Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Baillieston Area Partnership
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2023/24 AREA BUDGET: ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership members with a summary of the evaluation reports submitted by projects funded by the Area Budget in 2023/24.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report.

1. 2023/24 Area Budget allocation

1.1 The Baillieston Area Partnership was allocated £63,838 during 2023/24.

1.2 A full breakdown on the projects that received funding in 2023/24 was provided at the last meeting of the Area Partnership.

2. Area Budget Evaluations

2.1 As part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process, 10% of projects funded would be selected to submit an evaluation report on how the funding was used, the impact of the funding and how the funding met the Area Partnership's Investment Priorities.

2.2 The criteria for the selection of projects was as follows:

- All organisations that had not previously received Area Budget funding
- All organisations that received an award of over £5,000
- A random selection of projects to make the number of projects up to 10% of projects funded

2.3 The appendix to this report provides details on how many awards were made, including the number made under delegated functions along with a summary of the projects that submitted an evaluation form.

3. Recommendation

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Appendix 1

Baillieston Area Partnership Budget 2023/24

Budget: £63,838	**Allocated: £63,838**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 42	**Awards under delegated authority: 15**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 6**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings** (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments.
Brighter Baillieston SCIO – Equipment £500	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> All rooms in the community centre have been painted which includes three halls, office, kitchen, disabled toilet, male toilet, female toilet, reception area and hall. All the painting took place throughout the day and caused little to no disruption to our lets having to cancel. Community payback attended the centre between 31.10.23 and 21.11.23. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> The Centre was tired and dirty looking and to use the centre to its full potential it needed painting and freshened up or it may limit us, and the centre would not have been seen as a welcoming space which we believe it does now. Having the centre accessible to the community has allowed a variety of activities/events to be held in the centre. We have secured morning, afternoon and evening weekday lets in the Centre and enquiries are still ongoing for further lets to be added. Weekends are mainly for community use for Birthday parties up to the age of 12. Birthday Party bookings are booked in up until Dec 24 so far. The feedback has been tremendous, and the Community are happy to have the Centre back up and running.

		<u>Investment Priorities</u> Community Safety and neighbourhood management were considered by using the correct paints and when glossing was being carried out this was done on days that there were no lets in or longer periods between lets. All paint tins were disposed of correctly and safely. The painting of the community centre has given the community a welcoming space to attend clubs, activities, and events. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> Community Payback kindly worked alongside us and kept areas free when certain lets were in and using rooms. Being able to call on Community Paybacks services has saved a large sum of money, if the services of Community Payback were not available then rather than paint the full centre at the one time, we would only have been able to do throughout the year a room at a time as and when funds would be available.
Brighter Baillieston SCIO – Easter event £626	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> We held a free Easter event and included an Easter egg hunt in Garrowhill Community Centre on 30th March 2024. This was advertised well on social media platforms, banners around Baillieston, posters in shops and also leaflets. We took leaflets to the 5 local primary schools and the schools kindly organised for the leaflets to go in all the kids bags. There were around 350 kids plus their adults so very well attended and the feedback we received was great. All kids took part in an Easter Trail and received a free Easter egg which was purchased from the funding money or a pack of sweets which were donated by Iceland. We had colouring, crafts and a variety of other activities for the kids to keep them entertained and there was also a disco room. The Easter Bunny visited throughout the day and danced with the kids and played games, the kids thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Easter bunny. In addition to the event we had a market where there were a variety of vendors set up out in the garden and adults enjoyed walking around, browsing and purchasing from local vendors.

