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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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 (NIF) 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 the NIIF decision-making process as well as assist with future initiatives involving citizen engagement. An update in relation to this work is provided below.

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 The Area Partnership have agreed the following to be progressed:

Three redepoyable CCTV cameras have been approved for installation. These are in the work schedule for installation. The locations of these cameras are:

- Aleaxandra Park Street/Onslow Drive
- Birkenshaw Street/Cumbernauld Road
- Wellpark/Ark Lane

2.2 Following discussions at the last meeting of the Area Partnership of 20th February 2024, officers are continuing work to progress the requests made and agreed. These include:

- Costings to improve pathways at Ark Lane to make this more accessible to all users
- Progress of the Greenspace works in relation to Coll Place
- Progress plan for the proposals of a new eastern entrance at the Necropolis
- Provide information on land ownership around Fisher Court whether any of this land was owned by Glasgow City Council
- Provide a technical drawing and costings to be submitted of what the proposed crossing would look like on Alexandra Parade at Iceland and for public consultation to be carried out to gauge public support of this project and information on the amount of accidents that had occurred within this stretch of the road.
- A technical response will be provided from Traffic Management if a puffin crossing is installed on Cumberland Road at Duke Street Train Station
- NRS would report back to this Partnership with further information on proposed projects and costings as Dennistoun Area Partnership were keen to progress agreed projects.

2.3 Items requested at the Dennistoun Area Partnership meeting on 20th February in relation to potential NIIF funded projects are being progressed and an update will be provided at a further meeting.

2.4 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 are on target to be fully completed by 31st March 2024 across all wards.

3. Centre of Civic Innovation – Community Engagement Process – update

3.1 Following on from the Community engagement pilots in Pollok and Calton, where a range of ideas were submitted, voted on and are now being progressed across a range of categories, the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation are working with Community Empowerment Services to rollout this approach within Govan ward. Work has commenced and plans are in place to include community sessions, assessments, voting and development of options over the next few months.

4. Recommendations

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