**Item 8**

**13th November 2024**

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

**Garscadden Scotstounhill 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 for the Garscadden Scotstounhill ward.

**Recommendations:**

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

## Introduction

The 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.

It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved citywide since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, these will be subject to ongoing resource pressures within the Service, alongside business-as-usual activities. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate.

Recommendations

1. With reference to Greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway, we note, in response to the question raised at the last meeting of this Partnership, that the minutes of 16th November 2021 record a sum of £18,000 having been approved by the Area Partnership and the minutes of 25th January 2022 record a decision by the Area Partnership to increase this allocation to £21,600. This service will now update our records to reflect this, and would apologise for any lack of clarity in our previous reporting. In order to bring the 2021/22 programme in within the total sum of £75,650 allocated to projects in Garscadden Scotstounhill, it is proposed to reduce the amount committed to the last project on the list to £12,700 in line with costs received for this project.
2. NRS is aware of demand for additional growing spaces within this ward. NRS has already secured funding for 6 additional in-ground plots within Yoker allotments, and would recommend that funding is made available to extend Yoker Allotments to create 18 new raised bed plots within 2 of the walled garden plots on Sandholm Place to create around 500m2 of growing and associated space. Costs of £50,000 would be associated with works to create the raised beds, and to raise the height of the perimeter with railings and install gates, based on similar work recently tendered elsewhere. Previous discussions with local growers have suggested that this location would require such works in order to be considered suitable for food growing.

## Summary

The following table provides an update on projects allocated within the ward for each year:

**2021/22**

| Location | Proposal | Budget Allocated | Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS |
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| Knightswood Park | New access point proposed into the park from Paladin Avenue which would provide | £4800 | Following a more detailed assessment of levels and existing trees and tree root systems, it |

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| | access from the adjacent care home. Works would include new entrance opened up in the railings, pedestrian road barrier and new 30m stretch of tarmac footpath to meet existing golden gravel path | | is now recommended that this project is not progressed. Officers will make contact with the Friends of Knightswood Park to discuss next steps |
| Knightswood Park | Paladin Avenue - New access point proposed into park which would provide access the towpath, schools and Great Western Road. New entrance added to railings, and new 30m section of tarmac footpath, and associated vegetation management and new tree planting | £10,000 | Following a more detailed assessment of levels and existing trees and tree root systems, it is now recommended that this project is not progressed. Officers will make contact with the Friends of Knightswood Park to discuss next steps |
| Knightswood Park | First phase of works to upgrade surface and widen existing golden gravel path to 1.8m tarmac path- 150 linear metres | £16,200 | Following review by Officers, this scheme will now include an upgrade of 150m of path from Paladin Avenue to Chaplet Avenue from a bound gravel to a tar surface. Contractor appointed October 2024 for completion Winter 2024/25 |
| Knightswood Park | Adjacent to burn- creation of wildflower meadows and extending the current woodland habitat | £3700 | Complete |
| Knightswood Park | Installation of 4 benches | £1800 | Installation programmed before April 25. |
| Yoker Cycle Path | New finger signage at to promote active travel-route from South Street past Plean Street | £4800 | Complete |
| Greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway | Tree planting subject to more detailed engagement with the Housing Association | £21,600 | Management works to remove growth at ground level from the Lime trees at the greenspace known as the ‘Homie’ are complete, with works to remove the large stump here now scheduled to |

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| | | | facilitate the footpath works. Remaining footpath works have been awarded to a contractor October 2024, further update will be provided on a start date. |
| Knightswood Park and Yoker Recreation Ground | New Outdoor Learning Spaces to support Early Years, Out of School Care and Forest Schools, supporting 1140 hours and Curriculum for Excellence Locations to be identified following discussion between Area Partnership representatives, Education providers, Friends of Knightswood Park and NRS. Convert a bowling green. | £12,700 | Following further review by Officers and Friends of Knightswood Park, the Service is recommending these funds are used to improve existing wetland areas and increase side planting of wetland favouring tree species near the Garscadden Burn. This work would be undertaken in conjunction with Froglife as part of their 'Green Pathways' project. Value of this project amended as per recommendation 1 above. |

**2022/23**

| **Location** | **Proposal** | **Budget Allocated** | **Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS** |
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| Clyde Walkway near Ellerslie Path | Planting works to 220m long stretch of embankment to improve biodiversity and colour | £18,400 | Phase one planting works complete. Further phase of planting undertaken week of the 16th September. We will arrange to notify owner of the footpath once repairs completed and inspected by officers. |
| Knightswood | Contribution towards a wider funding package and will form the subject of further engagement with Friends of Knightswood Park | £50,000 | Following further investigation of this proposal and likely considerable lead-in time for development, the Service would recommend a reallocation of these |

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| | and local food groups in relation to deliver a Food Hub- to include growing, food distribution and addressing food poverty. | | funds as a contribution to the redevelopment of the Sandholm Place walled greenspaces as per recommendation 2 above. |
| Yoker Cycle Path | Additional phase of new finger signage at to promote active travel, with additional 6 locations to build on the locations put forward within 2021/22 by the Glasgow Eco Trust | £7200 | Awaiting feedback from relevant partner services. Further updates will be provided thereafter. |

**Recommendations**

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