Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Dennistoun Area Partnership

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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 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 Commitments to date across the Infrastructure categories total **£0** as follows:-

- Road Resurfacing and Patching
- Footway Improvement
- Street Lighting Investment
- Drainage Repairs including gully cleaning
- Traffic Signals- pedestrian crossing improvements at junction 15 (Royal Infirmary) detailed below.
- Street Furniture
- Other – **2 CCTV cameras – locations still to be confirmed (lead-in time approx 8-10 weeks and will cost between £4k-£8k to fully implement). Flytipping hotspots in the area are attached in Appendix to this report.**
- Other – **discussions ongoing in relation to "Off the Shelf" Liveable Neighbourhood Projects for consideration.**

2.2 Traffic Signals – Junction 15- update for consideration. With regards to Castle Street Junctions please see below summary:

- GA5501 – Castle St / Royston Rd – £375,000

- GA5451 – Castle St Alexandra Parade - £400,000

Both sites are complex and are two junctions which operate from the one controller.

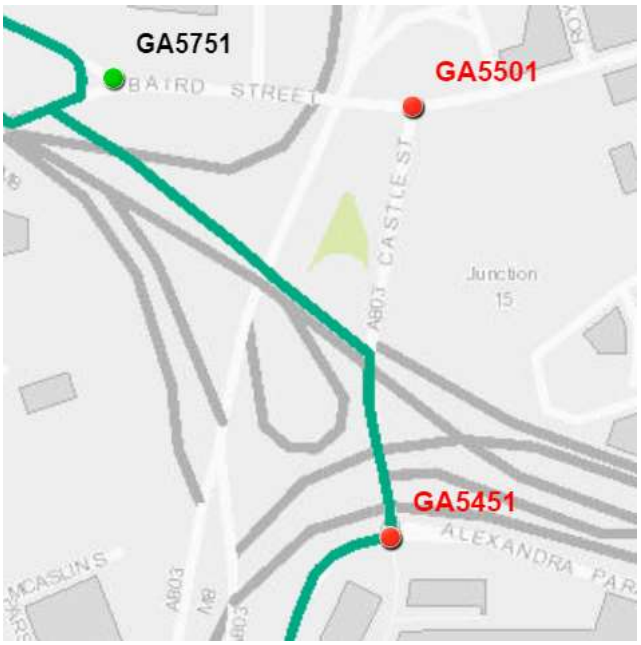
Castle St / Royston Rd – needs a full site upgrade, improved crossing points and tactile paving.

Castle St / Alexandra Parade – needs a full site upgraded, requires new crossing facilities on the east side of Castle St and major junction improvements, we upgraded the heads only to LED last year due to the

failure of the old heads, the site does have a new controller but is still old technology and wouldn't accommodate any changes such as an additional ped crossing on the east side. The bridge could also cause potential construction issues but this can be investigated.

Officers would need to undertake a detailed design for a more accurate estimate.

Discussions between traffic and Liveable Neighbourhoods teams have taken place regarding this issue and would welcome input from the Area Partnership regarding Community expectation.



2.3 The information and suggested project detailed in section 2.2 is one of a number of options available to the Dennistoun Area Partnership. The service appreciates that there may be other priorities in the Dennistoun Multi-Member Ward. Officers from the Liveable Neighbourhoods and Greenspace and Biodiversity Teams are available to meet with the Chair of the Area Partnership out-with the scheduled cycle of meetings to discuss and agree other options, for costing. These discussions will include suggestions provided by Dennistoun Community Council. All suggestions to be costed, agreed out-with the Area Partnership meeting cycle will be agreed for progression or otherwise at the next available Area Partnership 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. **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. Centre of Civic Innovation – Community Engagement Process – update

3.1 Further to the update provided at the previous Area Partnership regarding to the process being developed to involve greater community involvement to inform the decision-making process for the fund, the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation are working with Community Empowerment Services to run the system in a live testing environment in Calton and Greater Pollok with the following timeline:

3.2 Following Area Partnerships agreeing final ideas to go to public vote:-

- 16th of September to 13th of October - Local people vote on ideas to fund
- 16th of October to 20th of October - Analyse votes & format reporting
- 23rd of October to 1st November - Area Partnerships agree final ideas to fund
- 1st November to 30th November - Evaluation activity with all stakeholders involved in these pilots to understand the learning from the prototypes and advise on options for recommendations for rolling out to other wards
- Early December - report with recommendations submitted to Community Empowerment Services for wider circulation.

Votes are currently being collated and recommendations for how the NIIF fund should be spent are being prepared ahead of being presented to Area Partnerships for a final decision. CCI will then communicate results and timelines with the communities.

3.3 Running alongside this, evaluation activity is ongoing with a view to developing portions to scale this way of working across the city to inform the final report in December.

4. Recommendations

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