Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership
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2023/2024 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership was allocated £100,319.59 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

Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership Budget 2023/24

Budget: £100,319.59	**Allocated: £91,978.13**	**Unallocated: ££8,340.86**

Total Number of Awards: 38	**Awards under delegated authority: 17**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 5**

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.
Barmulloch Community Development Company- Supporting Vulnerable People Pilot PRN- 416/19	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Our funding has allowed us to pilot a weekly Meet & Eat social every Thursday between September and March. The large demand and success of the project has meant that we are now continuing with the activity beyond our funded date. The Meet & Eat social was advertised widely and we have never had fewer than 30 meals per week served, even at traditionally quieter times over holidays. There have been a range of people attending the club such as families, pensioners, people with disabilities, refugees, and others. From the information we collected, everyone was local and stayed within Ward 17. The only exception to this would be for some people who were carers for those in attendance. We regularly consulted with people on what activities they would like, as well as other support services. This has meant that we have introduced a crafting table where a student from Kelvin College leads an arts and crafts session after people have had something to eat. We have also introduced a cabaret singer who attends around once per month to entertain people. In addition to encouraging more people to attend and stay longer, it also gives people the chance to socialise over different activities. The other element we have introduced is the attendance of various local services including Home Energy Scotland, Wheatley Homes, Scottish Fire and Rescue, and Life Link. These services provide advice and

		practical support including issuing fuel vouchers, and signposting to other groups where required. This has become such a feature that we often have people in attendance who are simply wanting to speak to someone for help or advice. Meals provided have ranged from pasta dishes, stews, soups, sandwiches, and chili. There is always a vegetarian option available, and other dietary needs are met. We always provide tea and coffee, as well as cakes/biscuits for those who attend. We have been supported in this by North Glasgow Community Food Initiative who have provided their expertise to get us up and running. Some of our produce is provided by donations from Booker Cash and Carry helping to prevent food waste. However, the reliability of ingredients has meant that we have still continued to purchase ingredients. As well as providing on average 45 meals per week, we also offer people the chance to take something away. This can be up to 25 portions per week depending on availability. This has meant that we have increased the time the social is open and available for people. One of the most pleasing aspects of the pilot has been the number of new volunteers we have engaged. We 5 new people who have started to become involved in other elements of BCDC and the wider community, and we are looking to provide training and other support for them. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> Our Community Animators have been liaising with the local housing providers, the HSCP, GP surgeries, community partners, and others to ensure that people are aware of the Meet & Eat social and the benefits that it brings in reducing social isolation, improving health and wellbeing, and creating a sense of community cohesion. We have calculated that at least 1700 meals have been served during the programme, as well as many other spin off benefits such as advice being sought, informal networks, and other partnership working. Our learning and evaluation from participants at the end of the pilot show improvements in people's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as feelings of security and belonging in the local community. Our cohort of regular attendees include a local play scheme run by Early Years Scotland and a number of pensioners from the local area including Gadburn Court Sheltered Housing. This has provided the opportunity for intergenerational activities with older people sharing stories of their lives with young children. We also found that for young families, there is often not the opportunity to sit down and share a meal together whether it was because of work patterns or space at home. This was a chance to learn how to set a table and socialise with peers in a supported setting.

		Investment Priorities Activities in Community Facilities Spend The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time. What organisation learned or would do differently Our learning has shown that we would have included advice services at an earlier date, especially when it was related to energy matters. This was because by the time we had a regular attendance from Home Energy Scotland, winter had already started in earnest meaning people were struggling at that point. The main concern we have going forward is the potential to create a reliance on the service. Whilst we will continue to operate on a Thursday, we already have people asking about doing other days in the week. There are others who attend purely for the social aspect however the ones who rely on us for something to eat need more fundamental support and we have looked at how we address this going forward.
Brunswick Community Development Trust PRN-517/18	Yes	The impact of the project on our service users has been profound and multifaceted, significantly enhancing the overall quality of life within the community. The introduction of structured soft play equipment at the Brunswick Community Development Trust (CDT) has brought numerous benefits to both individuals and the broader area, addressing key investment priorities such as improving health and wellbeing and enhancing services for young people. Impact on Service Users The structured soft play equipment has provided a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment for children and their families. The daily parent and toddler group, which utilizes the equipment, has become a cornerstone of early childhood development in the community. Parents have reported improvements in their children's social skills, physical coordination, and overall confidence as a result of participating in these sessions. Additionally, the free access to this equipment during community events and gala days has ensured that all children, regardless of their background, can enjoy the

