



## Item 6(a)

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### Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Cardonald Area Partnership

**Report by: Executive Director, Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability**

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#### **The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Progress Update**

##### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with a progress update in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund, including new arrangements for support and governance of this, and a summary of commitments and spend to date

##### **Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report, review the content provided in the attached tables to confirm its accuracy and identify any new proposals for NIIF to be costed before the next meeting.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund provides an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at scale with an approved budget set in 2021/22 of £23million. The budget assigned the decision making in relation to this fund to Area Partnerships, with £1million allocated to each ward. This report provides an update regarding the Area Partnership's position in relation to this.
- 1.2 This funding is capital expenditure and therefore can be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, though funding should ideally be fully committed by March 2027.

## **2. Management and Governance of the fund**

- 2.1 In September 2024, the Director of Service Delivery, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), provided a report outlining the challenges experienced in implementing the fund and dealing with the volume of requests to date. The report also advised that a new process was being devised to manage this.
- 2.2 In December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward.
- 2.3 This has involved a significant amount of work to review information held in Area Partnership minutes, within NRS services and across council departments.
- 2.4 As a result, a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date can now be provided.
- 2.5 It should be highlighted that due to previous challenges in the management of this information, the information provided may contain gaps. We would therefore ask that Area Partnerships review what is provided and advise of anything they believe was previously requested or approved, that does not appear in this report.
- 2.6 It should also be noted that some proposals discussed at Area Partnerships previously have been listed in this report but have yet to be progressed for estimate. We ask that Area Partnerships first review these lists and confirm that they have been approved and should now be sent for estimate within NRS.
- 2.7 Clear guidance has been created to assist community members and Area Partnership Chairs in identifying proposals for the use of the fund which meet the criteria and contain the required information to enable NRS to progress these. This is attached at Appendix 1.

### **3. Criteria for the Fund**

- 3.1 Criteria is outlined in the guidance attached at Appendix 1, however, the following should be noted:
- 3.2 Because the £1 million is designated for capital expenditure, it must be spent on Council infrastructure - Physical things in Council ownership.
- 3.3 The fund is not intended to be used for “business as usual” council activities such as dealing with individual service requests related to basic maintenance or repair of existing assets – for example: individual broken streetlights, blocked drains, potholes etc.
- 3.4 The fund is not intended to be used for consultancy work, for example, the carrying out of community engagement work to find out what projects the community are interested in. It may, in circumstances where Council services require external assistance, be used for technical consultancy fees which are required to develop and deliver a capital project, such as architects or streetscape designers to help communities redesign civic spaces.
- 3.5 The fund cannot be used to fund revenue costs, such as future or ongoing costs related to maintenance, utilities, repair costs etc. Any revenue costs resulting from NIIF investment will need to be met from other sources.
- 3.6 NIIF proposals should not be costed by external contactors or suppliers before being put forward. All proposals need to be costed within GCC in line with procurement procedures.
- 3.7 Potential ideas for the use of NIIF will only be costed by NRS if these proposals have been discussed and approved at an Area Partnership meeting, then submitted through the process outlined in the attached guidance.

### **4. Process for NIIF requests**

- 4.1 As outlined above, all proposals for the use of NIIF must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed.
- 4.2 NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers will attend each meeting, present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS. These will be reviewed and costed where possible. They will also provide support and guidance to Area Partnerships on the criteria and information required for NIIF requests.
- 4.3 The officers will also record decisions related to any estimates provided and advise NRS when an estimate has been approved for work to commence. To allow this to be more streamlined, we ask that Area Partnerships discuss and approve a % amount that costs can go over the original estimate without seeking further approval.

- 4.4 This enhanced process will ensure that all proposals and decisions related to NIIF are documented, including all required information, without relying solely on the minutes. We are confident that this process will ensure a sufficient level of information is provided to allow proposals to be costed more timeously.

