Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Central Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – Progress Update

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with a progress update in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report and advise of any approved spend to allow this to be programmed and actioned.

1. Introduction and progress to date

1.1 The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund provides an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at scale with an approved budget in 2021/22 of £23m, allocated £1m per ward. The budget assigned the decision making in relation to this fund to Area Partnerships. This report provides an update regarding the Area Partnership's position in relation to this.

1.2 In parallel, the Centre of Civic Innovation within NRS continues to develop a citizen engagement model to support this process as well as assist with future initiatives to be reported separately.

1.3 It is worth noting that this funding is capital expenditure and therefore can be carried forward to be spent in future financial years.

2. Progress Update of Fund

2.1 Commitments to date across the Infrastructure categories total **£613k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching **£297k (69% complete). AP to confirm approval for £20k estimate to resurface Somerset Place.**
- Footway Improvement **£138k to be completed during 2024/25**
- Street Lighting Investment - **None**
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning **£65k to be completed 2024/25**
- Traffic Signals - **None**
- Street Furniture – **None**
- Other **–** Cobbles **£10k (to be completed during 2024/25)**
- Other – **Bollards** – Midland Street complete **£15k**. St Vincent Street bollards- complete **£2k**
- Other – Trees (up to £100k). This service anticipates that our engagement with communities for initiatives such as Connecting Yorkhill and Kelvingrove, will identify specific locations where communities would wish to see proposals brought forward for greening as part of wider public realm measures. There is the potential for sums allocated from this fund for street trees to complement wider funding packages being brought together for such measures, allowing technical design and installation works to be brought forward in a coordinated manner. This service would propose to provide further updates to this partnership as specific proposals are brought forward.
- Other – Landscape improvements St Patrick's Primary School **(£6k).** In developing technical proposals for landscape improvements at St Patricks Primary School, this service has been made aware of a proprietary system available from our suppliers which would offer an acoustic, as well as a greenspace benefit to the school community, with the planting and fence elements delivered in a manner which would reduce noise impacts from the adjacent road network. This service is liaising with the school is relation to this option, but would note that the additional benefits of such a proposal would incur additional budget

requirements. On this basis we would recommend that an additional sum of £64,000 is allocated from this fund in order to arrive at a project budget of £70,000.

Further details are attached as per the Appendices to the report.

2.2 A total of £6m has been redirected from the overall £23m NIF fund, to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs and the details relating to the ward are attached in the appendices to this report. **Area Partnerships are still expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded**. These road repairs have now been fully completed.

3. Recommendations

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