		benefits of active play. Benefits to the Area The Brunswick CDT has become a vibrant hub of activity and community engagement. The availability of the soft play equipment has drawn more families to the centre, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Local young people have also benefited through employment opportunities provided by running children's birthday parties, which not only generate income for the organisation but also equip these young individuals with valuable work experience and skills. This, in turn, contributes to the local economy and community resilience. Addressing Investment Priorities Improve Health & Wellbeing The project has made significant strides in improving health and wellbeing within the community. Regular physical activity is crucial for maintaining good health, and the soft play equipment encourages children to be active in a fun and safe environment. Parents and caregivers have also benefited from the social support network created through the parent and toddler group, reducing feelings of isolation and enhancing mental health. The inclusive nature of the equipment, designed to cater to children with additional support needs and sensory issues, ensures that all children can engage in physical activity, promoting holistic health and wellbeing. Services for Young People The project has enhanced services for young people by providing a safe and engaging space for play and socialization. The soft play equipment is a key feature in the organization’s children's birthday parties, which are run by local young people. This initiative not only offers a fun and memorable experience for the children attending the parties but also provides meaningful employment and skill-building opportunities for the young people who manage these events. By engaging young people in the operational aspects of these services, the project fosters a sense of responsibility, leadership, and community involvement among the youth. Through receiving funding from the area budget and purchasing the structured soft play equipment

		the Brunswick CDT has had a substantial positive impact on our service users and the broader community. By addressing the investment priorities of improving health and wellbeing and enhancing services for young people, the project has created a more inclusive, active, and engaged community. The benefits are seen in the improved physical and mental health of the children and families who use the equipment, the increased community cohesion through shared activities and events, and the economic and personal development opportunities provided to local young people. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the project was delivered on time <u>What the organisation learned or would do differently</u> From our experience with the project, the Brunswick Community Development Trust (CDT) has gained several valuable insights. Reflecting on what worked well, what didn't go as expected, and what we would do differently has provided us with important lessons for future initiatives. What Worked Well Community Engagement and Participation: One of the most successful aspects of the project was the high level of community engagement. The soft play equipment became a focal point for families, drawing them to the Brunswick CDT facility on a regular basis. This success was evident in the strong attendance at both the daily parent and toddler groups and the community events and gala days. Inclusive Design: The decision to invest in equipment that caters to children with additional support needs and sensory issues was highly effective. This inclusive approach ensured that all children in the community could benefit, enhancing the project's impact and reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity. Employment Opportunities for Youth: The initiative to have local young people run the children's birthday parties was another highlight. This provided meaningful employment opportunities and skill development for the youth, contributing positively to their personal and professional growth.

		Health and Wellbeing: The project successfully addressed the investment priority of improving health and wellbeing. Regular physical activity through play and the social interaction facilitated by the parent and toddler group have had noticeable benefits for the participants. What Didn't Work as Expected Initial Outreach and Awareness: At the start of the project, we faced challenges in ensuring people that the new structured soft play equipment was not only safer but more fun for the children and babies using it. While eventually, word-of-mouth and community events helped, our initial changes to equipment could have been shared wider ensuring that no one was shocked to see such a big change to the equipment they were used to. Maintenance and Upkeep: While we established a regular maintenance schedule, there have been some unforeseen issues regarding the upkeep of the equipment. After conversing with the company who supply the equipment, our maintenance schedule is now fully updated and compliant with health and safety. Scheduling: Our community events have been busier than ever anticipated which meant that time on the equipment had to be monitored to ensure that all children were able to play. We managed this and were fully prepared for the next event which went smoothly due to the changes made to time allocations for use of the equipment during busier times. Overall, the project has been a valuable learning experience for the Brunswick CDT. It has highlighted the importance of thorough planning, effective communication, and flexibility in addressing unforeseen challenges. These lessons will guide our future projects, ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of our community effectively and inclusively.

