Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Dennistoun 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 for the Dennistoun ward.

Recommendations:

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

1. Introduction

1.1 The 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 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, these will be subject to resource pressures within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate, to support community empowerment and local capacity building.

2. Summary

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

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Alexandra Park	Gateway metal feature with metal lettering and area of hard surfacing to Peace Garden, and first phase of a walking trail.	£17,000	Scope agreed and contractor appointed - contractor has been asked to provide programme. Works planned to take place prior to April 2024
Corner sites	Review options for wildflowers, bulbs and benches at corner sites in Dennistoun	£2,250	Planting works taking place this winter. Following review, benches deemed not appropriate. Works planned to take place prior to April 2024
Glenconnor Park	Engage with Stakeholders about potential for an outdoor gym.	£14,000	Procurement development underway, the Service will engage with stakeholders concurrently. Works planned to take place prior to April 2025
Hogarth Park	Upgrade entrance at the west side of the park to complement and match fund other works in the park which are already funded.	£4,750	Procurement process underway. Works planned to take place prior to April 2024

Coll Place	Review options for early actions such as planting and pathways to support engagement and future funding applications.	£17,000	Following consultation events, works on stopping up order for roads underway, with Childrens Play highlighted as a priority issue for consultees. We would therefore recommend that this funding is allocated towards Childrens Play. It is noted that £50,000 of Scottish Government Play Area Renewal funding is now available for investment in accessible and inclusive play at this location, bringing budget to £84,000. We will now bring forward specific proposals for Childrens Play that can be shared with consultees, with a view to works taking place prior to April 2025. Planting works will be funded through Green Connectors Funding. We'll continue to liaise closely with colleagues across NRS in relation to measures to support walking, wheeling and cycling, and surface water management.
Glasgow Necropolis	Engage with stakeholders about potential for plant wildflower borders to highlight specific heritage areas of the Necropolis.	£1,000	Complete
Firpark Street Greenspace	Engage with stakeholders about potential for planting of bulbs, trees and wildflowers.	£4,059	Management of existing vegetation complete. Planting works out at tender. Works planned to take place prior to April 2024.

2022/23

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Alexandra Park	The Friends of Alexandra Park will develop proposals with the Area Partnership and bring these back for approval.	£12,100	Further engagement required with local stakeholders to finalise costings and proposals

Greenspace West of Rymer Street	Bring forward proposals to enhance active travel, secure-by-design and biodiversity though works to planting, surfacing and signage	£10,000	Management of existing vegetation and planting works out at tender. Works planned to take place prior to August 2024.
MPGC at Glenconnor Park	Install lighting.	£20,000	Procurement development underway, the Service will engage with stakeholders concurrently. Works planned to take place prior to April 2025.
Coll Place Greenspace	Proposals for a further phase of work to be brought forward following engagement activity.	£17,000	Following consultation events, works on stopping up order for roads underway, with Childrens Play highlighted as a priority issue for consultees. We would therefore recommend that this funding is allocated towards Childrens Play. It is noted that £50,000 of Scottish Government Play Area Renewal funding is now available for investment in accessible and inclusive play at this location, bringing budget to £84,000. We will now bring forward specific proposals for Childrens Play that can be shared with consultees, with a view to works taking place prior to April 2025. Planting works will be funded through Green Connectors Funding. We'll continue to liaise closely with colleagues across NRS in relation to measures to support walking, wheeling and cycling, and surface water management.
Glasgow Necropolis	Further phase of plant wildflower borders to highlight specific areas of the Necropolis. Budget would permit up to 833m2 of wildflower planting.	£1,000	Materials to be supplied to local groups. Works planned to take place prior to April 2024.

3. Recommendations

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