Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Langside 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 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
Ardmay Park	Installation of Bench	£900	Agreed location requires additional groundworks, due to steep bank from path. These are currently being priced.
Ardmay Park	Habitat Creation - bulb and plug planting	£7,200	Complete
Queens Park Recreation Ground	Feasibility Study, Design Work and engagement to examine options to renew Skatepark- specialist supplier to be procured.	£6,000	Update on timescales to follow.
Queens Park Recreation Ground	2 new benches and 1 wheelchair accessible picnic bench	£3,462	Complete
Cathkin Park	Installation of benches	£900	It is recommended that savings from Stanmore Road are reallocated to this project so that additional tarring can be added to the scope.

Corner of Clincart Road and McLennan Street	Art Bollards to define public space	£1,758	Grant award completed. Due to contractor availability, works will be undertaken next year.
Queens Park Recreation Ground	New Entrance and Footpath from southern approach from Prospecthill Road	£25,400	Further engagement required with local stakeholders on final design.
Bolton Drive/Clincart Road	Installation of benches	£900	Complete

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Holmlea Park	Additional scope to build on the package of funding already secured and add the supply and installation of one item of play equipment.	£9,000	Further update to be provided on timescales
Kinghorn Drive	Soft landscaping works to include - wildflower plug and bulb planting, installation of 1 bench and short connecting path, planting of 3 trees (subject to service check), repairs to fencing and purchase of paint	£6,300	Planting works to be completed in early 2024. Further update to be provided on hard landscaping / bench
Open Space between Hangingshaws Place and Prospectihill Place	Soft landscaping works to include – bulb planting, wildflower plug planting and planting of trees	£500	Third sector organisation approached to support local group. Monies to be grant awarded.
Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment	£10,000	The Service is currently working with local stakeholders on a community consultation to determine final design. The Service is continuing to develop an outline brief for a procurement exercise.

Queens Park Recreation Ground	Construction of link path from Prospecthill Road to recreation ground. This is in addition to the previously allocated £25,400 from 2021/22 due to an amendment to the width of the path, and a proposed allocation of £51,800 from NRS funding and unused allocations from option 2 from the 2021/22 funding.	£18,200	Further engagement required with local stakeholders on final design
Stanmore Road	Installation of bench.	£2500	Complete. Recommend that savings of £1000 are reallocated to Cathkin Park benches.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund

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

Queens Park – Installation of Lighting (£170K)

Earlier this year, Greenspace and Biodiversity undertook a review of Parks Lighting. As part of this review, our consultation activities focussed on three pilot parks, including Queens Park. A report was presented to Council earlier this year with the findings of our consultation activities. This report can be viewed here: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=108503

The report detailed the various routes appraised by participants of the consultation and within the report. Based on the feedback received from consultees and other factors, the Service has set out recommendations within the report, these being lighting of both yellow and orange (part) routes, as well as the play area (Appendix 1). Routes identified within this section are considered to be ones where it is likely that carefully selected lighting units could deliver active travel and year-round children's play without having a measurable negative impact on biodiversity

Whilst suggested routes for lighting have been chosen in areas where impact is likely to be minimised, these would be subject to an Lighting Impact Assessment (LIA) once a design scheme has been drafted. We would also share designs with local stakeholders, via the Queens Park Working Group to gain final consensus on an approach to these routes.
The Service is therefore seeking an in-principal allocation of **£57,000 from each Area Partnership** subject to LIAs and consultation with local stakeholders.

Mount Florida and Toryglen Play Provision (£200K)

Allocations from the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund have been made towards the following parks within this area:
Ardmay Park - £5,000 (2025/26)
Glenmore Avenue - £5,800 (2025/26)

In order to allow for wider enhancement of each play area, it is recommended an allocation of **£94,200 is allocated for Glenmore Avenue and £105,000 for Ardmay Play Area** to in order to add accessible and inclusive play equipment. Timescales for development would be subject to a procurement exercise.

