Item 4

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Greater Pollok Area Partnership
Report by Director of Communications and Corporate Governance
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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 Greater Pollok 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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership budget for 2023/24 was £90,546.37 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. 1 applications for funding in 2024/25 have 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. 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:

(1) notes:

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)
St Marnock's Primary School- P7 Residential	The School is seeking funding towards the cost of a P7 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. It is hoped that the trip would provide the pupils with the opportunity to experience out with the usual school experience. The trip will take place between the 24th-26th April and will take 30 pupils. Any fundraising activity and funding will bring down the costs parents will have to pay for their children to attend. Breakdown of Costs 30 Pupils at £215- £6,450	Services for Young People	£6,450 Match Funding £1,500- Unconfirmed Fundraising Activities- TBC	£2,000	Award-£1,000 In line with area budget guidance of a maximum of £1,000 for residential trips

Gowanbank Primary School- Learning Hub Equipment PRN-480/23	The funding will support the creation of a space within the school which will be used as a library and digital hub for all pupils, their parents, carers and third sector community partners such as the HomeStart Dad's group. The school are looking to develop an area within our school that can be used as a safe place for all that incorporates learning, fun and a sense of community. Breakdown of Costs 2x Large Storage Cupboard- £1,100 Hideaway Den- £704.49 Sofa and Table Set- £792.49 Mini Sofa Set- £462.99 Book Shelves- £922.74 Adjustable Shelves- £1,030.40	Services for Young People	£5,012.89	£5,000	Award- £5,000

The Village Storytelling Centre – Event Costs **PRN: 496/23**	Funding is requested to support the cost of delivering a series of events from April 2024 to March 2025, aimed at increasing community wellbeing & connection, support local people to platform their skills talents, and support increased positive views about Pollok through storytelling, poetry, readings, music and will be a celebration of local talent The events will vary in scale, but each will be shaped by local people, platforming their talents and celebrating Pollok as a thriving, creative community and in partnership with other local service providers the programme of events will include; will include; Pollok Kite Festival, Pollok Manifest, Crookston Castle, Doors Open Day, Christmas Storytelling for Families and Storytelling & Music Jam sessions **Purpose of Grant:** • Staffing Costs -VSC Storytellers, freelance staff and specialist activity providers (£8,625) • Marketing promotion - inc design & printing, evaluation& monitoring (£2,000) • Venue costs (£520) • Equipment & materials (£2,225) • Food & refreshments (£1,860) • Co-ordination & access costs (£3,800)	Vulnerable people Services for Youth and Young People Thriving Places	£19, 030 **Match funding:** - £1,3000 (Creative Scotland - £8,700 (Inspiring Scotland)	£9,030	**Award £9,030**

Spider Arts – Calm-bulance Mobile Art Therapy Project **PRN:**	Funding is requested to support the cost of providing 1-to-1 art therapy sessions for Young people referred by local Schools, Children 1st, GP Community Links practitioners and directly from parents/carers.with a fully qualified art therapist, within a converted decommissioned ambulance which has been turned into a mobile art therapy studio called the 'Calmbulance' which is a calm and inviting space where young can explore their emotions through play and art making to process past trauma and gain the confidence and skills to cope with their difficulties. The project offers young people This non-directive, child-led model of psychotherapy allows young people to explore their difficulties and express themselves creatively at their own pace. The therapist will monitor the young person's therapeutic progress throughout their sessions and prepare a report at the end of therapy that assesses their need for further support, making recommendations that will assist with this. The funding will allow us to support 10 local young people between the ages of 5-18. Each young person will receive a block of 10 one-to-one art therapy sessions. Spider Arts endeavour to continue sessions if required at the end of the block. The sessions will take place in the Calmbulance, at a suitable location for the young person and their family. (This could be outside the young person's home, school or at a convenient location in the community). **Purpose of Grant;** Art Therapist fees (£7,000) Vehicle Running Costs (£800)	Thriving Places Vulnerable People Services for Youth and Young People	£9,055 **Match funding:** - £0	£9,055	**Reject** **Project does not constitute value for money**

	Reporting & Evaluation (£500) Clinical Supervision Fees (£300) Materials & Equipment (£255) Liability Insurance(£200)				