

CPG on Govanhill

Mon 16 April, 6pm

Samaritan House, 79 Copelaw Street, Glasgow, G42 7JG

Meeting 3 - Housing and Regeneration

In attendance:

Name	Organisation (if applicable)
Annie Wells MSP	Scottish Parliament
Anas Sarwar MSP	Scottish Parliament
Cllr Mhairi Hunter	Glasgow City Council
Duncan Thomson	Development and Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council
Gordon Smith	Development and Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council
John Quinn	Govanhill Housing Association
Ken Mcdougall	Govanhill Housing Association
Cheryl McCormick	Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council
Grant McManus	Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council
Keith Hawley	Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council
Marion Nisbet	Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council
Sophie Castle	Office of Annie Wells
Elaine Ward	Office of Annie Wells

Item 1 | Welcome and apologies

- Apologies from Patrick Harvie and Cllr Soryia Siddique

Item 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting

- **AP** – Eunis Jassemi-Zargani to circulate minutes from the meeting held 05.02.18

Item 3 | Introductory remarks from the Co-Conveners

- N/A

Item 4 | Presentation from Duncan Thomson & Gordon Smith, DRS, GCC

- A Strategy Going Forward:
 - September 2015 – Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Government supported a £9.3m (£5m of which came from the Council and £4.3m from Scottish Government) plan to purchase a majority of 579 flats in four tenement blocks in Govanhill ([Link](#));
 - The Enhanced Enforcement Area allowed the council to compel landlords of four Govanhill tenements to submit to a criminal record check, produce a buildings insurance policy, and provide safety certificates;
 - Glasgow City Council set aside £500,000 of its fund to address problems in properties out with those being block purchased;

- Grants were made available for private rentals to carry out preventative maintenance;
- September 2017 – Glasgow City Council granted additional powers to tackle problems in the private rented sector in Govanhill. An application to designate a further 14 tenement blocks in the area as an EEA has been approved by the **Scottish Government**. ([Link](#));
- Work by the Council is ongoing with the aim of inspecting all private properties
- Pre- 1919 Housing stock
 - Property condition survey currently taking place across Glasgow
- **AP** – Sophie Castle to check figures on progress to date regarding inspections
- **AP** – Sophie to look into Scottish Government policy on housing in Govanhill going forward

Item 5 | Presentation from Ken Mcdougall & John Quinn, GHA

- The Association manages c.2500 properties in the area
- New housing provision for **social renting** under GHA:
 - Victoria Road – 42 units – TBC August 2018
 - Inglefield Street – 22 units – TBC August 2018
- New housing provision under Wheatley Group for **mid-market renting**:
 - Site of former Women’s Hostel on Inglefield Street /Larkfield Street – 45 units – due on site 2018/19
 - Site of former Victoria Primary school – 49 units – currently on site
- New housing provision under Link Housing for **mid-market renting**:
 - Site of former Larkfield Bus Depot – 186 units – due on site 2019/20

Item 6 | Q & A

- Questions taken on:
 - Overcrowding and how this will be factored into new building projects;
 - Pest control and how this can be overcome within tenements;
 - New building projects and the impact on local services particularly primary schools;
 - Mid-market housing and whether or not this is affordable;
 - Rogue landlords using family members as a guise once their licence is revoked.

Item 7 | Actions to be taken

- **AP** – Eunis to check the letter from the Community Group was sent out
- **AP** – Sophie to carry out research on:
 - Mandatory factoring, can legislation be more robust
 - Mandatory insurance, can legislation be more robust
 - Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) process, can the process be streamlined
- **AP** – Sophie to coordinate next meeting
- **AP** – Sophie to look more into work of Govanhill Regeneration Group

- Its 10 year Locality Plan and 1 year implementation Plan

Item 8 | Discussion on topic of next meeting

- Cleansing and Environment
- **AP** – Sophie to invite speakers

Item 9 | Date and time of next meeting

- 16 May, Scottish Parliament (AGM)
- 18 June, Samaritan House

Item 10 | AOB

- N/A