



## **Item 8**

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### **Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

#### **Dennistoun Area Partnership**

#### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability**

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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 Dennistoun ward and to seek approval for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF).

##### **Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and to approve an allocation of £150K from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF).

## 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, these will be subject to ongoing resource pressures within the Service, alongside business-as-usual activities. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate.

## 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
Alexandra Park	Gateway metal feature with metal lettering and area of hard surfacing to Peace Garden, and first phase of a walking trail.	£17,000	Complete
Corner sites	Review options for wildflowers, bulbs and benches at corner sites in Dennistoun	£2,250	Complete
Glenconnor Park	Engage with Stakeholders about potential for an outdoor gym.	£14,000	Additional funding becomes available 2025/26 from Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Programme, and we have now commenced preparations of documents to support stakeholder engagement, with a view to these being procured and constructed as part of a single phase of works in order to achieve volume-based savings.
Hogarth Park	Upgrade entrance at the west side of the park to	£4,750	A first phase of works to cut back vegetation, edge paths and remove tree growth adjacent to

	complement and match fund other works in the park which are already funded.		paths has been carried out. A second phase will be carried out during 2025 which will renew bollards which are approaching end of life and which are corroded, to a spacing and layout which meets accessibility best practice.
Coll Place	Improvements to Childrens Play Provision and amenity greenspace.	£17,000	See update below.
Glasgow Necropolis	Engage with stakeholders about potential for plant wildflower borders to highlight specific heritage areas of the Necropolis.	£1,000	Complete
Firpark Street Greenspace	Engage with stakeholders about potential for planting of bulbs, trees and wildflowers.	£4,059	Complete

### **2022/23**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Budget Allocated</b>	<b>Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS</b>
Alexandra Park	The Friends of Alexandra Park will develop proposals with the Area Partnership and bring these back for approval.	£12,100	Installation of six picnic benches complete and funds fully expended
Greenspace West of Rymer Street	Bring forward proposals to enhance active travel, secure-by-design and biodiversity through works to planting, surfacing	£10,000	Planting works complete. This included replacement of non-native shrub planting, which reduced onward visibility of active travel routes, with meadow seeded with cornfield flowers.  A further phase of work will include targeted works to surfacing to improve its usability for active travel

MPGC at Glenconnor Park	Install lighting.	£20,000	Prior to April 2026.
Coll Place Greenspace	Improvements to Childrens Play Provision and amenity greenspace.	£17,000	See update below.
Glasgow Necropolis	Further phase of plant wildflower borders to highlight specific areas of the Necropolis. Budget would permit up to 833m2 of wildflower planting.	£1,000	Complete

### **Coll Place Greenspace**

Allocations totalling £34K from the Parks and Open Spaces Fund have been made available for enhancement works to the greenspace between Coll Place and Forge Place. Additionally, an allocation of £50K has been made available from the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Program. The Service has undertaken consultation with local residents and stakeholders which highlighted priorities as to how this area could be enhanced and made more welcoming.

Further works have now been scoped and is therefore recommended an additional £150K is allocated from the NIIF. This would bring total available funding to £234K.

The proposed scheme of works includes:

- Installation of play area at Forge Place
- Installation of bollards, restricting vehicular access and promoting active travel
- Removal of redundant hardstanding associated with former housing and reseeding with wildflower
- Remove steps adjacent to 261 Forge Street, since these have reached the end of their safe life
- Clearing and resurfacing of existing footpath linking the end of Forge Place to land at the rear of 149 Coll Place
- A number of colourful thermoplastic markings to the section of former roadway between the bollards which communicates that this space is now managed for walking and wheeling.

### **Recommendations**

1. The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and to approve an allocation of £150K from the NIIF.