Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund – Update Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund.

Recommendations:

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

1. Introduction

1.1 Glasgow City Council allocated £3 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces over 2021/22 & 2022/23. This report is to provide members with an update on each allocated project within the ward and to advise on any further steps to be taken.

1.2 It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved on an ongoing basis since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, they will be subject to resource considerations within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant the award of monies for project delivery where appropriate and to support community empowerment and local capacity building.

1.3 A paper was taken to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee to provide an update in relation to Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Funding, and to provide details of citywide allocations: **https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submssiondocuments.asp?submissionid=109917**

1.4 Local Authorities nationally are working with Scotland Excel, and Scottish Government to identify solutions to some of the supply chain and market capacity considerations associated with a major national programme of investment. Dates below shows the financial year at which capital funding becomes available, rather than the year that investment work is scheduled to be complete. Updates can be provided once supply chain and engagement activity have been more fully explored:

1.4.1 Bellahouston Park Sports Centre PA: Bring up to Good: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £47,900 granted over years 2023/24 and 2025/26

1.4.2 Titwood Park Play Area (North): Bring up to Good: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £10,000 granted in year 2025/26

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1.4.4 Maxwell Square Play Area: Bring up to Excellent: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £70,000 granted over years 2021/22 and 2022/23

1.4.5 Maxwell Park Play Area: Continue to maintain: £10,000 granted in year 2023/24

2. Summary

2.1 The following table provides an update on outstanding projects allocated within the ward for each year:

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS
Bellahouston Park	Replacement of 145 linear metres of fencing	£17,900	Funds fully utilised on replacement fencing at Bellahouston Drive
Greenspace at corner of Waverley Gardens and Minard Road	Move existing gate so that it exits onto a footpath, rather than onto the road. Create a short section of hard surfaced path from this gate to reduce muddiness at the entrance. Timber log/bench feature for seating and biodiversity. Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting.	£1,500	Planting and wildlife box works undertaken. Recommendation is that, for any hard surfacing or perimeter works to this location, that the owners of this greenspace, apply to the Area Partnership directly for Grant Funding. This service is now aware from more detailed analysis and due diligence, that such works would be outwith our powers under the maintenance agreement we were appointed to deliver.

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS
Maxwell Square Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing.	£11,800	Additional funding becomes available this financial year from the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Programme, and we would intend to carry out the design, procurement and construction activity as part of one phase of works in order to achieve volume based savings - further updates to be provided.
Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards a wider package of funding to support full refurbishment.	£11,500	The Service is currently preparing a procurement package to include consultation work undertaken by local volunteers. Procurement brief to be shared at the next meeting of the Queens Park Working Group.

Bellahouston Park	Fencing Works	£13,000	Funds fully utilised on replacement fencing at Bellahouston Drive.
Fleurs Avenue	Towards the cost of removing concrete slabs, replacing it with a tarmac surface and associated works at Fleurs Avenue.	£4,000	Works programmed – Winter 2024.
Bellahouston Park	Repair of train play equipment.	£500	A train unit will be provided as part of the contract work for Bellahouston Park Sports Centre to maximise volume based savings.
Minto Crescent	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3 no. benches.	£9,000	Planting works and bench installations installed.

3. Recommendations

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