



**Item 10**

**2nd September 2025**

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.**

**Govan Area Partnership.**

**Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance**

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**2024/25 AREA BUDGET: EVALUATION REPORT.**

**Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Area Partnership of the details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Govan Area Budget in 2024/25

## **Background**

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2024 allocated £90,148.56 to the 2024/25 Govan Area Budget.

## **Expenditure**

2. £90,032 (100%) of the allocation has been awarded for projects that were delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## **Evaluation**

3. Projects funded through the Area Budget are required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which states that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements.
4. 10% of projects funded during 2024/25 were identified and asked to complete an Evaluation Report. Details of the projects and of the evaluations are included in Appendix 1.

## **Recommendation**

5. The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Govan Area Budget 2024/25.

## Govan Area Partnership Budget 2024/25

<b>Budget: £90,148.96</b>	<b>Allocated: £90,032.00</b>	<b>Unallocated: £116.56</b>
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<b>Total Number of Awards: 32</b>	<b>Awards under delegated authority: 10</b>	<b>Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 6</b>
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<b>Client/Project</b>	<b>Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N</b>	<b>Summary Findings</b> (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments.
Ibrox Parish Church  Refurbishment Works  PRN: 374/22	Yes	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> Originally there was a janitor's sink on one area, a disused children's toilet that was being used for storage in another, and a disabled toilet and sink in another. We removed these subdividing walls to create a much bigger, and easier to navigate space for wheelchair users. We had a new disabled specific toilet, a lower sink, a janitor's sink, new flooring, automatic lighting, and wet walls installed.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u> This toilet allows those with disabilities the dignity and safety to use our building. The space is large enough to accommodate carers that may be needed to assist.</p> <p>We do not just have Sunday services, but our building is in use seven days a week for the community with everything from Memory Club to Taekwondo to AA and NA to Girl Guides. Having a disabled toilet fully functioning and up to code means those community groups can better welcome and include those with disabilities.</p> <p><u>Spend</u> Fully Refurbished Toilet Supplier: Remington Developments Overall Cost: £8,973.60</p>

<p>Ibroy Primary School</p> <p>Playground development</p> <p>PRN: 142/24</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> The funding allowed us to add playground markings to our playground including snakes and ladders, a shark trail, alphabet shapes, a number alligator and a basketball court. We purchased outdoor sheds and new resources for outdoor play including mud kitchen equipment, small world toys, musical instruments, sand and water toys. We extended our planting area adding more plants. Fruit trees and a hedgerow.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u> We were able to extend to growing area and add new plants to create a sensory planting area. We were able to renew our outdoor sheds to create 3 new play areas for our pupils. The Ibroy beach, the creative cave and the games area. These new areas will allow more purposeful play at break times and allow staff to plan and use these areas as outdoor classrooms.</p> <p><u>Spend</u> Playground Markings – Supplier Scotplay - £1955 Playground equipment – Findel - £1117.08 Playground Equipment – YPO - £1775.44 Decking Boards – McNairns - £156.70 Overall Cost: £50004.22</p>
<p>Impact Arts</p> <p>Craft Café Govan</p> <p>PRN: 426/13</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> Thanks to this funding we were able to offer a huge range of specialist creative and health and wellbeing activities that really added value to our year-round programme. Activities included:</p> <p><b>Stained glass project.</b> Our core Craft Café members participated in a series of stained-glass workshops where they learned about traditional stained-glass techniques. They then created their own stained-glass panels using an amended process that took into account people's dexterity and ensured the sessions were safe. Participants made individual panels that they got to keep, and they also worked on a large group panel. The results were stunning. A total of 42 people participated in this project, which took place over several weeks between January – March 2025.</p> <p><b>Bridge banners.</b> The participants worked together to create textile banners to celebrate the opening of the new Partick-Govan bridge. We were lucky to have participants with the appropriate skills to make the banners. They were supported to create artistic designs and those who are less skilled in sewing were supported by the members who are well practiced. A total of 31 people participated in this project. This project took place in August and September 2024.</p> <p><b>Basket weaving project.</b> The participants learned how to create woven baskets using traditional techniques. Baskets were created and then participants planted bulbs and other plants in them. A total of 33 people participated in this project, which took place between January - March.</p>

