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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields 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 and to propose use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund towards suggested projects.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and to approve use of the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund

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, 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 A paper was taken to 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 projects allocated within the ward for each year:

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Bellahouston Park	Crown lifting, thinning and epicormic growth removal- trees to perimeter of park locations	£1,500	Complete
Bellahouston Park	Painting of park railings by SACRO	£500	Following engagement with the Friends of Bellahouston Park and Craigton Community Council it is recommended that this sum is instead added to the budget available for replacement railings.
Bellahouston Park	Replacement of 145 linear metres of fencing	£17,900	Contractor appointed- they have been asked to provide a programme.
Children's Play Area adjacent to Craigton Primary School	Replace damaged goals and equipment	£10,900	Complete
Road end planter/flower bed on Darnley Road end planter/flower bed Street at Leslie Street	Repair of wall and provide funding for plants and materials to community organisations to support planting activities by local residents	£750	Complete
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street at Heriot Street	Crown lifting of the perimeter trees and removal of epicormic growth to improve both light and visibility for users, planting and support healthy tree growth. The planting of bulbs for biodiversity and colour. Remove weeds from slab joints and seal joints to slow weed regrowth. One additional bench and fix existing	£4,500	Following public consultation these have taken the form of social seating, bespoke planters, murals, revitalising existing planters, habitats for wildlife, general access improvements and refurbishments. Works are being carried out in partnership with Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood,

	timber benches to the ground.		Regeneration and Sustainability Services. Stage 1 of the installation is now complete and has introduced social seating and planters, while potholes on existing tarmac have been filled. Stage 2, which will be complete by 27 November, includes a series of bespoke planters at Turtle Park, and floor-based mural works created by local artists. More planting will take place seasonally throughout 2024.
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Keir Street	The addition of two or three raised beds for the use of pupils from the adjacent Pollokshields Primary as part of their growing projects. Apply a topcoat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow. Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar-input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected e.g., hopscotch or wildlife images. 2 new benches. Timber 'stepping stones'. Tramway	£4,500	Following public consultation these have taken the form of social seating, bespoke planters, murals, revitalising existing planters, habitats for wildlife, general access improvements and refurbishments. Works are being carried out in partnership with Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability Services and the Tramway Stage 1 of the installation is now complete and has introduced social seating and planters, while potholes on existing tarmac have been filled. Stage 2, which will be complete by 27 November, includes a series of bespoke planters at Turtle Park, and floor-based

			mural works created by local artists. More planting will take place seasonally throughout 2024. A Floor Mural at Turtle Park: This mural taps into Christian Noelle Charles' print-making process, using striking blocks of layered colour to represent a pair of hands which are simultaneously holding and being held. Wrapped around the park they evoke ideas of community, care and solidarity, creating a welcoming space for local residents and communities to come together. Three Mosaic Planters at Turtle Park: Southside-based artist Joanne Dawson has created a series of ceramic murals for three large scale planters. The designs centre around the themes 'Prepare', 'Growth', 'Care' and 'Abundance', tapping into the park's function as both a community asset and a space for wildlife and insects. The murals feature repeat, warp/weft-like patterns that employ elements of the local landscape - tenement buildings with neighbours socialising, playful woven flowers and stems, and root systems with worms dancing and peering above ground. Caterpillar Bench at Turtle Park: Nick Evans has created seating that is both

			a sculpture and a park bench. Inspired by the insect inhabitants of our urban greenspaces, Nick has created a colourful, dynamic form that echoes the legs and body of a caterpillar, patterned with holes resembling wriggly worms.
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Forth Street	Apply a topcoat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow. Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar- input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected- e.g., hopscotch or wildlife images. Bulb and plug planting.	£4,500	Following public consultation these have taken the form of social seating, bespoke planters, murals, revitalising existing planters, habitats for wildlife, general access improvements and refurbishments. Works are being carried out in partnership with Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability Services and the Tramway. Stage 1 of the installation is now complete and has introduced social seating and planters, while potholes on existing tarmac have been filled. Stage 2, which will be complete by 27 November, includes a series of bespoke planters at Turtle Park, and floor-based mural works created by local artists. More planting will take place seasonally throughout 2024. Benches and Planters at Stepping Stone Park: Commissioned to create a bespoke seating design for

			the park, Steff Norwood has recycled a series of former public benches in exuberant, joyful colours. The benches are connected by planters made from old beer kegs, re-purposed to create diverse habitats for plants, wildflowers and pollinating insects and re-purposing old oil drums as planters and spaces for wildlife to flourish. A Floor Mural at Stepping Stone Park: As a symbol of inspiration, hope, and renewal, Rabiya Choudhry has created a route of stars. The floor mural presents a bright, hopeful path towards a shared future and also echoes 'Walks of Fame', fostering a sense of community and the idea that each and every one of us matters. The stars represent a connection to the past, the promise of the future, and a tribute to those who are no longer with us but whose memories live on through the light of the stars.
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 entrance. Timber log/bench feature for seating and biodiversity. Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting	£1,500	Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting complete. Representatives from the owners of this site have been contacted for an update on how we might make arrangements to obtain agreement from the multiple owners of this location for the remaining works.

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Maxwell Square Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing	£11,800	The Service is currently engaging with the Friends of Maxwell Square Park on further development of the park and play area. In line with procurement timescales, design and build process will be ongoing from summer 2024
Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment.	£11,500	External consultation process ongoing, further update to be provided to a future meeting of the AP on both consultation and funding and overall funding position.
Bellahouston Park	Fencing Works	£13,000	Contractor appointed- they have been asked to provide a programme.
Fleurs Avenue	Towards the cost of removing concrete slabs replacing it with a tarmac surface and associated works at Fleurs Avenue	£4,000	Works planned for Winter 23
Bellahouston Park	Repair of train play equipment	£500	Blacksmith Instructed, update to follow.
Minto Crescent	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3no. benches.	£9,000	Design options have been discussed with local stakeholders. The Service is due to feedback shortly on finalised design options.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund

Following a request from the Area Partnership, the following projects are consideration for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF):

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Comments
Maxwell Park	Installation of lighting columns from Dalziel Dr to Play Area.	£15,000 (In Principal)	Planning approvals currently being considered. Any installation of lighting may be subject to further tree and lighting impact assessment. After consultation with the relevant Service's, lighting options from Maxwell Station to Dalziel Drive were not deemed feasible due to the proximity of established tree within this area.
Maxwell Park	Installation of lighting columns from Burgh Hall to Play Area.	£21,000	Planning approvals currently being considered. Any installation of lighting may be subject to further tree and lighting impact assessment.
Maxwell Park	Renovation of herbaceous border and creation of wildflower meadow (behind Burgh Halls)	£5,000	Future maintenance of herbaceous border needs to be undertaken by third parties.
Maxwell Park	Removal of remaining partial pieces of Hamilton Fountain, which has been damaged by frost, retaining walls, tarmacking of surface and installation of circular bench.	To follow	The Service is currently engaging with Planning colleagues due to the heritage status. Once any appropriate guidance / approvals have been sought, costings will be provided.
Maxwell Park	Flooding near Pond	£3,000 initial phase	The Service is in the process of commissioning further investigatory works to the existing drainage infrastructure in this area of

			the park. This will involve assessing current condition of the manhole and vegetation / silt clearance of the inlet and any repairs. Thereafter, a costing for further interventions will be provided to the partnership.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and to approve use of the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund.