan • All the attendees then introduced themselves to the chair. 	
2.	<p>Opening remarks by the Leader:</p> <p>The Leader provided some detail on the council’s budget issues and reminded everyone of the opportunity to get involved in the consultation process, through the council’s webpage at www.glasgow.gov.uk/budget</p> <p>The Leader also congratulated Lynn Brown on the award of her OBE.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes and apologies- the minutes were agreed, with one minor amendment to the attendees, Meriem Timizar is no longer attending.</p> <p>Apologies received listed above.</p>	
4.	<p>Sharon McKechnie – advised the panel that she will no longer be working as the Tackling Poverty Manager and instead is moving to the Transformation Team within the council. Her duties have been transferred to Sandra McDermott, who is the Head of Financial Inclusion and Improving the Cancer Journey. Sharon thanked the PLP members for their support during her time in her role.</p> <p>Sandra McDermott – gave a brief overview of her thoughts for tackling poverty in the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective positive use of the council’s data to improve and provide services for our citizens in most need • Collaboration between GCC, NHS and Wheatley Group on the bids for external funding to support the tackling poverty projects • Review of community engagement with the Community Activist Panel 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration between the key players to develop a citywide tackling poverty strategy. <p>David Cairns provided his view on the need to recruit new CAP members and for CAP members to be involved in the decision making processes. David also raised concerns about future funding and highlighted that through his networks has identified potential funders for CAP. He added that CAP may look at be a more autonomous group but will continue to work in collaboration with the PLP members.</p>	
5.	<p>Duncan Booker, Sustainable Glasgow Manager provided a presentation which covered the joint working between Glasgow and Edinburgh with regard to food poverty. Also included in the presentation was the need to look at alternatives to foodbanks – <i>presentation attached to email.</i></p> <p>It was suggested that Duncan’s work could become a workstream within the PLP structure. This will be taken forward at the Citywide Poverty Strategy event on 30th March.</p>	
6	<p>Sheena Campbell Lone Parent Development Manager provided a presentation of the work progressed to date and the way forward for the lone parent programme – <i>presentation attached to email</i></p>	
7	<p>Snapshot updates from Streamleads – Streamleads have provided comprehensive details of their actions and progress so far in the one page update issued to all panel members in advance of the meeting.</p>	
7.1	<p>Attitudes – Lorna Wilson presented the update. It was noted - the People Make Glasgow Fairer training on attitudes to poverty and people on benefits is ongoing. To date there have been almost 1,800 staff, mainly from the Wheatley Group and the Council who have either received the on-line awareness or face to face sessions. The training has now been added to the Council’s list of “core” courses that form the staff members’ development plan.</p> <p>Lorna also advised the panel members, that following the successful mutual mentoring programme between senior decision makers from GCC, NHS and the Wheatley Group and citizens who had experienced poverty, the second iteration was currently in the planning with the CAP members. This version will see a mix of public and private sector decision makers involved.</p> <p>Lorna’s contact email - Lorna.Wilson@wheatley-group.com</p>	<p>Action for all members:</p> <p>If you or you are aware of anyone who may want to get involved in this programme please advise Lorna Wilson at the Wheatley Group by the end of February</p>
7.2	<p>Child Poverty – Fiona Moss presented the update. Fiona highlighted the Child Poverty and RSL Event held in January. There is a need for as many RSLs as possible to get involved with the tackling poverty agenda. There are some RSLs who have started working independently to tackle child poverty. Sandra McDermott stated that there is the RSL forum and that links to the majority of RSLs can be made. It was agreed that further discussion with RSL’s should include Peter Kelly and the West of Scotland HN.</p> <p>Isla Mcintosh stated that there are major issues for disabled citizens getting access to suitably adapted housing and often wasted opportunities to “re-let” house previously adapted to disabled citizens rather than returning the house to its original form. Any reviews on the Housing Strategy have got to</p>	<p>Action: Sandra to contact the RSL forum to discuss a joint approach to tackling poverty.</p> <p>Action: Sandra also to contact Fiona and Maggie to discuss</p>

	take these issues into account.	Housing Workstream and poverty related issues, also include Peter Kelly and the West of Scotland Housing Network.
7.3	<p><u>Participation</u> – Martina Johnston Gray presented the update. Martina told the panel of the work that the community of Priesthill and Househillwood are involved with and the issues they had early on in the project. There was a general discussion around the impact that poor performing landlords can have on the community and a need to work closer with those who want to engage. Over 100 people from the Priesthill & Househillwood project have engaged and presented their ideas for improvements to their area.</p> <p>There will be a series of monthly events organised for the All-in for Parkhead project to use the vacant land.</p>	
7.4	<p><u>Community Activist Panel</u> – Steven Andrew presented an update on the activities of the CAP members:</p> <p>CAP members meet with Sandra McDermott on Thursday to review community engagement and the way forward.</p> <p>David Cairns is volunteering with a Food Bank and has also started a part time job.</p> <p>Andrew, David and Michael have all been involved with Lorna Wilson to deliver and implement the second and more ambitious Mutual Mentoring programme.</p> <p>Ghazala has met with most of the stream leads on an individual basis in her position as co-chair. Also Ghazala met with David Maxwell, from Volunteer Glasgow, to work on the volunteer agreement.</p> <p>Andrew has attended meetings, as part of the Work and Worth stream, concentrating on the volunteering aspect of this work stream David Maxwell.</p> <p>David Cairns and Ghazala attended the Food Poverty and Social Justice conference that was organised by the Poverty Alliance. David and Ghazala also attended the Designing Community Food Hubs event by Nourish Scotland.</p> <p>CAP members would like to give a special mention to our colleague Innocent Jakisa who is unable to attend today's meeting due to illness and we wish him a very speedy recovery.</p> <p>Ghazala and Gerry are working with Paul Turnbull at GHN on revamping</p>	

	<p>the PLP website.</p> <p>Ghazala has also joined the Gender Based Violence (GBV) group.</p>	
7.5	<p><u>Credit & Debt</u> – Gerry Quinn gave an update on behalf of Beverley Downie. The main issue at the moment is the work currently underway on the Community Finance Report and the 2 key products/projects that came from it: Low Cost Loans, designed to offer credit at an affordable level to those on low income, working and Rent to Own and alternative to the high interest high street furniture stores. There has been some development, sufficiently enough to be put forward for external funding. As this may be subject to a procurement exercise, no further details can be given at this time. A draft action plan for the Gender Based Violence (GBV) group has been developed and further meetings are planned.</p>	
7.6	<p><u>Welfare Reform</u> – Allison Eccles presented the update. Staff in the Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF) were given a briefing and a Q&A on the sanctioning process by DWP and the customers’ rights to appeal. Allison highlighted that of the referrals passed to her team via the SWF, 100% of them were unaware of their right to appeal. Morag from DWP stated that their advisors are fully aware of the appeals process and this should be getting passed onto the customer.</p>	
7.7	<p><u>Work and Worth</u> – Kevin Rush presented the update. Kevin advised that a meeting had been held with representatives across DRS economic development to help contribute to the new action plan. The new action plan is now well underway and will be presented to the Workstream Leads and CAP members, the final version will be available for presenting to the full PLP in May.</p> <p>There was also a meeting held with Volunteer Glasgow to discuss continued working together as one workstream and to look at future opportunities for volunteering</p> <p>Steven Andrew asked that disabled volunteers are given due consideration and using the lessons learned from the 2014 Games where disabled volunteers were unable to access rooms or buildings for interviews.</p> <p>Peter Kelly advised that consultation is underway on the calculation used to determine the</p>	
8.	<p><u>Presentation by Jim Gray</u> Jim gave an overview on the Community Empowerment Act. Highlights from the presentation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The act is not yet enforced, awaiting guidance from Scottish Government • We will be building on current working arrangements with community representation and engagement • The Community Planning Partnership annual report is available on line at www.glasgowcpp.org.uk • The right for communities to buy land and or building is complex and depends also on who owns the land/buildings. Jim offered to provide relevant contact details for anyone who has further interest. <p><i>Presentation attached to email.</i></p>	

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Any other business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tessa highlighted the cost involved for disabled volunteers to attend workstream meetings and other events, she added that providing funding should not only be the responsibility of the council and asked that all PLP members consider how they can assist in meeting these costs. • This was the first meeting to be held in a community venue and if any PLP member has other venue options please advise Gerry of the location and the contact details. • This was the first PLP meeting in a community venue and if anyone would like to host a PLP meeting or know of a venue that they think is appropriate for future meetings please let Gerry Quinn know the details including potential costs as soon as possible 	<p>Action – All PLP members to note, consider and advise.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>The next meetings will be:</p> <p>30th March – Development of the City Wide Tackling Poverty Strategy 10:00 – 16:30</p> <p>17th May – 10:00 – 12:00 Venue to be confirmed</p> <p>13th Sept – 10:00 – 12:00 Venue to be confirmed</p> <p>17th Jan – 10:00 – 12:00 Venue to be confirmed</p>	