		<p><b>Dried flower wreaths.</b> We ran a series of dried flower wreath making sessions in February and March. A total of 33 participants were involved in this project.</p> <p><b>Ceramics project.</b> The participants created wonderful clay pieces. They made tiles and also little trinkets that were then available to buy for a donation at our Christmas Market. A total of 41 participants were involved in this project which took place October - December.</p> <p><b>Printing project.</b> The participants learned about various printing techniques from Rachel (Hot Pink Press), and they created their own prints using a risograph printing process. A total of 32 participants were involved in this project which took place in October. Our participants were delighted to hear recently that Lush has chosen their designs to be used in their Christmas 2025 campaign.</p> <p><b>Dressmaking project.</b> Our participants learned how to modify clothing to give it a second lease of life, as part of our Slow Fashion project which involved our core Craft Café members and also pupils from a local primary school, St Constantine's Primary. This was a really enjoyable inter-generational project that promoted re-use, recycling, upcycling and upskilling. A total of 42 Craft Café participants and 55 school pupils were involved in this project which took place in September.</p> <p><b>Slow Stitch Studio project.</b> Eva from Slow Stitch Studio delivered workshops which focused on sewing skills and felting. Craft Café participants were encouraged to bring in old items of clothing to upcycle and modify. A total of 32 participants were involved in this project which took place in October and February.</p> <p><b>Outdoor education and natural wellness project.</b> Herbal Homestead delivered sessions with the Craft Café participants which explored wellness and natural remedies. Participants created bath salt bags with hapa zome printing (a form of eco-printing where pigments from plants are transferred onto fabric or paper by pounding with a hammer) and natural hand cream with foraged materials. A total of 24 participants were involved in this project which took place in August.</p> <p><b>Wildflower and bulb planting project.</b> We worked with St Constantine's Primary again on a wildflower planting project. 20 P7 children participated, along with 15 Craft Café participants. This took place in March.</p> <p><b>Chair Yoga and hand massages.</b> The participants enjoyed regular chair yoga and hand massage sessions, led by Debs and also by our own delivery tutors. These were delivered at regular intervals throughout the year. A total of 42 participants were involved in this project.</p> <p><b>Healthy cooking and baking project.</b> Our participants were involved in a healthy eating project that involved a visiting specialist running 4 different workshops in January and February. 36 people took part, and they made a selection of healthy recipes to eat at Craft Café and also take home.</p>
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		<p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>Craft Café is a well-established programme in Govan. We use a range of methods to track and monitor the impact on our participants, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our regular steering group</li> <li>• Tutor observations</li> <li>• Development web questionnaires</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Gathering feedback and quotes</li> <li>• Written questionnaires</li> <li>• Film interviews</li> </ul> <p>During this funded period, we have recorded the following in our participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased confidence – 100%</li> <li>• Improved communication – 100%</li> <li>• More engaged with learning – 93%</li> <li>• Stronger relationships – 98%</li> <li>• Improved resilience and coping skills – 100%</li> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing – 100%</li> <li>• Improved physical health – 83%</li> <li>• Reduced isolation – 98%</li> <li>• Socially excluded people accessing support – 100%</li> <li>• People reporting having more involvement in their local community – 98%</li> </ul> <p>Some feedback from participants:</p> <p>“I really enjoyed the stain glass project. It was something that you would never ever get to do. I loved the process and all the different stages, it was amazing... and getting to see other people’s designs