Item 5(b)

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Calton Area Partnership.

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update.

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with a list of ideas for funding from the NIIF that have been submitted by community organisations in the ward and options for taking those forward.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to consider the ideas attached, in conjunction with the ideas that have already been costed or approved and agree how it wants to proceed based on the options at paragraph 6.

Introduction.

1. The purpose of this paper is to bring ideas for spending NIIF, that have been generated by communities, to the Area Partnership for consideration. Those ideas that the Area Partnership wishes to go forward to the next stage will be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Area Partnership will be asked to allocate funding.

Next stages of NIIF.

2. Community representatives have been gathering ideas for costing, using a template based on the detail that NRS need. When read alongside Item 9(a) from NRS, the Area Partnership is now able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that have already been costed, or costed and approved. The ideas appended to this paper have come from:

   - local community councils (including from some who don't sit on the Area Partnership, but whose CC boundary fits into the ward);
   - other community organisations;
   - Local Place Plans;
   - Liveable Neighbourhoods;

3. The attached is a collated list of all the ideas that have been gathered for this ward. The Area Partnership now needs to decide on the next steps, bearing in mind that the larger the number of ideas to be costed, the longer the process will take, which is why we recommend each Area Partnership asks for no more than about 12-15 ideas from across the whole ward to be sent for costing. However, the Area Partnership could keep a reserve list of ideas if any are rejected by NRS for technical or legal reasons.

4. The Area Partnership will also want to be sure that they have a good spread of ideas across the ward, and the list shows where they come from by community council area or neighbourhood. One option would be for the Area Partnership to agree how much is to be allocated to each Community Council area or neighbourhood, so that 'protects' a fair level of investment across the ward, but this would be for the Area Partnership to decide.

5. If the ideas list at the August/September 2025 meeting is fairly short and covers the ward well, the Area Partnership can agree to submit those ideas for costing. However, if the list is still quite lengthy and the Area Partnership is unable to shortlist it at the meeting, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next meeting in November. NRS have a new process to ensure new ideas are collated and submitted when the responsible NRS officer is in attendance to submit these internally in NRS and highlight any potential issues or further information required. The ideas agreed at this session would therefore be confirmed at the next round of meetings in November so they could be progressed to being costed.

6. The Area Partnership also needs to consider how they make decisions about what to fund, and choose from one of the options below:

   - *Wait until all the ideas have come in costed and then have a ward wide vote*? If so, we can have the voting survey in sections, so that people vote for their favourite ideas in each local area. This would be good practice to engage the wider community in voting for the various options, however it would mean a delay until all the costings come in.
   - *As you go?* Costings will become available at different Area Partnerships over the coming months. At each Area Partnership, in theory, costed projects could be agreed on an ongoing basis without further engagement or voting, as this is how some of the Area Partnerships have been allocating so far. However, the Area Partnership would need to be mindful of making sure that communities who have submitted ideas know that their ideas are being considered equally, if their local ideas don't get costed as quickly as others. One way to resolve this would be to agree an allocation per community council area or neighbourhood, so that investment to local areas is protected.

7. Once the Area Partnership has decided, the Communities Team will work with colleagues and partners to move this to the next stage.

Recommendations

8. The Area Partnership is asked to consider the ideas attached, in conjunction with the ideas that have already been costed or approved and agree how it wants to proceed based on the options at paragraph 6.