



Item 9

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Newlands / Auldburn Area Partnership

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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 Newlands / Auldburn ward.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved on an ongoing basis since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, these will be subject to resource pressures within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate, to support community empowerment and local capacity building.
- 1.3 Following engagement with local stakeholders, a reallocation of funds towards Hillpark Drive Play Area from the Local Parks and Open Spaces Fund is detailed in section 2.1. The Service is further recommending an allocation from the Neighbourhood Improvement Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) towards this play area following a request from a previous meeting of the partnership.
- 1.4 In relation to Scottish Government Play Area Renewal, a paper was taken to Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee [22nd August 2023](#), with [Appendix 3](#) illustrating the allocations to play areas by Ward. A further paper, which describes how delivery will align to our wider approach to addressing Child Poverty and how it will respond to the Play Sufficiency Assessment engagement, was included in Section 3 of the report taken to Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee [26th November 2024](#). Partnership may wish to review [Appendix 3](#), and consider where they may wish to supplement the funding of specific locations in a manner would align with the principles set out within the wider report.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The following table provides an update on projects allocated within the ward for each year:

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Newlands Park	Works to the pond to establish a system where an overflow would be created from the pond following periods of heavy rainfall into a SUDS area.	£20,000	Works approaching completion, with remaining activity including the top surface of the path and the remaining works to bench and sign.
Greenbank Park	Pollinator Plan- habitat creation, seasonal interest, the frontage to	£5000	Complete

		Nether Auldhouse Rd giving some colour, bulbs etc,		
Auldhouse Park		Pollinator Plan- habitat creation, seasonal interest, the frontage to Auldhouse Rd giving some colour, bulbs etc,	£5000	Complete
Auldhouse Park		Painting of railings by specialist contractor- first phase	£5000	Based on recent rates we expect to be able to paint around 120 linear metres of railings as part of these works. Officer recommendation is that our contractor starts at the gate at the corner of Nether Auldhouse Road and Auldhouse Road, and works northwards along Auldhouse Road. It is noted that vegetation along these railings will need to be cut back to facilitate access by the contractor. Works planned for Spring 2025.
King George Park	V	Upgrade grass path from Kennishead housing to the shops on Boydstone Rd	£11,478	Works on site
King George Park	V	Woodland management works at Viking Way to crown lift and thin trees, to reduce encroachment onto footway	£1000	Complete
King George Park	V	Painting of railings by specialist contractor- first phase	£5000	Works will focus on the railings around the main entrance, will require some cutting back of vegetation and will be scheduled for Spring 2025
Hillpark Drive		Planting of shade loving species (ferns, hostas etc.)	£8000	Funds reallocated to Hillpark Drive Play Area. These funds are in addition to a £10,000 allocation from the Scottish Government Play Renewal Fund and any other funding sources which may become available with works carried out in one phase as part of the wider programme of Scottish Government funded works.

			Officers note engagement with children and young people carried out as part of the Play Sufficiency Assessment, with informal sport, basketball, play area surfacing and social spaces identified as priorities by children and young people within the ward.
Boydstone Road footpath to underpath	Carry out some habitat improvement works to the plot of land in GCC ownership (noting that the land ownership map indicates that the path and entrance are owned by others)	£300	Complete

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Foothpath @ Shawbridge Street to Pollokshaws Rd	Replace areas of steps/slabs with materials/ramps better suited to walking and wheeling, enhance planting to establish more wildflowers and bulbs, review any woodland thinning which may be required, upgrade existing adopted street lighting columns to modern standards and add directional active travel signage.	£52,800	Planting works and vegetation management complete. Relaying of areas of surfacing and bench installations to be undertaken Spring 2025
Pollok Country Park	Fairy Garden: Refurbish existing Dinosaur Heads near fairy garden and add additional ones	£4000	Funds granted to Friends of Pollok Country Park, whose activity is ongoing.
Newlands Park	Supply and install storage container for tools to support Friends of Newlands Park in their volunteering activity	£800	Complete

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report