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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields 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.** At future meetings, this table will 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 coded correctly 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
21/11/2023	06-010	Requested estimated costs for consideration - Installation of environmentally friendly lighting in the main thoroughfare – Maxwell Park Station and St Andrews Dr		N	-	Full environmentally friendly LED roll out across the cities street lighting network has already been approved and funded. This programme is ongoing as part of BAU and is programmed for completion by 31st March 2027
21/11/2023	06-016	New drainage to address flooding or water feature/wetland area - site inspections are ongoing to inform costs. Circular seating round the fountain - awaiting feedback from Planning re: conservation area (verbal update for meeting). Maxwell Park at far side of pond				Recommend that either Glasgow City Heritage Trust or Glasgow Building Preservation Trust are appointed to undertake a first phase of activity at this location, and are commissioned to arrive at a costed, consented recommendation which both provides seating and addresses the heritage considerations relating to the retained ceramic features associated with the former fountain, given that these are in very poor condition, and a heritage asset within a conservation area. NRS are planning discussions with both organisations. An estimate will be provided following this if possible.
10/09/2024	06-021	MUGA's in Maxwell Square Park and beside		Y	£300,000	Maxwell Park MPGC –

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		Community Centre - make "good as new"				<p>Understand this asset to be circa 20 years old and note that it will be approaching the end of any 'design life' predicted by the suppliers of its component parts- we would suggest that renewal of lighting, fencing and surfacing here would be associated with a budget of circa £150,000. We note that that the current layout of the site, and its adjacencies to Pollokshields Community Centre and Shields Medical Practice, may offer the opportunity to extend the footprint of the MPGC to the full footprint of the GCC ownership at this location, and replace the redundant blaes/chainlink fence- this would increase the playing surface to 14 x 19 to 19 x 24m, and would involve higher than standard fencing to MPGC itself, in order to remove the need for the chainlink fence.</p> <p>Pollokshields Community Centre MPGC - Understand this asset to be circa 20 years old and note that it will be approaching the end of any 'design life' predicted by the suppliers of its component parts- we would suggest that renewal of lighting, fencing and surfacing here would be associated with a budget of circa £150,000. It would be proposed to retain</p>

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						the size at 16 x 20, and for new fencing to be higher than standard, as per the current arrangement.
10/09/2024	06-023	Redevelopment of Nithsdale Road/Pollokshaws Road		N	-	NRS carried out an ownership survey and confirmed this is privately owned so an estimate cannot be provided
12/09/2023	06-009	Requested estimated costs for consideration - New drainage to address flooding or alternative options such as creating a further water feature or wetland area – Far side of Maxwell Park at the pond				Site visits are currently being arranged to enable more detailed costings and plans
21/11/2023	06-011	Upgrade lighting - £82k for approval from Street Lighting Investment already agreed in principle (work can be issued to tender to be delivered in financial year 2024/25) – Maxwell Park Station (Fotheringay Rd & Terregles Ave)				Site visits are currently being arranged to enable more detailed costings and plans

2 - Proposals Requiring more Information:

Date Proposed	Reference Number	Proposed Item Description & Location	Information Required
12/09/2023	06-006	Agreement in principle - £60k Drainage repairs including gully cleaning – ward wide	Recommendation is to estimate cost of drainage pump Haggs Rd railway bridge - identified major flood location/busy road. AP to confirm if they would like this progressed
21/11/2023	06-017	Continued consideration of a funding request of £57,000 for lighting works in Queens Park (split with neighbouring AP's)	Approved the installation at meeting of 16/04/2024 at cost of £40,000 in principle and subject to consultation with the Friends of Queens Park and subject to two neighbouring area partnerships also contributing £40,000 Confirmation to be provided by AP if they would proceed with this request without full commitment from Wards 7&8
21/11/2023	06-018	Costings for 5 x locations following visit with community council representative (£15k for approval from Dropped Kerb works) Shawlands (5 x locations) 47 Frankfort Street, outside 15 Frankfort Street side of 1187 Pollokshaws Road 106 Eastwood Avenue 52-34 Trefoil Avenue	AP to confirm whether up to date costings are required for these locations or whether alternative locations have been identified
11/02/2025	06-024	Ringfenced £500k for lighting /Footways/parks/sport/drainage/dropped kerbs and CCTV	AP to provide more detail on exact works being requested and specific locations. NRS will then cost and provide estimates at a future meeting.

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
25/04/2023	06-001	Approved £16k allocation to funding Queens Park Improvement Plan Consultation	£16,000	£16,000	Complete	Costs confirmed and complete
12/09/2023	06-002	Redeployable camera Bellahouston Park	£10,000		In Progress	Site Visit required for location, Further details and crime analysis has been requested
12/09/2023	06-005	Agreement in principle - £100k Footway Improvements – Ward wide	£100,000		Awaiting further information	Awaiting AP Confirmation of locations
21/11/2023	06-015	Approved Funding towards herbaceous border & creation of wildflower meadow Maxwell Park behing Burgh Hall	£5,000		Programmed	Programmed, further update on progress will be provided at next meeting
23/04/2024	06-019	Approved funding towards bollards to be installed. Cost to cover design, project management and installation to address parking concerns – Torbreck St and Minto Cres	£15,400	£15,368	Complete	Job complete and costs confirmed and dates 03/10/2024
Totals:			£146,400	£31,368		
*Running Total			£146,368			
Total Budget			£1,000,000			
Remaining NIIF Allocation:			*£853,632			

*Running Total shows all ACTUAL SPEND for 'COMPLETED' WORKS & ESTIMATED SPEND for 'INCOMPLETE WORKS' subtracted from the AP £1 million allocation.