		<u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> Our event provided an opportunity for the whole community and was tailored for both young people and the elderly with around 350 kids and their adults. Families could get involved with their kids, carers and grandparents to come together and engage in our Easter hunt, colouring competition and word search activities. Or while kids were being entertained by our music, disco and activities the adults and elderly could walk around the market stalls. Social interaction during the event helped combat social isolation and improve emotional wellbeing <u>Investment Priorities</u> Having a free Easter community event can address neighbourhood management, health and wellbeing, and services for children & young people and services for the elderly in several ways. Here are some key points: The Easter event brought residents together and fostered a sense of unity and cohesion within the community. This can lead to improved communication, greater neighbourhood pride, and a stronger sense of community ownership, which are all essential for effective neighbourhood management. While attending the event – information was on show and our volunteers shared information of activities and clubs that take place in the Community Centre. Having the Centre operational again can contribute to the overall health & wellbeing, reduce social isolation whilst providing services for children & young people and the elderly. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> Holding free events in Garrowhill Community Centre brings the community together and spreads a sense of happiness. The event catered for every age due to the market and the Easter being brought together as one on the same day. We initially planned on two separate events but changed direction and glad we did.
Brighter Baillieston SCIO –		<u>Summary of Project</u> On 9th December 2023 we had Christmas at Garrowhill Community Centre from 2pm-5pm – From the moment the event opened their doors the Centre was busy from start to finish,

Christmas events £4,369.00		approximately 350 kids plus adults entered through the doors of the centre and there was a variety of activities on offer for the kids as well as face painting, balloon modelling and a photo booth. Our event is well advertised by leaflets given to local primary schools for bag drop and banners and posters were put up in the community. Our social media platforms are also kept up to date. Each kid got their special moment with Santa and his elf in his grotto, the kids' faces lit up when they entered the grotto, the grotto was decorated with lights, Christmas tree & festive decorations. Our grotto went beyond just seeing Santa it was a magical moment for the kids and while talking to Santa, they had an opportunity to have photos taken and preserve the magic of the grotto experience for years to come. Upon leaving the grotto the kids were given a selection box from Santa. Visiting Santa in his grotto created a lasting magical moment for the kids and families. Our volunteers gave up a lot of time to allow this event to be a success from setting up the day before to making sure the day ran smooth and everyone was happy to the tidy up at the end. We had 6 kids from Bannerman High School help organise and set up on the day. On the 16th December we held a Movie Night showing The Grinch Movie – 25 children showed interest however only 10 children attended. The kids had a great time and loved being able to hang out with their friends and meet new friends. We had a 14year old girl from the community help on the day, she loved being involved and thoroughly enjoyed helping the kids. We held a Christmas Carols and Hot Chocolate Event on the 22nd December which was well attended, and everyone joined in the Christmas Carols and the event brought Christmas cheer to the community. The kids all received a selection box, and a tag was available for all to write a special message and hang from the tree. Throughout the year on a Wednesday, we have kids from Bannerman High School who come along to the garden and help with what is needing to be done. Our younger volunteers from our events and our volunteers from the community garden all received a Selection Box and a £40 voucher to say thank you for helping. We installed new Blinds in the Community Centre. As the Centre is not long been painted and the blinds are now fitted, the Community Centre is looking warm and welcoming. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> With our event in the community centre being a day of no pressures and everyone could relax with the knowing no costs were involved and the kids were able to take part in the event without the pressure to the parents/carers to our Christmas carol event in the community garden.

		The community came together and built connections and friendships. The events helped break barriers that some people would not be able to afford, build a stronger community and included cradle to grave. <u>Investment Priorities</u> All of our Christmas event fostered a sense of community spirit and togetherness and brough a lot of festive cheer. The festive atmosphere boosted moods, reduced stress and promoted health and wellbeing. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> Holding free events in Garrowhill Community Centre brings the community together and spreads a sense of happiness. Having the Centre functional in the community has made a positive impact.
Community of Helping Hands – Equipment £6,384	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> The broken fridge/ freezer has been replaced so ensuring food is safely stored. The wet uneven floor has been levelled, sealed and new flooring been fitted. Shelving and storage have been renewed or repaired. Having a stock of toiletries, soap powder and toilet rolls is a welcome addition. A working hoover and other cleaning products for the volunteers to use has been invaluable. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> The change to the shop is amazing as we have a dry level floor and shelving that is safe to use, and the customers have commented on how welcoming the shop is now. Customer feedback in relation to having additional supplies of toilet rolls, deodorant, handwash, shampoo, shower gel and soap powder is very positive. Some of comment are “makes such a difference” “ I don’t have to choose between food or being clean” “deodorant is so expensive if I can get it here I can budget other bills” “just wonderful to have soap powder.” We are open Tuesday 12-2pm and Wednesday 4-6pm and last week we had 27 customers this is an

