

CITY PLAN POLICY ENV2 / IPG12

ELECTED MEMBER CONSULTATION

URBAN SPORTS – MINI BASKETBALL - RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

Introduction

Members are invited to support the allocation of £18,160 of ENV2/IPG12 Informal Sport receipts towards the provision and ongoing maintenance of a new, free play, mini-basketball court within the grounds of the Riverside Museum.

Location

Riverside Museum, 100 Pointhouse Rd, Glasgow G3 8RS

Background

Over the last 24 months Glasgow Life have responded to interest from the Riverside Museum Urban Sports Community to play “street” 3x3 basketball. This interest has been evidenced through a series of formal and informal events which proved to be very popular.

In 2023 the Riverside Museum invested in the provision of a portable basketball stand to support growing activity, however the provision was not durable enough to withstand repeated movement and use.

In 2024, the Museum’s outdoor event space played host one in a series of outdoor ‘Community Summer Jams’ supported by 2023 ECOS fund, during which a temporary basketball court was erected to enable local and city-wide basketball enthusiasts to enjoy a day of participation and competition. The event was a tremendous success and was supported by many of the urban sports community who use the adjacent skatepark.

Mini basketball continues to develop as a sport, as evidenced by its inclusion in future Commonwealth and Olympic Games programmes.

In response to this emergence of latent demand, Glasgow Life is keen to further support the interest in 3x3 “street” basketball with the provision of a free-to-use, dedicated post/backboard/hoop within the grounds of the Riverside Museum. This provision will enhance the role that the Museum plays as a meeting point for people from both sides of the River Clyde sharing an interest in informal “street” based sports. The court will broaden the “urban sport” offer, providing an accessible space in which to develop skills and be active at a location which positively welcomes and caters for a diverse audience.

Project Description

Design Consultants Sportslabs Ltd were commissioned in November 2024 to help assess the options for locating a 3x3 basketball court in the grounds of the Riverside Museum.

This finalised proposal is for the installation of a fixed 3x3 basketball court on the existing hard-standing area to the north side of the Riverside Museum; a location that housed previous temporary basketball facilities and allies well with the open public space. The court area will be demarcated with painted lines, and block colour, chosen to sensitively match with the existing Museum building’s colour palette. The existing slope of the hard standing area will effectively move surface water away to existing outfall drainage as part of the wider campus. Please see attached Appendix A.

This development will be the first fixed 3x3 court in the city and provide a ‘home’ for unstructured and informal activity as well as a platform to facilitate more formal activity and events.

Capital Costs and Funding Package

Capital Costs (excl VAT)

City Building Glasgow Ltd has supplied Glasgow Life with the following tender submission for the installation of a 3x3 basketball court at Riverside:

Contract Preliminaries	£ 2,599.68
Site Preparations (C10 and C20)	£ 3,827.46
3v3 Line Markings for Basketball (Q26)	£ 1,227.33
Equipment (Q52)	£ 7,718.57
Reinstatement	£ 909.14
Sub Total	£16,282.18
Contingency (5%)	£ 814.11
Grand Total	£17,096.29

Funding Package (excl VAT)

ENV2 / IPG12	-	£14,528.00
Glasgow Life (CAF) (confirmed)	-	<u>£ 2,568.29</u>
TOTAL		£17,096.29

ENV2 / IPG12 Funding Sources

It is proposed that a ENV2 / IPG12 capital sum of £14,528 be sourced from the following receipts:

Ref No	Address	Ward No	Outdoor Sport (informal) capital (£)	Outdoor Sport (informal) revenue (£)	TOTAL (£)
IPG12 0023	202 Yorkhill Street	10	4,352	1,088	5,440
ENV2 0791	20 Meadow Road	12	6,016	1,504	7,520
IPG12 0143	23 Burgh Hall Street	23	4,160	1,040	5,200
			14,528	3,632	18,160

Note:

In accordance with ENV2 policy, a proportionate revenue sum of £3,632 will act as a contribution towards the cost of ongoing maintenance of the new installation over 10 years.

Assessment against ENV2/IPG12 Policy

Greenspace Category: **Outdoor Sport (Informal)**

Distance Thresholds: City Plan ENV2 / IPG12 policy supports the strategic use of Outdoor Sport funds within the same City Plan Sector. The Riverside Museum is located at the confluence of 4 Wards, three of which are on the north side of the Clyde (10, 12 and 23), and the Informal Sport receipts targeted are the closest available.

Other Opportunities:	There are no other known opportunities at this time that could provide a comparable level of benefit in terms of informal sport provision.
Justification:	The use of Informal Sport receipts is entirely appropriate for a free-play facility. The proposed court represents an extension to the existing Urban Sports provision adjacent to the Riverside Museum, providing an additional, alternative free-to-use recreation facility. This new facility will support active recreation outdoors at a venue which positively welcomes and caters for a diverse audience.

Member Consultation

In accordance with ENV2 / IPG12 policy, consultation is required with elected members representing the multi-member Ward No 10, 12 and 23. Any comments in support or otherwise, including requests for further information should you require it, should be submitted to Ms Aoife Nolan (Asst Special Projects Officer), aoife.nolan@glasgowlife.org.uk; no later than Friday 11th April 2025.

Council Approvals

This proposal was approved by the City Council's ENV2 / IPG12 Project Assessment Group on 26th February. Subject to a favourable response from local elected members, formal approval for use of the said funds will be sought from the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Timescales

Subject to funding award, discussions will ensue with City Building Glasgow Ltd over the optimum timeframe for site works to dovetail with their existing workload. It is hoped that works will commence at the end of spring, beginning of summer, 2025.

Recommendation

In accordance with City Plan ENV2 / IPG12 policy, elected members are invited to support the allocation of £18,160 towards the provision and ongoing maintenance of a new, free-play mini-basketball court within the grounds of Riverside Museum.