## 5. NIIF enquiries and Updates

- 5.1 The new process outlined in the attached appendix will ensure full updates are provided at each Area Partnership meeting on spend and progress. This should negate the need for enquiries out with the meeting cycle to seek information on progress of either work underway or estimates.
- 5.2 However, it is recognised that more general enquiries about the NIIF funding or the process related to this may require a response. For this reason, the Programme Management Office for NIIF have created a NIIF mailbox which will be monitored by the team - NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk
- 5.3 This should **not** be used for suggesting NIIF proposals or requesting estimated costs as such requests should go via Area Partnership meetings. However, it will ensure a clear communication channel is in place for any more general queries.

## 6. Progress to Date

- 6.1 The tables at the end of this report will be provided as standard at future Area Partnership meetings and provide a breakdown of:
- Proposals previously submitted for estimate: **Please note for this round of reports we are asking that Area Partnerships review these and confirm whether these should proceed to being costed if an estimate has not already been provided.** At future meetings, this table will only contain new estimated costs provided by NRS for AP approval.
  - Proposals Requiring more information: where an estimate can not be progressed, a reason for this will be outlined clearly. If this relates to a lack of clear information being provided to allow costing, we ask that Area Partnerships review this and provide the required information to allow this to be considered before the next scheduled meeting.
  - Summary of Committed and Actual Spend to date: This includes an update on any works currently underway and a breakdown of committed NIIF and actual spend to date. **It should be noted that work is still underway to review the actual spend with individual teams within NRS and ensure this has been recorded accurately and appears in the ledger. Final Actual spend for all completed works will be provided in the next round of reports**

## 1 - Proposals submitted for estimate:

Date of AP Meeting Originally Proposed	Reference Number	Proposed Item Description & Location	Estimate request sent to NRS Ops Team Date	Estimate Received Y/N	Estimate Amount	Comments
19/11/2024	04-015	Mosspark Boulevard Play Park – full detailed cost breakdown of quote for paths and benches		Y	£100K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paths – Scrape existing paths and then lay new surface and tack coat over 1250m2 of footpaths- i.e. all the footpaths in the park- £84,000.</li> <li>• 2 New Picnic Benches including installation and appropriate new surfacing and footpath links so that these are wheelchair and buggy accessible- £15,000</li> <li>• 2 New Seat Benches, including installation- £1000</li> </ul> <p>AP to advise if this is to be progressed</p>
19/11/2024	04-016	Hartlaw Crescent – stairs and pathway upgrade				AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings.
19/11/2024	04-018	Funding for 3 Community Murals – Gable end, Paisley Rd West & Morrisons				AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted for costings. Please note further discussion required as NRS are unable to physically deliver murals so procurement processes will need consideration. Also may not meet NIIF criteria if locations are private property
	04-019	Addition of accessible and inclusive features at Corkerhill Play Area		Y	£45,800	An allocation of £54,200 has been made from the 2024/25 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of bringing this location up to Excellent through addition of Accessible and Inclusive features. There remains the opportunity to

						enhance the scope of this works through NIIF with an additional contribution from NIIF of £45,800. A budget has been suggested based on comparable projects undertaken elsewhere in recent years. This service would propose to carry out the works in one phase, once all funding is available in order to achieve best value from contractors. There are opportunities for the community to undertake engagement activity in the interim period. AP to confirm approval for this to go proceed.
	04-020	Addition of accessible and inclusive features at Mossspark Play Area		Y	£55,200	An allocation of £54,200 has been made from the 2024/25 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of bringing this location up to Excellent through addition of Accessible and Inclusive features. There remains the opportunity to enhance the scope of this works through NIIF with an additional contribution from NIIF of £55,200. A budget has been suggested based on comparable projects undertaken elsewhere in recent years. This service would propose to carry out the works in one phase, once all funding is available in order to achieve best value from contractors. There are opportunities for the community to undertake engagement activity in the interim period. AP to confirm approval for this to proceed.
	04-021	Addition of accessible and inclusive features at Hartlaw Play Area		Y	£91,000	An allocation of £54,200 has been made from the 2024/25 Play Area Renewal Fund, with the objective of bringing this location up to Excellent through addition of Accessible and Inclusive features. There remains the opportunity to enhance the scope of this works through NIIF with an additional contribution from NIIF of £91,000. A budget has been suggested based on comparable projects undertaken elsewhere in recent years. This service would propose to carry out the works in one phase, once all funding is available in order to achieve best value

