Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Canal Area Partnership
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Area Budget 2024/25: Applications for funding.

Purpose of Report:

To inform the Area Partnership of the current position in relation to the Canal Area Budget 2024/25 and to make recommendations on applications for funding, subject to confirmation of available finances.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Area Partnership:

(1) notes:
  a) the Glasgow City Council budget position with regards to Area Budget allocations;
  b) the decision to discontinue the provision of playscheme travel passes and the change to the playscheme funding formula to take account of this;

(2) ensures that:
  (a) its area budget is used in ways which reflect the Council's key objectives;
  (b) funding awards from 2024/25 are, wherever possible, time critical and proportionate to the overall budget available; and

(3) approves the funding recommendation contained in Appendix 1.

Allocation Arrangements for 2024/25 Area Budgets.

1. Glasgow City Council is expected to set its 2024/25 budget early in 2024. Area Budget allocations to Area Partnerships have therefore still to be agreed by the Council's City Administration Committee. Any changes to Area Budget allocations from the current levels for 2024/25 will be detailed in a future report.

2. Some Area Partnerships have funding proposals for projects/services to take place early in the 2024/25 financial year. Area Partnerships have the option to approve a portion of funds from their 2024/25 Area Budget at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings. Any funding recommended will be subject to confirmation of available finances. The Canal Area Partnership budget for 2023/24 was £108,959.02 and members are asked to use this as a guide when allocating a portion of the 2024/25 budget.

3. Any funding approved at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings should be proportionate to the number of anticipated Partnership meetings in 2024/25 and in line with the notional Area Partnership budget allocation for 2024/25.

4. Furthermore any applications considered at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings should be time critical - for example, any activity that is due to take place after 1st April 2024 and before (or just after) the first scheduled meeting of the Area Partnership in the new financial year.

Proposals for 2024/25.

5. No time critical applications for funding in 2024/25 have been received from organisations providing a service in this ward. However there is one application for playscheme funding, and this is summarised in Appendix 1.

6. Applications that are received up to the value of £500 for funding in 2024/25, and that are time critical, can be approved through existing delegated authority arrangements. Any awards made through delegated authority for 2024/25 will then be submitted for noting to the next meeting of the Area Partnership.

7. ***All funding awards made in the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings and via delegated authority from the 2024/25 budget will be subject to available finances.***

Playscheme Travel Pass Scheme.

8. For many years, playschemes that received funding from the Area Partnership also received travel passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) that would allow free travel with many rail, bus and ferry operators within the area covered by SPT. Any remaining passes were offered to not-for-profit out of school care clubs and the allocation of passes to these organisations was also approved by the Area Partnership.

9. SPT has taken the decision that it will no longer produce travel passes for Playschemes and out of school care clubs. It is SPT's view that, in many

instances, Playscheme travel passes would duplicate the reimbursement model that travel operators now have with the Young Persons' (Under 22) Free Bus Travel scheme.

10. Organisations in receipt of playscheme travel passes in 2023 have been informed of this decision and provided with information on how children and young people can access the 'Under 22s' travel card if they don't already have one. All young people and children aged 5-21 years can apply for a card to travel by bus for free across Scotland. Information on how to apply for a card can be found here - Under 22s free bus travel | Transport Scotland.

11. As Playscheme travel passes also allowed supervising adults to travel free of charge, the formula that is used to calculate funding recommendations for Playschemes has been adjusted to provide two options for Area Partnerships. The first option provides recommendations based on the current funding formula. The second option provides slightly increased recommendations based on an adjustment to the formula. The recommendations are detailed in Appendix 1 and members are asked to award funding based on one of the two options.

Recommendations.

12. It is recommended that the Area Partnership:

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(2) ensures that:

(a) its area budget is used in ways which reflect the Council's key objectives;

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Appendix 1

Playscheme 2024/25

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	October 2024	**Total Inclusive**
Glasgow Womens Aid (Follow On) Outreach Programme PRN: 177/12	Confidential	Option 1 £410 Option 2 £460	Option 1 £1,326 Option 2 £1,496	Option 1 £205 Option 2 £230	**Option 1** **£1,941** **Option 2** **£2,186**