Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Pollokshields 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 this 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 **£16k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching
- Footway Improvement- **None. £100k agreed in principle for approval**
- Street Lighting Investment - **None. £100k agreed in Principle for approval**
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning- **None. £60k agreed in principle for approval.**
- Traffic Signals
- Street Furniture
- Other – Queens Park Development Consultation **(16k). Invoice received from South Seeds**
- Other – Greenspace improvements **(£100k agreed in principle for approval)**
- Other – Sport and Physical activity - **£100k agreed in principle for approval**
- Other – Dropped kerb works **£20k agreed in principle for approval**
- Other Redeployable CCTV Bellahouston Park **£10k agreed in principle** site investigations ongoing due to complexity of park due to trees, lighting and pole availability.
- Other – **Upgrade lighting at Maxwell Park Station**- proposal has been prepared on Fotheringay Road and Terregles Ave **(£82k)**. Work will be issued to tender to be delivered in financial year 2024/25. **Maxwell Drive** – option to installation suitable for Led conversion from St Andrews Dr to Nithsdale Rd **(£15k) for approval**
- Other – new drainage at far side of Maxwell Park at the pond to address flooding or water feature/wetland area- site inspections ongoing to inform costs. Herbaceous border £5k contribution to replant the bed. (verbal update for meeting). Circular seating round the fountain – awaiting feedback from Planning re conservation area (verbal update for meeting).
- Parks Lighting – (Queens Park) – following previous updates to the Area Partnership on the citywide Parks Lighting Review, the Area Partnership

is asked to consider a £40k contribution towards lighting in Queens Park. Please see Appendix containing previously identified lighting routes for consideration.

- Parks Lighting (Maxwell Park)- Comments received from Planning in relation to lighting design. Further appraisal of options required with all stakeholders,
- Other – to address the issue of parking on the central reservation, bollards are requested to be installed between Torbreck Street and Minto Crescent £15.4k to cover design, project management and construction.

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

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.