



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

Item 5

27th March 2025

Report by Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use

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IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY PLAN POLICY ENV2 /IPG

QUEENS PARK PLAY AREA RENEWAL

Purpose of Report:

To seek Committee approval to allocate £87,944 of ENV2/IPG12 Childrens Play funding in support of the renewal of play facilities at Queens Park.

Recommendations:

The committee is asked to:

- i) Note the content of the report.
- ii) Note the contribution from the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal & Parks and Open Spaces Funds, and
- iii) Approve the allocation of £87,944 of ENV2/ IPG12 Childrens Play funds in support of the renewal of play facilities at Queens Park, near the Balvicar Street Entrance.

Ward No(s): 6, 7 and 8

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Members are asked to support the allocation of £87,944 of ENV2/ IPG12 Childrens Play funds towards the renewal of play facilities at Queens Park, near the Balvicar Street Entrance, to supplement funds of £113,777 which have been secured to date.
- 1.2 The total allocation comprises a **capital** sum of £70,401 towards construction works and a **revenue** sum of £17,543 which acts as a contribution towards ongoing maintenance over a 10-year period.
- 1.3 In accordance with established procedures relating to policy ENV2 these proposals were approved by the Projects Assessment Group (PAG) on 29th January 2025 and subsequent consultation took place with elected members representing Ward No's 6,7 and 8.

2. Background and Consultation

- 2.1 [Play Sufficiency Assessment](#) engagement with children locally identified Queens Park as a popular location for play, with a view expressed that there should be a greater quantity of play equipment across our play estate locally, and that existing equipment should be repaired or replaced, with young people suggesting lighting as a means of increasing participation and perceptions of safety.
- 2.2 It is noted that place standard workshops carried out with community and stakeholders at Queens Park for the [Parks Review of Lighting](#) noted that lighting within play areas which are close to park entrances, can increase opportunities for families to be physically active during the winter months.
- 2.3 Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability have been engaging with Queens Park Working Group in relation to the planned refurbishment of Balvicar Street Play Area. Community Representatives, in partnership with the School of Education at University of Glasgow undertook community consultation, identifying an ambition to extend the footprint of the play area, increased seating and picnic facilities, increased toddler and accessible & inclusive equipment, and climbing structures which had platforms of different heights connected by bridges.
- 2.4 It is recommended that £70,401 of Capital from Developer Contributions is allocated to allow the following elements to be added to the project brief, in order to reflect the consultation findings set out above.
 - Increase the number of items of equipment by adding additional toddler equipment
 - Increase the number of items of equipment by adding climbing structures which had platforms of different heights connected by bridges

- In delivering the above two elements, we would be increasing the footprint of the play area and improving connectivity between the play area and the rest of the park

3. Capital Funding

3.1

CAPITAL Funding Source	(£)
GCC ENV2 (Children's Play)	70,401
Scottish Government Play Area Renewal	59,294
Area Partnership Parks and Open Spaces Funding	41,500
Previous ENV2 approvals	7,616
Area Partnership Grant Funding (Main Grant Fund)	5,368
TOTAL	184,179

4. ENV2 Funding Sources

- 4.1 It is proposed that a total ENV2 / IPG12 sum of £87,944 be sourced from the following Children's Play receipts from Wards 6, 7 and 8.

Ref No	Address	Ward	Children's Play Capital	Children's Play Revenue	TOTAL
ENV 0783	21 Mansionhouse Rd	07	£47,472	£11,856	£59,328
IPG 0100	43 Allison Street	08	£14,201	£3,505	£17,706
IPG 0125	1154 Pollokshaws Rd	06	£6,880	£1,720	£8,600
IPG 0202	Queen Mary Eventide	08	£1,848	£462	£2,310
Totals			£70,401	£17,543	£87,944

5. Assessment against Policy

- 5.1 This proposal supports the wider delivery of Play Area Renewal citywide.

6. Member Consultation

- 6.1 In accordance with established procedures relating to policy ENV2, the proposed use of the targeted ENV2 receipts was approved in principle by the corporate Projects Assessment Group on 29th January 2025.

- 6.2 Consultation conducted in February 2025 with elected members representing multi-member Wards 6, 7 and 8 resulted in no material objections to the proposed use of ENV2 receipts.

7. Community Engagement

- 7.1 Consultation has been carried by community representatives and reported to the Queens Park Working Group.

8 Council Approvals

- 8.1 In accordance with ENV2 policy, the City Council's City Administration Committee has responsibility for approving requests for use of ENV2 funds equal to £50,000 and above.

9. Policy & Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This proposal seeks approval for the use of £87,944 of ENV2/IPG funds (capital and revenue) to complement sources of funding already secured.

Legal: The procurement and delivery methods will be undertaken in line with current policies and guidelines.

Personnel: None.

Procurement: Procurement will be through the standard approved mechanisms for this type of work.

Council Strategic Plan 2022-2027:

Grand Challenge 1: Reduce Poverty and Inequality in our Communities

Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities:

Work with partners to promote and support people in Glasgow to achieve improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being.

Grand Challenge 2 – Increase Opportunity and Prosperity for all our citizens

Mission 3: Raise Attainment amongst Glasgow's children and young people: This proposal will enable children and young people to develop motor and social skills and develop confidence that will hopefully deliver long-lasting health and fitness benefits.

Mission 3: Support Play and Outdoor Education
Supports our wider programme of play area renewal

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25?

Outcome No 6: The importance of tackling social isolation and loneliness is recognised and prioritised by the City Council. The enhancement of play facilities at Queens Park will provide opportunities for social interaction for both children and their carers.

Outcome No 10: Improvements in the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the city's workforce and wider population is a core cross-service priority for GCC and its ALEO partners. Participation in healthy outdoor activity will be supported by investment in play at Queens Park.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

Proposals will seek to increase provision of inclusive and accessible play equipment

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

This facility is considered to serve a number of lowest 20% decile SIMD neighbourhoods

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Theme 3 (Well Connected and Thriving City):

Theme 4 (Health and Well-Being): This proposal will support equitable access to good quality open space and associated infrastructure.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

No adverse impacts are expected from this proposal.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:**

Are there any data protection impacts as a result of this report?

No impacts are expected from this proposal.

10. Recommendations

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