Item 2

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Govan Area Partnership

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Govan to Kingston
Liveable Neighbourhoods

Purpose of Report:

To update the area partnership of the status of the Liveable Neighbourhood programme.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the content of the report.

1 Introduction

1.1 This paper aims to give an update to Govan Area Partnership members on the progress of the Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programme in Govan, and of active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) projects.

1.2 The Govan to Kingston LN study area (covering the Greater Govan, Ibrox, Cessnock, Drumoyne, Linthouse, Kinning Park and Kingston neighbourhoods) formed one of five areas in the first tranche of LN. In 2021-22 this activity was advanced from feasibility to concept design (RIBA stages 0 to 2) - these stages involved evidence gathering, engagement with communities and stakeholders, identification of a short-list of projects to take forward and initial concept designs. This process was reported to committee on:

- ESCR 23rd August 2022 LN Tranche 1, Stage 1 update
- ELNC 31st January 2023 LN Tranche 1, Stage 2 update

1.3 A number of projects have been identified as potential for funding via NIIF and the Place Fund. And several other projects are now included within the contract awarded to progress the active travel City Network in Govan this year, which will seek to delivery substantial improvements for walking, wheeling and cycling opportunities, and creating places for people.

1.4 The online and in-person community engagement provided invaluable ideas for the design team to develop specific LN projects. An in-depth approach was developed that considered the five large and varied neighbourhoods within the overall LN area. This generated detailed data on the challenges and opportunities residents see in the area and produced a long list of emerging proposals that can be advanced through the LN programme or other funding opportunities.

1.5 The Govan to Kingston LN - RIBA Stage 1 gathered data on the LN study area which was analysed alongside the information generated through stakeholder engagement to identify local community-based proposals. An overarching 'Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats' (SWOT) analysis was undertaken to identify gaps in provision. Collectively this generated several potential interventions and concepts – both existing and new.

2 Govan to Kingston LN Stage 2 projects

2.1 At the conclusion of RIBA stage 1, a long list of projects were assessed to create a short list of projects and establish which could be progressed to RIBA Stage 2. Five proposals were taken forward to concept design:

- Govan Road Improvements
- Drumoyne Streets for People
- Cessnock/Ibrox Village Strip
- Lorne Street Improvements
- A739 Boulevard (Submitted to Levelling up Fund)



The full detail can be viewed in the RIBA Stage 2 Report: Part 1 / Part 2

2.2 Cessnock/Ibrox Village Strip was successful in being awarded Sustrans Places for Everyone funding for RIBA Stages 3-4 alongside Govan Road improvements, which are now being taken forward as part of a single project intervention through the Govan City Network.

3. Greater Govan City Network

3.1 The council's Active Travel Strategy sets out the city's commitment to deliver a City Network of high-quality protected cycleways and improved pedestrian infrastructure across Glasgow. Following on from this commitment, the council approved the City Network Delivery Plan, in April 2023 which will augment and enhance the city's existing Active Travel infrastructure, whilst also establishing the phasing of future projects. Within this phasing, the Greater Govan Cycling Network is amongst the first projects to be taken forward to the preliminary design, developing design and technical design stages.

3.2 The Cessnock Village Strip is included in this package with procurement appointing a lead consultant to support the technical design stage of the project. On 22nd February 2024, the Contracts and Property Committee gave approval to the appointment of Jacobs consultants to undertake this contract.

3.3 Completion of this stage will enable Officers to accelerate a programme of detailed design and consultation. It is anticipated that works will begin on the delivery phase of the project in 2025, subject to funding and resources.

4. LN projects review

4.1. As part of the Place Fund allocation, Ironside Farrar were appointed to review the LN project lists from Tranche 1 and 2. They will review the project shortlists from RIBA Stage 1 and assess these against an assessment matrix. This will prioritise projects based upon scale, projected budget and simplicity; creating a proposed list of projects that have potential to be taken forward by the Place Fund (PF), Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF) or other 'small' regeneration and active travel grants. The outputs for this activity are expected in April 2024.

4.2. **Outputs -** Considering the scoring of projects, existing analysis and design, alongside the projected cost and short project timeline, an early output from this process has been to recommend three projects for receipt of NIIF. This has potential to be full funding via NIIF or partial funding alongside other funding grants where the project cost is more substantial.

4.3. **Festival Park / Lorne Street -** This project was identified and developed during Tranche 1 of Liveable Neighbourhoods and features in the Stage 2 report. The key elements identified within stage 1 as a result of analysis and community consultation could be developed to provide considerable benefit, whilst remaining compatible and complementary to potential future works.

