



Item 7

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Calton 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 requested a generic mailbox be created which will be monitored by the team. Once this is in place, the contact details will be provided.
- 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 |
|--|------------------|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| 01/11/2023 | 09-003 | Provide more lighting (being reviewed city-wide, investigation required) at Glasgow Green | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-004 | Install Handrails along sloped path near the fountain at Glasgow Green | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-005 | Replace Zebra Crossing with Traffic Lights or improve position of the zebra crossing and repaint the markings and repair the lights to improve visibility at Springfield Road | | Y | £2,000 | AP to confirm acceptance of estimate and a % amount over estimate that would be acceptable without requiring further AP Approval |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-008 | Remove the island to create more space for parking (exact location to be defined and investigated) at Dunn St at bottom of Rumford St | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-009 | Improve drainage to stop flooding at Bain St Gallowgate | | N | | NRS Ops have confirmed this is a Business as Usual request and should be processed through the normal channels for BAU requests |

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| 01/11/2023 | 09-011 | Improve surfaces on pavements, roads and reduce curb heights on Dalmarnock Road | | Y | £59,250 | AP to confirm acceptance of estimate and a % amount over estimate that would be acceptable without requiring further AP Approval |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-013 | Tackle persistent flooding at Greendyke St and Steel St | | N | | NRS Ops have confirmed this is a Business as Usual request and should be processed through the normal channels for BAU requests |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-015 | Create a new covered area in Glasgow Green | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-017 | Improve pavement surface throughout Calton Ward on Duke St, south side of Sword St to Whitevale St | | Y | £53,000 | AP to confirm acceptance of estimate and a % amount over estimate that would be acceptable without requiring further AP Approval and then works to be procured via external contractor 2025/26. |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-019 | Improve pavements on Springfield Road and London Road | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |
| 17/04/2024 | 09-020 | Request for zig zag lines at Riverside Primary School | | | | AP to confirm that these proposals are to be submitted to NRS teams for costings |

2 - Proposals Requiring more Information:

| Date Proposed | Reference Number | Proposed Item Description & Location | Information Required |
|---------------|------------------|---|--|
| 01/11/2023 | 09-006 | Improve pavement surface to improve accessibility for disabled people in Bridgeton Main Street and throughout Calton Ward | AP to confirm exact locations for dropped kerbs, Estimate is £1000 per dropped kerb on both sides of road (they are constructed in pairs) |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-007 | Repainting of existing zebra crossing and introduce additional crossing on Dalmarnock Road | Please provide locations. Also please note NRS no longer install zebra crossings as they do not support vulnerable users. Please confirm if this a request for a pedestrian crossing |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-010 | CCTV around Clyde Walkway | Require further information on exact location and number of cameras |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-014 | Improve street lighting at Green St | Please confirm exact location |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-016 | Improve pavements around Parkhead Cross | AP to provide more detail on locations and issues. |
| 01/11/2023 | 09-018 | Introduce CCTV to Gallowgate and David Court | Require further information on exact location and number of cameras |

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 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------|---|
| 15/06/2022 | 09-001 09-002 | Repair/Renew Footway 13-41 Main Street Bridgeton | £10,845 | £10,845 | Complete | Job Complete – awaiting final costs on ledger |
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| Totals: | | | £10,845 | £10,845 | | |
| *Running Total: | | | £10,845 | | | |
| Total Budget | | | £1,000,000 | | | |
| Remaining NIIF Allocation: | | | *£989,155 | | | |

****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.