Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Southside Central 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 **£807k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching - **£373k** (Request for Allison St surface work to be priced up). (0% complete)
- Footway Improvement- **£332k**
- Street Lighting Investment- Request for change to LED bulbs in Braehead St- the lighting network at this location requires to be replaced and upgraded **Cost £20k** (from No. 40 to Caledonia St) Could be delivered during financial year 2024/25; Caledonia Rd- existing lighting units are LED apart from 4 columns at the Boulevard **(£1.6k);** Crosshill Ave- an amended proposal for the replacement and upgrade of street lighting:- Crosshill Ave (full length), Kingsley Ave (full length), Queens Park Ave (full length), Queens Dr (Cathcart Rd to Langside Rd) total **£130k** could be delivered in financial year 2024/25.
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning **- £60k**
- Traffic Signals - None
- Street Furniture - None
- Other – Lining in restricted parking zones **£20k**
- Other – Redeployable CCTV for flytipping Govanhill **£6k**
- Other – Queens Park Improvement Plan consultancy (this does not fit the criteria of asset creation) - **£16k**
- Other- Parks Lighting – following previous updates to Area Partnerships on the citywide Parks Lighting review, the Area Partnership is asked to consider a **£40k** contribution towards lighting in Queens Park. Appendix attached provides identified routes for consideration.

2.2 Further details are attached as per the Appendices to the report.

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 match 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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