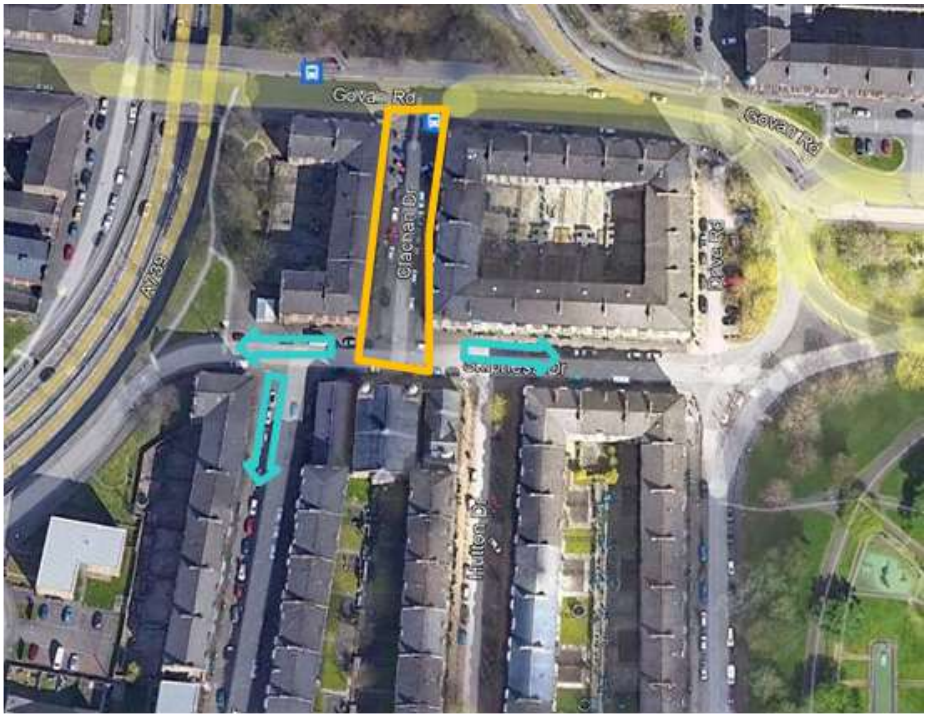


Key elements:

- Improve accessibility to and through Festival Park, an important greenspace, for everyday journeys.
- Improve safety through improvement of path network, entrances and management of trees and scrub.
- Improve safety around Lorne Street Primary School,
- Provide new green blue infrastructure that reallocates road space.



4.4 **Clachan Drive -** Clachan Drive and Skipness Drive were both identified within Stage 1 report. This could be developed utilising the accessibility audit approach of LN. It could bring forward stopped up streets and continuous footways, which could combine place making and green-blue infrastructure to meet streets for People and Local Town Centre themes.



Key elements:

- Place making and green blue infrastructure at junction of Clachan Drive and Govan Road
- Streetscape improvements on Clachan Drive to rebalance space, expand street tree planting and implement improved footways at junction with Skipness Drive

- The development of improved accessibility and green blue infrastructure / street trees linking to adjacent residential areas including Skipness Drive

4.5 **Drumoyne Streets for People** - This project was identified and developed during Tranche 1 of Liveable Neighbourhoods and features in the Stage 2 report. It is associated with Streets for People and Everyday Journey themes in particular. The Stage 2 concept can be developed with further engagement and co-design to be a low-cost high impact project for the community.



Key elements:

- Improve accessibility for safe, everyday journeys through improvements to pedestrian routes.
- Provision of traffic management including identified modal filters.
- Utilise reallocated space for footways, place making and green / blue infrastructure.



5. Next steps

5.1. The Liveable Neighbourhoods programme and team are currently funded through Transport Scotland and the Sustrans Places for Everyone (PfE) funding stream. The next financial year ending March 2025 is the last year of the PfE fund, with the Sustrans funding of Glasgow's LN programme currently ending with the reporting of Tranche 3 RIBA stage 2 in March 2025. Funding opportunities for Tranche 4 onwards and continued activity on Tranche 1 & 2 will be explored further in 2024-25.

5.2. Liveable Places is a core theme of the Scottish Government's NPF4 and fits with key Council strategic priorities. A portion of the Place Fund budget (from the Scottish Governments Place Based Investment Programme) for Glasgow is to be reserved for the LN programme in future financial years.

5.3. The Govan City Network and Cessnock Village strip will be subject to further public engagement in 2024 with any further successful funding applications presented for acceptance at the Council's City Administration Committee.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the content of the report.