Item 11

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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 **£602k** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching **£297k (51% complete). AP to confirm approval for £20k estimate to resurface Somerset Place.**
- Footway Improvement **£138k (0% complete)**
- Street Lighting Investment - **None**
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning **£65k (0% complete)**
- Traffic Signals - **None**
- Street Furniture – **None**
- Other **–** Cobbles **£96k**
- Other – **Bollards** – Midland Street requirement for 14 bollards- currently clarifying the current type/manufacturer of existing bollards (to enable costs from contractor). As this is on a bus route, it is classified as traffic sensitive and therefore will need to be put on Scottish Roadworks register giving at least 4 weeks notice. It is also in the City Centre so will be subject to the Christmas Roadworks embargo. St Vincent Street bollards-further clarification being sought by the team to progress.
- Other – Trees- (**up to £100k**) Meeting has taken place with team and further onsite review required with Roads colleagues to review specific locations aligned to guidance which is in the process of being arranged.
- Other- **£6k-** tree planting at St Patrick's Primary School

All commitments are on target for completion during 2024/25 at the latest.

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. **Area Partnerships are still expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded**. These road repairs are scheduled to be fully completed by 31st March 2024 and on target across all wards.

3. **Recommendations**

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