						from contractors. There are opportunities for the community to undertake engagement activity in the interim period. AP to confirm approval for this to proceed.
	04-023	Penilee Park – Relocation and new play park equipment		N		This item was included in a list provided from the AP chair. The works have been completed and funded through the Parks & Open Spaces funding not NIIF. This item will be removed from future reports.
	04-024	Redeployable CCTV – Cemetery Road				Site visit took place beginning of April, NRS Ops to liaise with teams for update in terms of proposal options, costs will be provided at this stage
	04-025	Mosspark Play Park - Railings		Y	£5,000	Around 40 linear metres of fencing which has reached end of life. NRS Ops reviewed and propose to remove and replace with a line of trees/woodland to demark the boundary. Estimate provided includes removal of old fence. AP to approve to allow us to proceed.

## 2 - Proposals Requiring more Information:

Date Proposed	Reference Number	Proposed Item Description & Location	Information Required
28/11/2023	04-005	Deployable CCTV to cover fly tipping and anti social behaviour hot spot areas within the ward	Historical request pulled from minutes. AP to confirm if this is still required, if so please provide more details on locations and number of redeployable cameras required and NRS Ops will cost
28/11/2023	04-008	Asbestos Check School – Location Unknown	Historical request pulled from Minutes. Unsure if this relates to Sandwood Janitors House or other location. AP to confirm if this is still to be costed.
23/04/2024	04-009	Cardonald Place Road - CCTV	Historical Request pulled from minutes. AP to confirm if this is still to be costed. Please also confirm if this is permanent or redeployable camera request.
23/04/2024	04-010	CCTV Corkerhill Place	Site visit completed on 9 <sup>th</sup> April. AP to confirm what type of camera is required for the location. Redeployable approx. £6k, Permanent Camera approx £20k.
23/04/2024	04-011	CCTV at Crookston Road at Rosshall Academy	Historical Request pulled from minutes. AP to confirm if this is still to be costed. Please also confirm if this is permanent or Redeployable camera request



### 3- Summary of spend to date:

This table provides details of all committed and actual spend. This includes estimates received and approved, where work has yet to commence and no actual costs have been accrued.

Date of AP Meeting Originally Proposed	Costing Template Reference Number	Details of works	Approved Estimate	Actual Spend	Status	Comments
19/04/2023	04-001	Murals at various locations		£29,997.40	Completed	
19/09/2023	04-002	Mosspark Bowling Club Roof	£30,000	£2,049.00	Completed	Costs incurred for roof survey, NIIF not funding other works
28/11/2023	04-006	CCTV at Cardonald Primary	£26,000	£25,656.96	Completed	
28/11/2023	04-007	CCTV at Sandwood Primary	£28,000	£27,302.02	Completed	
19/09/2024	04-014	Contribution to Festive Lighting	£3,600		Completed	Awaiting confirmation of final costs and them reaching ledger
19/11/2024	04-017	Floodlights – Nethercraigs Pitches	£41,911	£41,911	Completed	Floodlights being procured via Pollok Utd as previously approved. Budget transfer has taken place.
18/02/2025	04-022	Refurbishment of Sandwood Nursery old Janitor House	£20,000		Completed	Awaiting confirmation of final costs and them reaching ledger
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>£149,511</b>	<b>£126,916.38</b>		
<b>*Running Total</b>			<b>£150,516.38</b>			
<b>Total Budget</b>			<b>£1,000,000</b>			
<b>Remaining NIIF Allocation:</b>			<b>*£849,483.62</b>			

\*Running Total shows all ACTUAL SPEND for 'COMPLETED' WORKS & ESTIMATED SPEND for 'INCOMPLETE WORKS' This is then subtracted from the AP £1 million allocation to show remaining NIIF.