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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, the lack of funded dedicated resource to support this capital funding has made this challenging, balancing within business as usual activities. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate and additional resources to support the team within this year's budget should assist with progressing these projects.

Knightswood Park Pond

Partnership will be aware that this service is continuing to carry out phased investigations at Knightswood Park Pond, in order to locate the point where water may be leaking from the pond.

The investigations to date have focused on the pipes and chambers around the pond perimeter that had the potential to be a point of failure.

Following a request from the last meeting of this Area Partnership, costs to reline the pond are anticipated to be in the region of £600,000. This budget figure take into account the following items:

- Removal and reinstatement of the islands.
- Preparation of the pond base to receive the liner, noting that only a limited allowance has been included for the removal of any sediments or other materials prior to laying the liner.
- Liner system including protective geotextile underlay, low permeability liner and ballast above the liner to stop the liner floating. The liner system accounts for just under 60% of the costs and therefore the liner specification selected will have a significant bearing on the overall cost
- Placement of pond substrate above the liner system
- Water management during the works

The Service is working with a consultant on a design to divert some of the gullies at Waldemar Road to a new swale system. The swale will provide treatment and convey surface water from the road to the Knightswood Pond. In addition, options to route flood water to the pond during extreme storm events when the drainage system is overwhelmed are being considered.

The possible presence of a central 'plug' is to be investigated in the coming months so it can be ruled out as a potential point of failure, noting that no pipework leading from a central plug has been identified to date. This may involve a drain-down of the pond so that all areas can be safely viewed, and would be scheduled for the appropriate time of year to minimise impact on species.

The ongoing loss of water may alternatively be due to multiple breaches across the base of the pond. Should the pond continue to lose water and to achieve the desired outcome of the pond retaining a reasonable water level during dry weather periods, the relining of the pond may be required if leakage is occurring across the base of the pond.

Our Countryside Rangers will continue to monitor the area and the health of any wildlife using the pond area.

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
Knightswood Park	New access point proposed into the park from Paladin Avenue which would provide 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	£4800	Complete
Knightswood Park	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	Complete
Knightswood Park	First phase of works to upgrade surface and widen existing golden gravel path to 1.8m tarmac path- 150 linear metres. Following review	£16,200	Complete

	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.		
Knightswood Park	Adjacent to burn- creation of wildflower meadows and extending the current woodland habitat	£3700	Complete
Knightswood Park	Installation of 4 benches	£1800	Works programmed for Spring / Summer 2025
Yoker Cycle Path	New finger signage at to promote active travel- route from South Street past Plein Street	£4800	Complete
Greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway	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 facilitate the footpath works.	£21,600	Following engagements with Kingsway Community Connections, a range of works will progress. Tree planting has been completed, with additional benches and bulb planting to place in the summer and autumn periods respectively.
Knightswood Park and Yoker Recreation Ground	Funds being used per last Partnership minutes to improve existing wetland areas and increase side planting of wetland tree species near the Garscadden Burn. Undertaken in conjunction with Froglife.	£12,700	Works programmed for late April.

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS
Clyde Walkway near Ellerslie Path	Planting works to 220m long stretch of embankment to improve biodiversity and colour	£18,400	Planting works as currently scoped are complete. We will arrange to notify owner of the footpath once repairs completed and inspected by officers. Will review planting once spring growth can be viewed.

Knightswood	Contribution towards a wider funding package and will form the subject of further engagement with Friends of Knightswood Park and local food groups in relation to deliver a Food Hub- to include growing, food distribution and addressing food poverty.	£50,000	Reallocation recommended - See update below
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	Reallocation recommended - See update below

Remaining Allocations – Knightswood Park & Yoker Cycle Path (£57,200)

Option 1 - The Service previously noted the potential 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. Following a request from the previous meeting of this Partnership, the Service has reviewed comparable costs of previous allotment sites. 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. The Service has engaged with Yoker Allotment Association, following which an alternative organisation would need to be sought to run an allotment site.

Option 2 – The Service is aware of recent consultation work undertaken by Friends of Knightswood Park which have highlighted a range of actions. In agreement with the Service, we would propose to utilise these funds for park improvements.

Recommendations

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