		increase of 38% since we have ungraded the shop and had the additional items. We have managed to keep the cost of a shop to £3.50 so again providing additional support to our community. <u>Investment Priorities</u> We have impacted on the health and wellbeing of our customers by having a reliable range of food products so that they can plan meals that they and their family enjoy. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> We learned that a detailed plan regarding the floor would have helpful as we needed expert advise which we did get, and the work was completed in the time frame. Spending the money in a short space of time was more difficult that we thought.
Education Services - Swinton Primary School – Equipment £5,384	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> New audio sound system, projector & cage and 3m projection screen installed in school hall. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> This has benefitted 220 children in the school and their families as they have had the opportunity to use/watch performances using the new system sine it was installed in December 2023. Improved audio-visual facilities have allowed us to share the children's achievements more effectively and dynamically with all school stakeholders. The new system has also allowed children to develop their participation rights. Children have been motivated to show their creative side – creating and presenting movies to share with families using the new system. We welcomed families to our Christmas concert and end of term show and used the new system to enhance audio visual elements of the shows. Global and local rights discussions during assemblies have been enhanced with the new system. Some children's feedback on the new system:- 'sound system is amazing – you can hear more clearly andit was great for our dance lessons' 'we can hear from the back better'

		<u>Investment Priorities</u> The system has been used to enhance PE lessons, allowing demonstrations and motivation for learning, enhancing teaching and learning and in turn health & wellbeing. Children's ability to confidently engage with the school life and ethos has improved – children have presented in assembly to encourage peers to pick litter and eat healthily. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> The system has worked so well that we would like to continue to add to it.
Glasgow East Arts Company – The Bridge Family Festival Day £6,750 (£1,750 from this Area Partnership)	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> This was a multiple award with North East Area Partnership. Thanks to support from the North East and Baillieston Local Area Planning Committees, we were able to plan and deliver The Bridge Family Festival Day on Saturday 29th July 2023. The auditorium hosted a roller-disco where families could swap their shoes for a pair of roller boots and skate around the space to their favourite music. A large water sculpture was exhibited in the studio and families were invited to participate in workshops and activities inspired by this sculpture. We hosted a balloon modeller, caricaturist, face painters and hair braiders all of whom gave children and adults attending something to go home with. We hosted a variety of arts and crafts workshops with activities to get involved with in the café, library and up at the den. These sessions were delivered by some of the artists we regularly work with and Produced Moon, a touring theatre company. Live music from local bands and professional acts were presented from a stage set up in the café. Partners from Glasgow Life – Sport attended with a variety of games and activities for children and adults to try including swing-ball, giant connect four, football and badminton. We also hosted stalls from a range of services and community groups including the police, FARE allotments, Living Rent Association, Greenpeace and local afterschool groups. All of these activities were delivered completely free of charge to those attending. We also hosted dodgems, bungee trampolines, tea-cups and a bouncy castle for which people were charged a small fee (£2) to try. The event was opened by Cllr Maureen Burke and compared by East End Community Radio. As well as the programme on the day, funding from LAPC also contributed towards the cost of providing security, insurance and first aid for the event.

		Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries Just under 1,800 joined us at some stage during the course of the event which ran from midday until 4pm. Refreshments from the café bar and an ice cream van catered for the event with prices kept as low as possible – a burger with a drink was offered at £2.50 while a hot-dog and a drink was offered at £2 and over 280 free ice-creams given away. Investment Priorities (i) Improve Health and Wellbeing; the event delivered fun, accessible activities for all ages and a range of access needs. We reduced financial barriers to access wherever possible and placed the positive mental health and wellbeing of all those attending as the top priority of our planning and delivery. (ii) Services for Young People; As well promoting a wide range of programmes and activities that young people can get involved with locally, we also offered numerous opportunities for young people to perform as part of the festival day (iii) Activities at Community Facilities. Event will promote and encourage use of The Bridge and all facilities that call it home – all partners from across the facility including Glasgow Kelvin College, the library and swimming pool were in attendance and shared information about their services – 18 other local groups and organisations were also present for the event and shared information with those attending, encouraging folk to get sign up and get involved. Spend The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. What organisation learned or would do differently Overall we were very happy with how the event went. We had embraced learning from the previous year and located activities in slightly different spaces around the building and car park to ensure better crowd management. The largest queues were for the roller-disco and caricaturist and meeting demand here was challenging and we'll look to explore ways that we can increase capacity here in future events.

The Indigo Childcare Group – Resurface outdoor play area £3,242		Summary of Project These funds allowed us to replace the previous surface that was worn and unsafe in patches limiting our youngest children's access to free flow outdoor play. Replacing this space allowed our children to get as much outdoor time as possible as many of our families are already limited at home due to living in homes with shared or no garden space. Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries The impact for our service users from the funds used: - A safe and secure outdoor play space was provided for our children which has allowed us to increase the outdoor play opportunities. - We have been able to host several Stay & Play sessions with families, enabling those with limited outdoor space to access high quality learning resources whilst learning with professionals. - An excellent quality outdoor learning space was enabled to further deliver on our commitment to providing each and every family with an outstanding quality learning experience - Improved physical,social,emotional,mental and cognitive development Investment Priorities Our application contributes to partnership (iii) Improve Health and Wellbeing We used the funds to improve the outdoor area for our Early Years (2-5 years) at our Garrowhill Early Year's centre to promote active physical play by resurfacing our playzone for our children to cycle and play in a safe environment. Spend The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. What organisation learned or would do differently We would not do anything differently for this fund as the purpose was to improve the outdoor area in which we have. What worked well - ● Able to source a quality provider due to having the funds available

The Indigo Childcare Group – Develop outdoor area to growing area £3,142		<u>Summary of Project</u> We used the funding to develop our Indigo garden and buy resources for our children to be able to comfortably enjoy being outdoors. As part of a family engagement programme, the children visited local shops and supermarkets with staff and parents to understand more about how the food that has been grown reaches the shop for sale. Families learned together about cooking with the produce they grow and developed their own recipe books to share their learning, embedding with their families' behaviours at home. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> Children participating in this project were impacted by: - Understanding more about growing the food they have on their plate - Making healthy food choices - Having a better understanding of the journey of the food from growth to the shop, to their plate. - Purchasing additional resources to improve our garden as well as purchasing appropriate clothing such as wetsuits for our young children allowed our children to comfortably enjoy being outdoors in all weather conditions. Parents and children together were impacted by: - improving their knowledge of the journey of food from "farm to fork" - improving their knowledge of how to be more cost efficient in their food budgeting - improving their knowledge of healthy recipes - increasing their confidence in growing their own food as a family activity and as a way to reduce cost - A fun and enjoyable experience for parents/carers/children - The funding acknowledges our recognition of the need to improve our children's knowledge and understanding in these areas and makes it sustainable by involving parents and encouraging them to take their learning home. Our Shopping trip took place between the dates of the 11th and 15th of March. 32 children and family members took part in the shopping trip as well as the cooking Stay & Play the following week. Approx 70 children took part in the cooking take home recipe kits where they were given a recipe, ingredients and cooking utensils to create a healthy meal at home. All of these children also had access to our growing garden and Indigo garden to which we were able to provide the resources

