Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Canal Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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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 Canal ward.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report

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.

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
Liddesdale Square	New tree planting- £300 per 'heavy standard tree' planted, including a permanent 'Christmas Tree' 9 no. Serbian Spruce and Cherry trees	£5,200	Planting works planned for November 23
Liddesdale Square	Installation of benches	£1,800	Complete
Murano Street	New gateway signage at park entrance at Ruchill Park	£6,000	Complete
Bilsland Drive	New gateway signage at park entrance at Ruchill Park	£6,000	Complete
Ruchill Park	Installation of x6 Benches	£3,600	Complete
Ruchill Park	Cherry Trees along Bilsland Drive	£9,000	Planting works planned for November 23
Ruchill Park	Advance planting of larger tree species such as oak, sycamore and lime as a first phase to mitigate anticipated impact of Ash dieback	£4,500	Planting works planned for November 23

	upon the overall canopy cover		
Milton Park	New gateway signage at park entrance at Milton Park	£6,000	Anticipated works planned for Dec 23
Milton Park	New metal benches within parks and open spaces- locations to be agreed	£1,800	Contractor has receipt of benches and is arranging installation as part of a wider citywide contract
Milton Park	Replacement tree planting with larger species	£6,300	Planting November 23
Parkhouse Greenspaces	New wildflower meadow / bulb planting	£10,000	Planting works / trees November 23

2022/23

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Ruchill Park	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support further investment in Children's Play with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed.	£25,000	Report to Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods August 2023 has noted additional funding from Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Funds with a further £136,400 made available from this source. Timescales for engagement and project delivery are being reviewed in light of this increased budget.
Greenspace and Play Area next to Cadder Primary School	200 linear metres of hard surfaced active travel route to connect Vaila Street to the Primary School via the Herma Street (opposite no 49) entrance and to connect the MPGC and Children's Play Area to to the Primary School via the Herma Street (opposite no 49)	£19,000	Further engagement required with PS and local stakeholder to finalise designs

Greenspace next to Ashgill Road	Contribution to Active Travel project to link Chirnside Primary and Ashgill Recreation Centre with a walking and cycling route	£40,600	Following consultation with local stakeholders, the Service is now engaging with contractors to competitively tender works. Update on timescales to be provided to the next meeting of the Area Partnership.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report.