



Item 5 (a)

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership North East Area Partnership

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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
09/02/2024	21-008	CCTV to be installed at G.E.S.H				Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm if this is still required and NRS OPS will provide costing
09/02/2024	21-011	Garthamlock – Gartloch Road – Gate to be provided to prevent access for fly tipping				Historical request pulled from minutes, a figure of £5000 was noted against this. AP to confirm if this is still required and NRS OPS will provide a full costing
09/02/2024	21-012	Gartloch – Improvement of paths into Seven Lochs				Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm if this is still required and NRS OPS will provide costing
09/02/2024	21-013	Gartloch – Vegetation to be cleared at all road signage		N		Business As Usual Request. NRS Ops to continue to assess as part of safety inspection processes and arrange works accordingly. Additionally, private owners may be contacted to cut back overhanging vegetation when required.
09/02/2024	21-014	Blackhill:Improvements to the entrances to cemetery and metal fence to be renewed				Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm if this is still required and NRS OPS will provide costing
09/02/2024	21-015	Provanhall: Metal Fence around the Auchinlea Park to be fixed and painted				Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm if this is still required and NRS OPS will provide costing
09/02/2024	21-016	Blairtummock Park Play equipment to be installed and assistance provided towards completion of the MUGA upgrades				A consultancy study is underway to scope these works

09/02/2024	21-018	Gartloch Road to be shell grip surfaced at the bends		Y	£220,000	AP to confirm cost of £220,000 and if they wish to proceed. NRS Roads assess that the existing anti skid surfacing is in fair condition
09/02/2024	21-019	Gartloch Road – Additional Street lighting to be installed		N		NRS Ops have advised that if all lights are operational then lighting will be lit to the required statutory standard. If individual lights require repair, please report as business as usual repair
09/02/2024	21-025	Addition of wildflower meadow - Craigend				Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm if they wish this to proceed for costing
15/11/2024	21-030	Additional safe crossing points along Gartloch Road		Y	£55,000	Awaiting AP confirmation of approval, also require location to be confirmed
	21-035	Playpark at Craigend shops – Corner of Mossvale Cres/Mossvale Road				Officers will arrange some initial technical feasibility to consider ground conditions and utilities, any other wider placemaking proposals and any protected species considerations. We would then engage with the local registered social landlords and since land is held in the former Housing Account and consider the relationship between this location and other play areas and community facilities locally. Play area locations citywide which are adjacent to schools and other community facilities have generally been well supported, and any locations next to e.g. licensed grocers are generally discussed with Police Scotland at an early stage

2 - Proposals Requiring more Information:

Date Proposed	Reference Number	Proposed Item Description & Location	Information Required
03/02/2023	21-003	Concerns raised regarding a safe crossing route at Blochairn Road.	AP to confirm exact location and NRS will arrange costing
09/02/2024	21-007	Garthamlock Road – Additional Safe Crossing Point	AP to confirm if this is to proceed – Information has been passed to Cllr Kelly regarding costs for a new pedestrian crossing at Gartloch Road – Redcastle Square
09/02/2024	21-009	Craigend – CCTV to be installed to manage local flytipping	Historical request pulled from minutes, AP to confirm is this is still required, and provide more detail on exact location and NRS Ops will then provide costing
09/02/2024	21-017	Craigend:Pavements/Pathways outside Towerview Nursery to be reconfigured	AP to provide more detail on what reconfiguring pavements/pathways means, please note that these will require further discussion to determine what NRS team would be allocated
09/02/2024	21-020	Denmilne: Support of the development of the Denmilne Action Group plans and further roll out of new lighting columns with planned LED lights to be installed	Please provide more detail/context and this will be costed for future meetings if possible
09/02/2024	21-021	Craiglockhart Street – Speed bumps to be incorporated	Please provide more detail/context around exact location and this will be costed for future meetings
09/02/2024	21-022	Craigend – Mossvale Road (old bus terminus) to be upgraded to manage congestion	AP to provide more information/detail on exactly what is being requested to allow us to allocate to the relevant NRS Ops team
09/02/2024	21-023	Craigend Road – Signage to be installed to clearly mark Craigend area	AP to provide more detail/information on location of signage and what purpose signage would have to allow us to allocate to the relevant NRS Ops Team

09/02/2024	21-024	Gartloch: Heatherbank Road and Gartloch Avenue to Gartloch Road – additional road speed signage	AP to provide more detail on what signs are being requested and NRS Ops will cost for future meeting
09/02/2024	21-026	Blackhill:Maxwelton to Provan Road under M8 motorway requires safety check.	AP to provide more information/detail on what is being requested to allow us to forward to correct NRS OPS team
15/11/2024	21-028	GESH Improvements	AP to provide more information/detail on what is being requested to allow us to forward to correct NRS OPS team
15/11/2024	21-029	Signs suggested by Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council	AP to provide more detail on what signs are being requested and NRS Ops will cost for future meeting
15/11/2024	21-031	Provanhall : Bin Hubs	AP to provide more information on what is being requested. Please note that these will require further discussion as they may not meet NIIF criteria.
15/11/2024	21-032	Coxton Place - CCTV	AP to provide more information on request, i.e fixed/Redeployable camera, and exact location.

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
08/09/2023	21-004	Resurface Easterhouse Sport Centre Car Park – Auchinlea Road	£30,000	£31,720.95	Completed	Full and final costs confirmed from NRS Ops, Job complete
08/09/2023	21-005	Improve Pedestrian Facilities – Westerhouse Road/Lochend New Junction (improve ped facilities)	£65,000	£65,000	Completed	Full and final costs confirmed from NRS Ops, Job complete
16/09/2024	21-027	Erection of Christmas Lights - Gartloch Road	£15,000		Completed	Job Complete, awaiting final costs on ledger
Totals:			£110,000	£96,720.95		
*Running Total			£111,720.95			
Total Budget			£1,000,000			
Remaining NIIF Allocation:			*£888,279.05			

*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.