



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Dennistoun 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 Dennistoun 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.

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
Alexandra Park	Gateway metal feature with metal lettering and area of hard surfacing to Peace Garden, and first phase of a walking trail.	£17,000	Funded works complete. Friends agreed full allocation to first phase of Peace Garden
Corner sites	Review options for wildflowers, bulbs and benches at corner sites in Dennistoun	£2,250	Works complete
Glenconnor Park	Engage with Stakeholders about potential for an outdoor gym.	£14,000	Additional funding becomes available this financial year from Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Programme, and we would intend to carry out the design, procurement and construction activity as part of one phase of works in order to achieve volume-based savings- further updates to be provided.
Hogarth Park	Upgrade entrance at the west side of the park to complement and match fund other works in the park which are already funded.	£4,750	Works programmed – Winter 2024/25

Coll Place	Review options for early actions such as planting and pathways to support engagement and future funding applications.	£17,000	<p>Scope of works funded via the Parks and Open Space Fund 2021/22 and 2022/23 will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe access to Childrens Play, including bollards to manage vehicle access in this area and any statutory measures required to support this. It is envisaged that this work will be carried out as an initial phase, to allow safe vehicle and walking/wheeling movements around the site to become established prior to the play area works. • Childrens Play <p>In relation to next steps, officers from this service are working with the Headteacher of the school to agree communications which could go out to the school community in advance of bollards being installed, so that any detailed feedback in relation to service vehicles, emergency services, blue badge and taxi parking can be reviewed, and so that the school community's attention is drawn to the benefits of this change and its links to previous engagement.</p>
Glasgow Necropolis	Engage with stakeholders about potential for plant wildflower borders to highlight specific heritage areas of the Necropolis.	£1,000	Complete
Firpark Street Greenspace	Engage with stakeholders about potential for planting of bulbs, trees and wildflowers.	£4,059	Complete

2022/23

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Alexandra Park	The Friends of Alexandra Park will develop proposals with the Area Partnership and bring these back for approval.	£12,100	Installation of six benches complete.
Greenspace West of Rymer Street	Bring forward proposals to enhance active travel, secure-by-design and biodiversity through works to planting, surfacing and signage	£10,000	Works programmed for Winter 2024/25
MPGC at Glenconnor Park	Install lighting.	£20,000	Prior to April 2026.
Coll Place Greenspace	Proposals for a further phase of work to be brought forward following engagement activity.	£17,000	<p>Scope of works funded via the Parks and Open Space Fund 2021/22 and 2022/23 will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe access to Childrens Play, including bollards to manage vehicle access in this area and any statutory measures required to support this. It is envisaged that this work will be carried out as an initial phase, to allow safe vehicle and walking/wheeling movements around the site to become established prior to the play area works.• Childrens Play <p>In relation to next steps, officers from this service are working with the Headteacher of the school to agree communications which could go out to the school</p>

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Glasgow Necropolis	Further phase of plant wildflower borders to highlight specific areas of the Necropolis. Budget would permit up to 833m2 of wildflower planting.	£1,000	Complete

Coll Place

Further works have now been scoped to complement Childrens Play, and could be funded via the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund at a total value of £150,000

- Clearing and resurfacing of existing footpath linking the end of Forge Place to land at the rear of 149 Coll Place
- 2 number new footpath links which links this footpath at one end to Coll Place at 149 Coll Place, and at the other end near the MPGC
- Removal of redundant hardstanding, associated with former housing, with meadow mix, at 3 locations
- Remove steps adjacent to 261 Forge Place, since these have reached the end of their safe life
- A number of colourful thermoplastic markings to the section of former roadway between the bollards which communicates that this space is now managed for walking and wheeling.

Eastern Entrance to Necropolis

The Learning Quarter District Regeneration Framework recommended that there was a new active travel link through the Necropolis which would require a new entry point, with the consultation process evidencing a range of views, which are detailed in the table below.

It is noted that this link is not currently one of the first year's priority actions in the City Centre Strategy. The intention of the City Centre Regeneration team with the Necropolis action is to undertake some further engagement with the elected members of Wards 10 and 22 in 2025/26 to obtain direction on how to progress.

It is noted that consideration of this matter may also include whether a refreshed and updated Conservation Management Plan for the Necropolis would require to be

undertaken to support consideration of such proposals, and how the commissioning of such a document might be resourced.

During the consultation one of the respondents identified that the strongly disagree option was not available for the project to identify ways to open pedestrian access to the Necropolis. This was corrected on the day it was identified. Final results for this specific project were:

<i>Answer Choices</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Tend to agree</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>Neither agree or disagree</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Tend to disagree</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Don't know/no opinion</i>	<i>2%</i>

Greenspace and Biodiversity will continue to liaise with City Centre Team, Friends of Necropolis and Parks Operations in relation to a range of opportunities to enhance this location in the interim.

Fisher Court

Our records would suggest that plots of land near this location are held within a range of ownership interests, with some adopted by Glasgow City Council under the Roads (Scotland Act), and other rights retained by individual property owners, some plots of land owned by Registered Social Landlords and some plots of land owned individual property owners.

Greenspace plots owned Glasgow City Council (with certain rights retained by Glasgow Housing Association and its successor organisations under the Housing Land Protocol) include plots to the east of 1 Fisher Court, to the north of 4 Fisher Court, to the north of 6 Fisher Court, plots to the north of 21 Cardross Court and a plot south of 17 Cardross Court.

Officers from this service are available to meet with other landowners locally to discuss management and development of this greenspace.

Recommendations

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