Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Newlands / Auldburn Area Partnership

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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 Newlands / Auldburn ward and to recommend investment from the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).

Recommendations:

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

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 and 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, 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.

1.3 Following engagement with local stakeholders, a reallocation of funds towards Hillpark Drive Play Area from the Local Parks and Open Spaces Fund is detailed in section 2.1. The Service is further recommending an allocation from the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) towards this play area following a request from a previous meeting of the partnership.

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
Newlands Park	Works to the pond to establish a system where an overflow would be created from the pond following periods of heavy rainfall into a SUDS area.	£20,000	Officers have reviewed the phasing of works following the completion of the tennis courts. The Service is proposing to carry out pond works between Dec – Feb, path works will therefore follow in Spring 24.
Greenbank Park	Pollinator Plan- habitat creation, seasonal interest, the frontage to Nether Auldhouse Rd giving some colour, bulbs etc,	£5,000	Complete
Auldhouse Park	Pollinator Plan- habitat creation, seasonal interest, the frontage to Auldhouse Rd giving some colour, bulbs etc,	£5,000	Complete

Auldhouse Park	Painting of railings by specialist contractor- first phase	£5,000	Sections of the fence require full replacement. Works planned for Winter 23.
King George V Park	Upgrade grass path from Kennishead housing to the shops on Boydstone Rd	£11,478	The Service is currently engaging with contractors. Further update to be provided on installation timescales.
King George V Park	Woodland management works at Viking Way to crown lift and thin trees, to reduce encroachment onto footway	£1,000	Works planned for Winter 23.
King George V Park	Painting of railings by specialist contractor- first phase	£5,000	The Service is currently engaging with contractors. Further update to be provided on installation timescales.
Hillpark Drive	Planting of shade loving species (ferns, hostas etc.)	£8,000	Following feedback from the Community Council it is recommended these funds (£8k) are reallocated to Hillpark Drive Play Area. It is further recommended £62K is allocated from the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund. These funds are in addition to a £10,000 allocation from the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund. Officers would intend to carry out further engagement to gain local consensus on play provision.
Boydstone Road footpath to underpath	Carry out some habitat improvement works to the plot of land in GCC ownership (noting that the land ownership map indicates that the path and entrance are owned by others)	£300	Works planned for Winter 23

2022/23

Location	**Proposal**	**Budget Allocated**	**Status & Next Steps**
Foothpath @	Replace areas of steps/slabs with	£52,800	Planting works and vegetation management to take place

Shawbridge Street to Pollokshaws Rd	materials/ramps better suited to walking and wheeling, enhance planting to establish more wildflowers and bulbs, review any woodland thinning which may be required, upgrade existing adopted street lighting columns to modern standards and add directional active travel signage.		Autumn / Winter 23. Resurfacing and bench installations planned for Winter 23.
Pollok Country Park	Fairy Garden: Refurbish existing Dinosaur Heads near fairy garden and add additional ones	£4,000	Complete
Newlands Park	Supply and install storage container for tools to support Friends of Newlands Park in their volunteering activity	£800	Complete

3. Recommendations

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