Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Linn Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – progress update

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with a progress update in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report and advise of any approved spend to allow this to be programmed and actioned.

1. Introduction and progress to date

1.1 The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund provides an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at scale with an approved budget in 2021/22 of £23m, allocated £1m per ward. The budget assigned the decision making in relation to this fund to Area Partnerships. This report provides an update regarding the Area Partnership's position in relation to this.

1.2 In parallel, the Centre of Civic Innovation within NRS continues to develop a citizen engagement model to support the NIIF decision-making process, as well as assist with future initiatives involving citizen engagement. An update in relation to this work in relation to the pilot wards; Calton and Pollok, and the next steps in the process, is provided below.

1.3 It is worth noting that this funding is capital expenditure and therefore can be carried forward to be spent in future financial years.

2. Progress Update of Fund

2.1 Commitments to date across the Infrastructure categories for this ward total **£159.5k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching **£47k**
- Footway Improvement- **None**
- Street Lighting Investment-**None**
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning - **None**
- Traffic Signals - **None**
- Street Furniture- **None**
- Other – **CCTV** Cathkin (BMX track) **£5k** braes-pole ordered (10m); Castlemilk Dr–2 options for consideration/approval. A redeployable camera (Approx £5k) or a fixed/permanent camera just outside the shopping area in front of McDonalds (Approx **£17k** but subject to quotes for Civils works) Area Partnerships would be expected to fund ongoing maintenance of cameras.
- Other – Shortfall in Parks and Open Spaces **£85k** Linn Park
- Other – Castlemilk Park Lighting **£7k** (meetings ongoing with estimated installation Dec/Jan), Festive Lighting **£13k**, 2 picnic benches – Yew Walk, **£2.4k**
- Other – potential for gritting station – awaiting further information to allow this to be assessed/costed. Map was provided in relation to the gritting programme, as requested.
- Other – additional meeting required to discuss potential and costings of an outdoor gym and potential to re-design and upgrade of the Cooper Institute to be arranged.

2.2 A total of £6m has been redirected from the overall £23m NIF fund, to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs and the details relating to the ward are attached in the appendices to this report. **Area Partnerships are still expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded**. These road repairs are on target to be fully completed by 31st March 2024 across all wards.

3. Centre for Civic Innovation – Community Engagement Process – update

3.1 Following on from the Community engagement pilots in Pollok and Calton, where a range of ideas were submitted, voted on and are now being progressed across a range of categories, the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation are working with Community Empowerment Services to rollout this approach within Govan ward. Work has commenced and plans are in place to include community sessions, assessments, voting and development of options over the next few months.

4. Recommendations

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