



Item 6 (a)

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Southside Central 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
28/11/2023	08-009	Replacement and upgrading of street lighting to be fast tracked		N		Full environmentally friendly LED roll out across the city's street lighting network has already been approved and funded. This programme is ongoing as part of BAU and is programmed for completion by 31 st March 2027
28/11/2023	08-010	Request for change to LED bulbs – Lighting network at Braehead Street (from No40 to Caledonia Street) requires to be replaced		N		Full environmentally friendly LED roll out across the city's street lighting network has already been approved and funded. This programme is ongoing as part of BAU and is programmed for completion by 31 st March 2027
28/11/2023	08-011	Existing lighting units are LED – Caledonia Road (apart from 4 columns at the Boulevard)		N		Full environmentally friendly LED roll out across the city's street lighting network has already been approved and funded. This programme is ongoing as part of BAU and is programmed for completion by 31 st March 2027.
20/02/2024	08-014	Gullies and potholes require fixing - Allison Street between Pollokshaws Road/Cathcart Road		N		This has been noted as BAU and if still required, it should be reported through those channels.
20/02/2024	08-015	Requested that drainage problems be assessed and solution costed.		N		This has been noted as BAU and if still required, it should be reported through those channels
6/11/2024	08-019	Requested costings for installation of CCTV cameras – Calton Place and Bridge Street area				AP to confirm wish to proceed with this request for submission to NRS for costings. Can more specific locations be provided.

26/11/2024	08-020	Requested costings for repairing path – Southern Necropolis				AP to confirm wish to proceed with this request for submission to NRS for costings. Can more specific locations be provided?
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2 - Proposals Requiring more Information:

Date Proposed	Reference Number	Proposed Item Description & Location	Information Required
11/04/2023	08-004	Approved funding of £60,000 towards drainage works at various locations	Drainage suggestions from previous AP have now been completed as BAU. If AP wish to commit funds to drainage works, they will need to provide additional locations for improvements to allow a revised estimate to be provided.
11/04/2023	08-006	Approved funding for provision of re-deployable and fixed CCTV locations for fly tipping with maximum commitment of £40k	AP will need to specify exact locations where they wish this to be considered to allow NRS to progress costings. (Also require AP to confirm if this includes Govanhill cameras noted in 08-007 & 08-008)
19/09/2023	08-007	Re-deployable CCTV for fly tipping – Govanhill	AP to specify location.
28/11/2023	08-012	An amended proposal for the replacement and upgrade of street lighting. Crosshill Avenue/Kingsley Avenue/Queens Park Avenue/Queens Drive	AP to confirm exactly what they are asking for – Costs to replace columns and replace LED's? Once confirmed, NRS can be asked to provide estimate.
20/02/2024	08-013	Road markings required attention and repainted in Govanhill area	AP to specify locations and what type of linings are required.
30/04/2024	08-017	Citywide Parks Lighting review – AP asked to consider contribution towards lighting in Queens Park from NIIF	Lights should have a full assessment carried out. AP to confirm they will contribute £40k towards project to match funding from neighbouring wards.
17/09/2024	08-018	Requested costings for installation of CCTV cameras: Bridge Street / Langside Halls	Bridge Street requires Desk-Top and Technical Survey Further information required from AP on locations.

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.

*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.

Date of AP Meeting Originally Proposed	Costing Template Reference Number	Details of works	Approved Estimate	Actual Spend	Status	Comments
11/04/2023	08-001	Approved allocation of funding towards cost of Queens Park improvement plan consultation	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	Complete	
11/04/2023	08-002	Approved funding of road resurfacing – various locations	£373,425.00	£249,014.05	In Progress	9 out of the 10 resurfacing jobs have now been completed. Butterbiggins Road is delayed due to development works. Will be programmed once these are completed.
11/04/2023	08-003	Approved funding of footway resurfacing – various locations	£331,590.00		In Progress	External contractor to be appointed and then schemes will be programmed for 2025/2026
11/04/2023	08-005	Approved funding towards refreshed lining in restricted parking zones – various locations	£20,000.00	£5,574.00	Complete	
28/11/2023	08-008	Agreed 4 locations for installation of re-deployable CCTV. Govanhill – Westmoreland Street (Bowman Street) Boyd Street Bankhall Street	£19,000.00	£4,575.52	In Progress	Westmoreland Street completed and charged to ledger. Boyd Street requires comms links support from NRS lighting. Bankhall Street requires location impact assessment prior to next stage of pole install being progressed. Next round of installs based on priority.
Totals:			£760,015.00	£275,164.57		
*Running Total			£745,589.00			
Total Budget			£1,000,000.00			
Remaining NIIF Allocation:			*£254,411.00			

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