also, just amazing!” (Craft Café member)</p> <p>“I loved getting my massage. It was so relaxing, it helped loosen the muscles and definitely relieved stress. I was able to switch off and properly relax. It’s not something I would have done outside of the Craft Café.” (Craft Café member)</p> <p>“I loved making the hand cream with Lauren. It was absolutely excellent, and it was great for presents - my sister loved it!” (Craft Café member)</p> <p>“It gave me time to sit and learn to draw and learn about art and do other things. I really don’t think I would be here doing as much as I’m doing if it wasn’t for the Craft Café. The Craft Café changed my whole life and way of thinking.” (Craft Cafe member)</p> <p>“It’s been a celebration of the old ways like mending and making and working with local children.” (Craft Cafe member)</p>
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		<p>"There's a sense of community at the Craft Cafe. It's like a hub. Like a community hub. You learn so many things that are going on... about Govan, outside Govan, local events, other organisations. All sorts of people drop in here; you find out about a lot." (Craft Café member)</p> <p>Tutor Observation:</p> <p>"Having funding that has enabled us to bring in specialists has made such an impact this year. We have been able to plan activities that we never would have tried had it not been for this funding. We have noticed a change in some of our participants, with their willingness to try new activities. They have learned new skills that they are now utilising across our full artistic programme. So many of the projects have promoted healthy choices and community development, which will have a lasting legacy for our participants and the local community." (Staff Member)</p> <p>This short video includes lots of thoughts from Craft Café participants: <a href="https://youtu.be/X9BfBPvhngE">https://youtu.be/X9BfBPvhngE</a></p> <p>Craft Café also makes a significant impact on Govan as a community. We work regularly with the local primary schools on intergenerational projects. Our Slow Fashion project with pupils from St Constantine's Primary was a perfect example of a mutually beneficial partnership project. Our participants absolutely love spending time with the younger generation; passing on their wisdom and skills. The pupils appreciate the calm and gentle atmosphere of the Craft Café, and they enjoy learning new skills that they wouldn't learn at school. We teamed up with St Constantine's Primary again to work with them on a Climate Action project. This is an ongoing partnership.</p> <p>Craft Café and Impact Arts are a constant presence in the Govan area, representing the third sector at forums and events. Our staff team are established and have built great relationships with other third sector organisations. There are always opportunities for joint events such as our Christmas Market and other seasonal events throughout the year. We were recently invited along to be part of the planning group for the new Govan Festival event. We are always included at the table as a trusted partner in initiatives like this.</p> <p>With services for older people disappearing, we are confident that Craft Café has filled a gap in the area. We provide a safe, health-promoting, nurturing place for older people. Our year-round programme is a lifeline to some of our members. Older people should have access to high quality cultural activities, and we believe you are never too old to learn. Our artistic programme, along with our wellbeing programme offers a bit of everything for older people who live in and around Govan.</p>
<p>PEEK</p> <p>Govan Elder Park – Street Play</p> <p>PRN: 316/18</p>		<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>PEEK has delivered two Govan Street Play sessions per week, bringing free, inclusive play opportunities to Govan Elder Park. Our Play Rangers support children and families to reclaim public spaces, encouraging free play and bringing community together.</p> <p>Street Play takes place every Tuesday and Thursday between 3-5pm in Govan Elder Park. This location was chosen following community consultation, as it was identified as underused despite its rich local history. The park is now used more as a safe setting where children can play freely and creatively.</p> <p>Participation at the sessions have reached the following:</p> <p>Children Registered – 146</p>