Installation of Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - Toryglen Community Hall

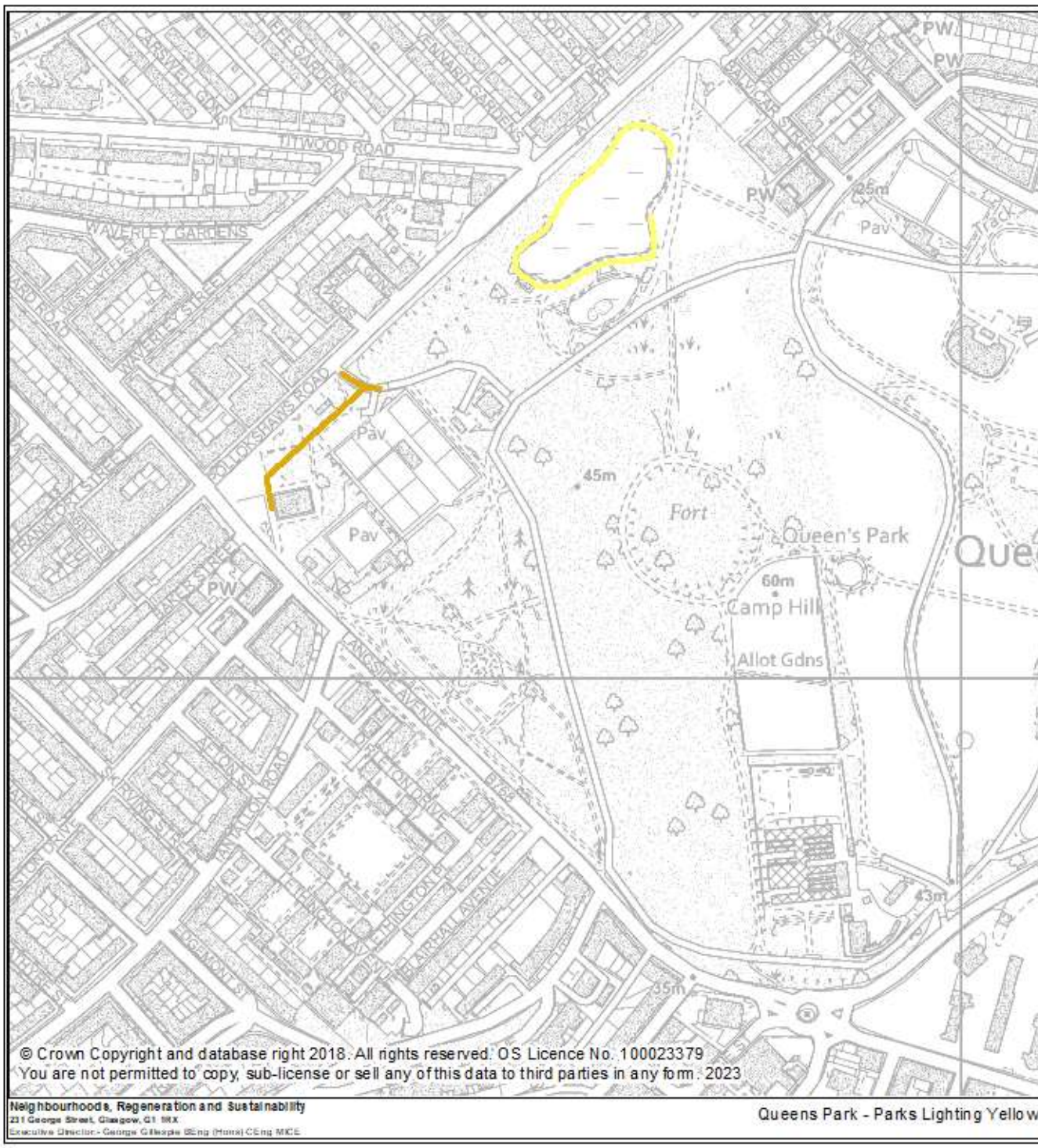
Subject to further feasibility and service checks, **the Service is recommending an allocation of £120,000** for the installation of a MUGA at the Toryglen Community Hall. Following the request to involve young people to participate in the design of this facility, the Service would intend to include this as part of the brief for any appointed design and build procurement. This engagement would further allow for the specification of the MUGA to be refined.

Holmlea Park Play Area
Cathcart and District Community Council have highlighted that funds allocated to date from Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund of £5,000, from Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, of £9000, **could be supplemented by £40,000** from this fund in order to add accessible and inclusive play equipment to better provide for older children.

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

Appendix 1


WAVERLEY GARDENS
WAVERLEY STREET
SOLDIERS ROAD
Pav
45m
Fort
Queen's Park
60m
Camp Hill
Allot Gdns
PW
25m
43m
35m
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