Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Drumchapel/Anniesland 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. 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 **£0** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching
- Footway Improvement
- Street Lighting Investment
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning
- Traffic Signals-Cowdenhill Rd/Lincoln Ave -The Traffcom team have undertaken an initial design of the junction improvements along with a traffic survey and detailed junction modelling to assess the impacts on traffic queues and waiting times at the junction. Whilst a scheme is prepared we are currently reviewing the active travel arrangements at the location to assess if these can be improved by introducing a segregated cycle lane at the junction and how this would connect to the wider network. Costs for the introduction of the junction improvements would be approximately **£500k**-design will be returned to AP for consideration. The scale of such works takes time to work through the process.
- Street Furniture
- Other

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 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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