		<p>Parents Registered – 77</p> <p>The sessions are child-led, which encourages imagination, exploration, and ownership of the space. Our staff regularly engage with participants to understand how we can improve their experience. In addition, our food van attends some sessions, where we have provided food to over 100 participants.</p> <p>Activities delivered during Street Play have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Play (toasting marshmallows and making s'mores)</li> <li>• Den Building</li> <li>• Scavenger Hunts</li> <li>• Football</li> <li>• Group Games</li> <li>• Kite Making</li> <li>• Clay Modelling</li> <li>• Science-themed slushie experiments</li> </ul> <p>These activities are driven by children's ideas and the creative input of our staff, ensuring sessions remain responsive and dynamic.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>When we first launched Govan Street Play in summer 2023, attendance was modest typically 8 to 12 participants per session, including parents. While this was a good starting point, we knew the area had a much higher population of children aged 5–12.</p> <p>Crucially, funding from the Govan Area Partnership enabled us to extend the project, which gave us the time and flexibility to engage more deeply with the community and to apply for further funding. As a result, we've seen record-breaking growth: our sessions now average 70–80 attendees, with a peak of 152 participants in one day, which includes toddlers to grandparents.</p> <p>To achieve this, we took a strategic approach. We built partnerships with local organisations such as the Govan Youth Information Project, Govan Stones, the Riverside Museum, and Emma Semple (former Govan Community Connector). We flyered local shops and community spaces and then focused outreach on local schools offering free taster sessions, flyering school gates, and meeting with Headteachers.</p>
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		<p>Community feedback helped us identify a more suitable area within the park, which greatly improved attendance. We've seen more families returning week after week, with new faces arriving all the time. Parents now recognise the value of outdoor play and appreciate having a safe, engaging space where their children can be active and social.</p> <p>This project directly supports the following Govan Area Partnership priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Employment/Services: We support support the wellbeing and development of children and young people through accessible, high-quality play opportunities, and by providing experience for young staff and volunteers in youth work and community engagement.</li> <li>• Vulnerable People: Sessions are inclusive and free, helping families who may face financial barriers to access safe and engaging activities. The community-led approach ensures a welcoming environment for all.</li> <li>• Environment: By activating an underused park, we promote community ownership. Children have led litter-picking activities, showing pride in keeping the park clean and usable.</li> <li>• Thriving Places: Street Play has transformed Govan Elder Park into a vibrant, intergenerational community hub. Families now regularly use the park, building local connections and enhancing social networks.</li> </ul> <p>Quotes and Observations:</p> <p><b>Child</b> - Kids cleaning up the park by doing a litter pick which shows they care about their community and try to keep it clean. "Can you bring the litter picks next week I love using them, look we already have one big bag full already".</p> <p><b>Parent</b> - "It's nice to have session like these for the children where they can meet other children and make connections and friends"</p> <p><b>Staff observation</b> - Parents were getting involved in doing the marble run and all the parents helped at the end to collect the equipment.</p>
<p>Old Govan Fair</p> <p>Govan Fair and Christmas Event</p> <p>PRN: 585/19</p>	Yes	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>Thanks to the funding support from the local council, we successfully organised and delivered two major community events in Govan: the Govan Fair Parade and the Govan Christmas Event. Both events were designed to foster community spirit, promote inclusion, and provide free, accessible entertainment and activities for residents of all ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parade took place on 7th June 2025] and followed a route through the heart of Govan, beginning at Fairley Street and ending at Arklet Road with activities centred around Pearce Institute.</li> <li>• Activities Delivered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A traditional community parade involving decorated floats, community groups, pipe bands, dancers, and school participation.</li> <li>○ Live entertainment at the PI, including performances from local musicians, dance groups, and youth organisations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family activities such as face painting, games, arts &amp; crafts, and stalls from local</li> </ul> <p>Govan Christmas Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christmas event was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at the pearce institute</li> <li>• <b>Activities Delivered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Free family entertainment, including a Christmas market with local vendors, carol singing, children's rides, and seasonal food and drink stalls.</li> <li>○ Community workshops offering crafts, card-making, and decoration activities for families.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>The Govan Fair Parade and Christmas Event had a significant and positive impact on local residents, particularly families, young people, and community groups. These events offered inclusive and accessible opportunities for participation, celebration, and community connection, addressing several key priorities of the Area Partnership.</p> <p>These events helped:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen community ties and pride in Govan's heritage and identity.</li> <li>• Provide safe and inclusive activities for families and young people.</li> <li>• Offer volunteering and performance opportunities to local residents and groups.</li> <li>• Support local businesses and raise the profile of community organisations.</li> </ul> <p>The council's funding was instrumental in delivering these high-quality, well-attended events, and we are deeply grateful for the support</p>
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