Item 4

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Victoria Park 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 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 total **£5k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching-**None**
- Footway Improvement - **None**
- Street Lighting Investment- **None**
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning - **None**
- **Traffic Signals** – Pedestrian safety at Thornwood roundabout- following the recent GCC officers/Councillors/Community Council meeting on site, the **£100k design costs** (subject to approval of NIIF funding) will allow full design of the junction including collection of survey data required to make engineering decisions; the design and consultation works will be undertaken by GCC officers; Once confirmed the design will take between 6-12 months; Consultation period of 6-8 weeks from design to completion. This will include consultation with Area Partnership, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Local members, emergency services, local businesses and residents; construction funding will be sought after design works are complete. This would be a competitive external fund and whilst not guaranteed, based on previous track record and experience, officers would be optimistic that this would be successful.
- Street Furniture- **None**
- Other – towards the costs of improving the condition of pathways to the newly installed accessible picnic bench within the Park in Naseby Park as part of a proposal submitted via Friends of Naseby Park- **£5k**
- Other- costings are still being progressed for ideas fed into the process via Community Councils and further updates will be provided at future meetings including opportunity to align to Liveable Neighbourhood Plans.
- CCTV – Squire St – requires access to multi storey flats to establish comms links and then poles will be ordered. Costings to follow.; Jordanvale Avenue – comms links to be established before final approval; Northinch St – comms links to be established before final approval- costings to follow.

- Other – solar road safety vehicle activated sign **£7.7k** split 50/50 with Partick/Kelvindale AP for approval.

See appendices for more detail.

2.2 Ideas gathered from Community Councils continue to be progressed by the appropriate teams from NRS, to allow appropriate approval decisions to be made by the Area Partnerships and these have been presented at previous meetings.

2.3 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 of 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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