		for our children to grow their own fruit/veg/plants in this space. Our added resources allowed us to create a happy and safe learning environment for our children. Overall 70 children benefitted and this will now be a recurring project for our children as we found it beneficial to our children's overall wellbeing and key learning. <u>Investment Priorities</u> Our application contributed to partnership priority 4, to help develop the knowledge and understanding of our young children in nutrition and outdoor learning. The funds helped children to learn how food is grown, linking food with healthy choices and the environmental impact. <u>Spend</u> The funding was spent on time however £640 was approved for mini bus hire to take the children to Shettleston Community Growing Project and this part of the project did not take place. The organisation used this funding to purchase additional resources however this should have been returned as funding must be spent as detailed in their application. The organisation has been advised of this for future applications. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> ● Due to circumstance outwith our control we were unable to arrange visits to the community garden however we did use the funds to enhance the planting and growing experiences within our nursery which gave all children the opportunity to take part in a variety of learning experiences ● We were able to share lots of learning about how to make healthy food choices, the benefits of healthy eating and eating well on a budget - this included a variety of nursery experiences, sharing learning for families via our online communication platform and by organising a visit to the local supermarket for children and families. ● Visit to local supermarket - a group of children and families were able to spend the morning together and go to the local supermarket via mini bus from the nursery. Each family were given a shopping list and some money to purchase certain ingredients. On return to nursery they prepared a healthy lunch and enjoyed eating it together. Parent feedback:

		"Full experience was brilliant for the children and parents. I loved the idea of the children taking part at the check out scanning all the items of food and pressing all the buttons on the tills. My little boy loved this" "My favourite part of the session was sitting preparing all our ingredients together to enjoy our lunch afterwards"
YOMO Young Movers – Walk and Talk £5,545 (£1,109 from this Area Partnership)	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> This was a multiple award across all North East Area Partnerships. Staff worked with 25 young people weekly providing one to one mental health support. We linked with Smithcroft Secondary, Eastbank Academy and St Andrew's Secondary. We got referrals from Easterhouse Youth Health Service. Baillieston ward – 4 young people were supported from 8th January to 31st March 2024. 48 sessions attended over 12 weeks. Bannerman High School did not respond to our offer of support, these young people were referred by Youth Health Service at Easterhouse but their postcodes and sessions took place in the Baillieston ward. All of the young people also had a session before the walk and talk to do paperwork and meet their worker, often their parent/carer attended these sessions – this was another 25 hours of work. All of the staff had a few hours per week to write up notes, monitoring and ward referrals for the young people. Across the North East 7 of the young people were still in school and the schools allowed the young people to take part in the sessions during the school day. Some young people were school age but not attending a full timetable due to mental health issues and we met these young people in school time but from their home address and 8 young people arranged their walk and talk in the early evening. The service was delivered across the North East to young people having difficulty with loneliness, isolation, depression, bereavement and the affects of childhood trauma. 6 young people were either on the waiting list for CAMS or had completed their appointments but still felt that they required support. The young people really engaged with the service and stayed over the three months reducing the amount of young people that we could directly work with. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> Across the North East 4 young people increased their school attendance and 3 joined a new service

		with support from their walk and talk staff member, reducing their loneliness and isolation. Now we have longer term funding for all areas in Glasgow we will still be supporting young people from these wards and due to the Area Partnership funding we have more direct referral pathways, we have seen in increase in referrals in these wards. <u>Investment Priorities</u> Health & wellbeing - All the young people supported by walk and talk showed improvement in the mood over the period of their walk and talks. All expressed that the services made them feel better about themselves and supported their mental health. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> Walk and talk is now establishing itself as a much needed service for young people across Glasgow. We are withing with the NHS and we have been successful with Big Lottery to continue this service. Thanks to the support of the Area Partnerships we now have over 50 case studies that has supported us to get funding. This service is now available to every young person across Glasgow. The evaluation from this service has enabled us to get the right level of mental health issues in the referral process, we have developed good links with a few more schools and stronger referral pathways.