Item 10

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Southside Central Area Partnership

Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance

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Area Budget 2023/24 - Annual Monitoring Statement

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 Southside Central Area Partnership was allocated £85,842.35 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

Southside Central Area Partnership Budget 2023/24

Budget: £85,843.35	**Allocated: ££86,197.35**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 28	**Awards under delegated authority: £2299**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 3**

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.
Govanhill Family Support Centre/Caravan Upgrade	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> Respite caravan upgrades – a new boiler and new decking. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> The caravan now has heating and hot water and the decking is once again safe, there has been a total of 19 families consisting of 42 adults and 26 children going to the caravan over the year most of them would not have had a holiday if we didn't have the caravan which is very good for them to get a break from the problems with their family member with addiction and getting to meet a lot of different people and being able to relax which is good for their mental health, we get a lot of feedback saying it has done them a world of good. <u>Investment Priorities</u> Vulnerable People and Families <u>Spend</u> £5900

		<u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> No reply.
Glasgow Zine Library/ A Wheelchair Accessible Glasgow Zine Library	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> Glasgow Zine Library relocated to a larger community arts space in Govanhill in summer 2023 and put the grant towards capital works to make this space wheelchair accessible, benefitting our southside visitors, audiences, partners, trainees, and volunteers. Our charity promotes the arts, supports equal access to lifelong learning (through our training and volunteer programmes) and builds fairer communities with our programmes led by and for marginalised, vulnerable communities, meeting Southside Central Ward aims. Our work also meets GCC key objectives, by increasing access to lifelong learning; building a prosperous city (our trainees and volunteers have gone on to gainful employment in Glasgow); and improving health and wellbeing (through programmes which, our feedback demonstrates, build community connection, confidence, skills and experience, reduce social isolation, and improve wellbeing). The grant was used to make our new community arts space a fully wheelchair accessible venue. This involved levelling the floors (and using reclaimed gym floors from Forth Valley College to meet our sustainability targets), widening doors to fit wheelchair regulation width, and converting two inaccessible bathroom stalls into a single, fully accessible bathroom with a handrail, emergency alarm, baby changing facilities etc. It is now possible for wheelchair and powerchair users to access every room in our building: the reading room, making room, events space, office, and bathroom and kitchen facilities. The contractors, CEJ Interiors, completed the refurbishment across two stages, including downtakings and joinery, work on plumbing and heating, electrics, decoration and waste uplift. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> (ii) Education Inequality: making our community space wheelchair accessible has reduced barriers of inequality of access for those benefiting from our lifelong learning opportunities. (iv) Fairer Communities: making the space accessible makes Govanhill a fairer place for disabled communities (with limited local wheelchair accessible bathrooms previously). (v) Vulnerable People and Families: an accessible space means we can support more vulnerable people and families, particularly those with mobility issues, through our free services, events, activities and programmes. <u>Investment Priorities</u>

		Vulnerable People and Families <u>Spend</u> £6000 <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> We learned that, as our audience demand suggested prior to the refurb, there's a significant need for wheelchair accessible community spaces in Govanhill. Our disabled audiences greatly appreciate having an arts space where they can engage without facing the major barriers to participation that non-accessible venues have. We have, in consultation with quiplash (a queer disability arts advocacy charity), designed an access survey and consultation for our community beneficiaries and will implement this over the summer. The survey and consultation will include questions about the access refurbishments and if there are any improvements we can make to ensure our community arts space is as accessible as possible. We will use learning from this to inform our future approach to accessibility. While our initial quote (outlined in our application) for the total cost of capital works was £16,437 this increased to £32,287 which we covered with match funding from Bruce Wake Charitable Trust (£2k), Hugh Fraser Foundation (£5k), Postcode Lottery Fund (£10k), Magic Little Grants (£500), Rank Foundation (£2.5k), and a community Crowdfunder (£4,320), and Paul Hamlyn Foundation (£1,967) We have, in consultation with quiplash (a queer disability arts advocacy charity), designed an access survey and consultation for our community beneficiaries and will implement this over the summer. The survey and consultation will include questions about the access refurbishments and if there are any improvements we can make to ensure our community arts space is as accessible as possible. We will use learning from this to inform our future approach to accessibility.
In-House Event Solutions – Community Led Programme	N	<u>Summary of Project</u> We undertook 24 days of summer events at Queen's Park Arena in Glasgow's Southside, with 19.5 days of FREE to access community events, including: 40 outdoor cinema screenings, 12 fitness classes, 12 early years activity sessions, 96 soft play sessions, 12 local talent showcases, The Glasgow Choir Festival, 12 creative workshops, and 2 outdoor sports screenings. We welcomed over 30,000 visitors to the site across the 2023 season. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u>

		Our summer community event programme has multiple benefits to service users in our local area - including reducing social isolation, improving mental and physical wellbeing, removing barriers of participation, creating opportunities for creative development, networking for lone parents, opportunities for early years development, and access to arts. By providing this impact, we addressed a number of the investment priorities, including ***Promotion of the ward as a Thriving Place in general*** (by increasing vibrancy in the local areas), ***Vulnerable People and Families*** (by removing the barriers of participation it ensured vulnerable people and families have equal opportunity to participate), ***Educational Opportunities*** (by offering creative workshops, early years sessions and volunteer opportunities we provide local people with chances to further their skills), ***Community Developments*** (through consultation with local residents on what the would like to see at our events, alongside our volunteer programme, we provide opportunities for community development). <u>Investment Priorities</u> <u>Spend</u> £19,990 (Multi application with Langside, Linn, Pollokshields) <u>What organisation learned or would do differently</u> Each year, we are lucky to expand our community events programme further and further. 2023 saw our largest number of visitors yet, and provided us with some valuable learning opportunities on how to ensure that every visitor to our events has the best possible experience. One such learning point came from our pre-event communication, where we learned that the more information provided to visitors about the site rules prior to booking would increase the positive experience they have onsite.
Community Renewal	To be provided end of August	