Beatroute Arts- Create the Change PRN- 164/18	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Our summer project, 'Create the Change', focused on exploring the connection between environmental issues and inequality, both in the local community and around the world with an overall aim of empowering young people to create pieces of work through which their voices could be heard. The free project ran for three consecutive weeks at The Beatroute Arts Centre, 3 days per week from the 19th July – 04 August with lunch provided each day, culminating in an informal sharing of work. Over the three-week project, a total of 29 young people attended sessions, with an average attendance of 21 (each session was capped at 25 members). As well as a rotating programme of activities focusing on music, visual art and drama, the group worked with Print Clan, a Glasgow based screen printing organisation, to make reusable tote bags and create a mural. A project highlight was a day trip to the Forest School at Pollok Park where young members learned woodcraft skills such as responsible fire-lighting techniques and wood whittling. Young members also learned about native species of flora and fauna, including how to 'age' a tree, and how to identify edible plants and fungi. <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> Create The Change provided a range of high-quality creative activities for local young people at a time when many out-of-school services are closed, and schools themselves are in recess. By doing so, Beatroute ensured that local young people most at risk of becoming disengaged throughout the school holidays had access to provision which they found meaningful and inspiring. This project directly explored the important topic of Climate Change and the environment, and empowered young people to use their voices, ideas and opinions creatively to create work which expressed their collective concerns, experiences and ideas. As part of this project, young members worked collaboratively towards a performance at the end of the three-weeks. This experience of working together encouraged social interaction and co-operation, with young people and young people's parents reporting an increase in young people's confidence and sense of achievement, especially for some young people who struggled to integrate socially at the start of the project

		(please see below). <u>Investment Priorities</u> Not Specified <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the project was delivered on time <u>What the organisation learned or would do differently</u>
Community Events Scotland- Glasgow North East Fireworks Festival	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Glasgow North East Fireworks Festival was delivered on the 5th November 2023. The event allowed over 45,000 individuals throughout the day to attend a safe organised fireworks display and music festival. The funding allocated part paid for the Fireworks and staging and entertainment at the event <u>Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries</u> The local community benefited in many ways as this reduced the numbers of local bonfires where young people would be deliberate fire setting and misusing fireworks. Traditionally on this night there would be many young people and adults involving themselves in many risky behaviours that would lead to

		Police/Fire/Ambulance call outs. As the event strictly prohibited the consumption of alcohol this had a positive impact on the community. No official report has been produced yet however speaking with local Police and Fire fighters they seen a decrease in the numbers of anti-social behaviour reports/incidents throughout the night. Alongside the safe space this event brought together over 20 community areas which helped build community capacity and spirit and is the largest scale event within the area and surrounding area. Integrating over 20 areas also shown that territorial barriers that forced communities not to come together are a thing of the past. The event helped relieve financial pressures on families as they did not have to buy fireworks. Within the event there was a stage and this allowed local young people the opportunity to perform to their families, friends and local community. We also had performances from the legendary Drifters and Cammy Barnes. One young person shared with us that being able to perform allowed him to feel the best he has in over three years. Guy Fawkes night is a big annual celebration across Glasgow and this event was a massive success. <u>Investment Priorities</u> The local community benefited in many ways as this reduced the numbers of local bonfires where young people would be deliberate fire setting and misusing fireworks. Traditionally on this night there would be many young people and adults involving themselves in many risky behaviours that would lead to Police/Fire/Ambulance call outs. As the event strictly prohibited the consumption of alcohol this had a positive impact on the community. No official report has been produced yet however speaking with local Police and Fire fighters they seen a decrease in the numbers of anti-social behaviour reports/incidents throughout the night. Alongside the safe space this event brought together over 20 community areas which helped build community capacity and spirit and is the largest scale event within the area and surrounding area. Integrating over 20 areas also shown that territorial barriers that forced communities not to come together are a thing of the past. The event helped relieve financial pressures on families as they did not have to buy fireworks. Within the event there was a stage and this allowed local young people the opportunity to perform to their families, friends and local

