Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Linn 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 Linn 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 recommendations 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 Linn Area Partnership budget for 2023/24 was £80,436.78 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. One application for funding in 2024/25 has been received from organisations providing a service in this Ward, as well as 3 applications for playscheme funding, and these are 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. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) has produced travel passes for use by Playschemes and qualifying Out of School Care organisations for many years. Each year, the Council would buy a number of travel passes for use by organisations in Glasgow.

9. From 2024, SPT has taken the decision to discontinue the travel pass scheme. It is SPT's view that, in many instances, travel passes would duplicate the model that travel operators now have with the Young Persons' (Under 22) Free Bus Travel scheme.

10. All young people and children aged 5-21 years can apply for a card to access the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel Scheme to travel for free across Scotland. More information on how to apply for a card can be found here - Under 22s free bus travel | Transport Scotland.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. It is recommended that the Area Partnership:

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a) the Glasgow City Council budget position with regards to Area Budget allocations;

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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

Client/Project Title/PRN	Purpose of Grant	Local Investment Priority	Total Project Costs (including match funding)	Amount Requested	Recommendation (including specific conditions)
Castlemilk Youth Complex- Old Firm New Friends Belfast Youth Project **523/19**	To fund the "Old Firm - New Friends" initiative **on the weekend of the 5th/6th April 2024.** This event explores sectarianism, in this case including a group from Belfast, encourages the sharing of experiences around Celtic, Rangers and sectarianism and culminates in games, lunch and watching the "Old Firm" game on the 6th April. CYC has successfully facilitated this event to coincide with Old Firm games on several occasions and encourage young people to wear their football colours in what is always a lively and productive event. Purpose of grant Staffing £600 Food and refreshments over two days £800 Game Viewing and match day Experience £200 Resources and materials £300	Services for Young People	**£1900**	**£1900**	**£1900**

2024 Playscheme applications -Linn Ward

Option 1 recommendations based on the current funding formula.

	Spring	Summer	October	Total
COJAC 146 Castlemilk Drive	£351	£1248	£195	£1794
The Saturday Café Clubs Cathcart Old Parish Community Halls	£410	£1230	£205	£1845
Kingscroft Community Hall Glencroft Road Croftfoot	£420	£1134	£210	£1764
			TOTAL	**£5403**

Option 2 - increased recommendations based on an adjustment to the formula.

COJAC 146 Castlemilk Drive	£396	£1408	£220	£2024
The Saturday Café Clubs Cathcart Old Parish Community Halls	£460	£1380	£230	£2070
Kingscroft Community Hall Glencroft Road Croftfoot	£470	£1269	£235	£1974
			TOTAL	**£6068**