Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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) it's 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership budget for 2023/24 was £62,446.05 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 0 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. Playscheme travel passes could also be used by adults supervising young people on trips. As the passes will no longer be available, playschemes will need to use a portion of any award from the Area Partnership to cover travel costs for supervising adults. In light of this, the formula that is used to calculate funding recommendations for playschemes has been adjusted for 2024 to provide slightly increased recommendations for funding. The recommendations in Appendix 1 reflect the adjusted formula.

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Appendix 1

Applicant, Project Titles and PRN	Purpose of Award	Local Investment Priority	Total Project Costs (inc. Match funding)	Amount Requested	Recommendation (inc. specific conditions)
Garnetbank Primary School <u>Project Title</u> Garnetbank Primary 7 Residential PRN: TBC	The Scottish Government and GCC Education recommend residential and outdoor experiences as a way of providing enriching educational experiences to enhance all aspects of pupils HWB. Garnetbank have, in recent years, taken their upper school children to the GCC Blairvadach Outdoor Centre, as there are subsidies provided for GCC children in receipt of free school meals and/or clothing grants. However, because they did not get selected this year, they had to look at attainable alternatives. Glencoe Outdoor Centre provides a potentially accessible alternative and they have upcoming space for their P7 group. Glencoe OC follow the Curriculum for Excellence guidance and 'seek to transform the experience into knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours, involving physical activity, respect for the natural environment and include challenging and adventurous components'. From their current group of 28 pupils, the school have 19 initial notes of interest, with 12 having paid deposits. They hope that additional funding will open this up to the remainder of the class, as well as supporting those families already signed up who need some financial help.	Vulnerable Families	£1,000.00 <u>Match funding</u> Glencoe Outdoor Education Centre Bursary = £1,400.00 *[Pending]*	£1,000.00	Consider award of £1,000.00 Subject to the following Conditions of Grant - - If the project is unable to go ahead (for COVID or any other reasons), the Applicant must advise Glasgow City Council and return the funding as soon as possible, and no later than 31st July 2024 to allow for re-allocation of funding within the financial year.

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	GCC Education do not have a statutory right to provide an outdoor residential experience for pupils. However, Garnetbank believe that this out-of-school experience would enrich the health and wellbeing of young people and is out with what they can provide as an establishment. Glencoe have resources, staff skills and environments that Garnetbank cannot share when working within Garnetbank. It provides experiences that can inspire their pupils and their families to develop new skills, behaviours and outlooks. <u>Breakdown of Costs:</u> - Subsidise family costs for the Glencoe Outdoor Centre (Glencoe OC) = £1,000.00 **Total cost of project = £9,163.00** **Total Amount Requested = £1,000.00** Date of project: May 7th to May 10th 2024 No of beneficiaries: Up to 28 Pupils				