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Glasgow Girls Club- Springburn Strong Girls PRN- 410/22	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> We piloted a series of empowering workshops to engage young women ages 13-16 who were at risk of crisis in Ward 17. The workshops took place in spaces kindly provided for free by BCDC (Barmulloch) and local secondary schools (All Saints and Springburn Academy) between September 2023 and March 2024. 25 young women participated. The pilot connected with young women who have been traditionally difficult to engage with such as care and social work experienced, effected by trauma, poor family mental health or disengaged from education. Our monitoring report highlighted the following data: Participants involved in the programme included young women who were: Disengaged from school or class (80%) Care / social work experienced (60%) Affected by trauma (80%) Poor family or personal mental health (90%) Family member affected by justice (20%)

		Family member affected by addiction (80%) Traditionally difficult to engage with (75%) Have been involved with police (50%) Kinship care experienced (80%) Socially isolated from peer group (40%) Each session lasted around 90 minutes, providing a consistent, reliable safe place for interaction, expression, building relationships, and personal development, and supported young women in the following ways: •Enhanced personal development, mental health / wellbeing, built self-esteem, positive interpersonal relationships and confidence •Provided pre early & effective intervention support (via our Community Police Partners) •Increased awareness around healthy relationships, abuse & support available. Built a trusted space for young women to be able to find out about and discreetly ask for / be signposted to the most appropriate support. • Increased awareness and resilience relating to safety and sexual harassment •Inspired young women to become more involved in their communities via volunteering, and other community initiatives. **Inner and Outer Beauty Workshops** When: 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb + 1st, 23rd, 30th March* Where: All Saints Academy recreational space + BCDC Community Centre (Quarrywood Road) Participants took part in Inner and Outer Beauty Workshops with Now Beauty School who were able to inform the group about the many pathways into a career in Beauty. Now Beauty were also able to let the group know about the short accredited courses that were available for them to complete in the future that would allow them to gain insurance and set up their own beauty business. Participants learned to do lashes and brows. Elements of the sessions included discussions and activities that helped participants to build their confidence by dismantling beauty standards, and thinking critically about the role of social media when it comes to feeling good about themselves on the inside. Participants also enjoyed a pampering session, they had their nails, lashes and brows done. **Community Music** When: 28th Nov + 5th, 12th, 19th Dec 2023 Where: Springburn Academy recreational space A series of rap and song writing workshops were delivered by Karen Dunbar where the group produced a rap song. The sessions combined the therapeutics of music, rap, collaborative writing, and group work and encouraged participants to explore their creativity

		Impact of Project including number of beneficiaries **The Strong Girls initiative was recognised by Youth Link Awards this year in the inclusion and prevention category.** Over the course of our project, there has been significant positive impact on our service users and the broader community, successfully addressing all of the investment priorities we aimed to address such as Improved Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety & Services for Young People *Improved Health & Wellbeing* Participants have displayed a noticeable improvement in their understanding of healthy living and how to achieve this. The girls have increased their understanding of VAWG and the dangers and risk factors of alcohol consumption. Strong Girls has allowed for strengthened resilience and increased confidence around understanding and implementation of healthy living and mental health among participants. With majority to all of our participants coming from low income families, this is a vital skill to develop amongst the group. We have successfully empowered young women to make positive health choices and improve their mental wellbeing. *Community Safety* 100% of girls who participated in our project believed that it was a safe space where they felt supported. By providing a safe space we have empowered participants to make better life choices, contributing to a reduction in antisocial behaviour and risk-taking activities. The project has also fostered a sense of community and belonging among participants with survey feedback indicating an increase in community involvement due to participation encouraging them to take part in local activities such as fundraising and intergenerational initiatives. Investment Priorities Spend The budget was fully spent and the project delivered on time What the organisation learned or would do differently The programme ran as intended, the dance sessions went very well and in the future we would like to

		incorporate more fitness into programme.