



## **Item 7**

**26th August 2025**

### **Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

#### **Hillhead Area Partnership**

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

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#### **Local Parks & Open Space – Progress Update**

##### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund and to provide an update on lighting and safety interventions at Kelvingrove Park.

##### **Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report, and to approve the following recommendations:

That Area Partnership ask Officers to develop costed lighting options for the play area and skate park for both feasibility and installation for consideration in relation to the NIIF fund. The Area Partnership did not wish options to light other previously identified routes within areas of Kelvingrove Park (highlighted in Appendix 1) to be costed.

That Area Partnership ask Officers to develop costed lighting options for low-cost lighting of the staircase from University Avenue to Glasgow University. Dependant on technical feasibility, Officers are asked to re-engage with the University in relation to potential for match-funding of alternative technologies e.g. in-ground solar lights for consideration in relation to the NIIF fund.

## 2. Introduction and progress to date

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 It should be noted that 341 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.

## 3. Progress Update of Projects

- 3.1 The following table provides updates to approved projects from 21/22 and 22/23:

### 2021/22

Location	Previous Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & next steps
Kelvin Walkway	Restoration Works to Site of Flint Mill	£27,458	The Friends of the Botanic Gardens have assisted with the provision of a Conservation Pre Start Survey. Due to further assessment of the site, the scope of works has increased since this allocation was made, therefore funds will be used as a first phase of works. The Service has recently been granted relevant consents from Historic Environment Scotland. Start date for works has yet to be confirmed.
Kelvin Walkway	The installation of 200 metres of new hardwood timber fencing, including fence posts, from Lade to Flintmill.	£18,500	Complete
Kelvin Walkway	Surface water management at Gibson Street stairs	£3000 (First Phase complete)	Funds fully utilised on initial phase of works to clear drain and purchase non-return valve. NIIF funds have been made available for a further phase of work which

			is currently being scoped by the Service. Options being considered are the installation of further surface drainage, alongside resurfacing to alleviate ponding issues. Works are currently being programmed into a forthcoming contract, start date to be confirmed.
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## 2022/23

Location	Previous Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & next steps
Kelvingrove Park	Contribution towards Kelvingrove Park Play Area	£45,400	Works Complete
Kelvingrove Park	Contribution towards the Stewart Memorial Fountain	£2,300	Funds fully utilised on Stonework repairs.
Kelvin Walkway	Surface water management at Gibson Street stairs	£1,300	Funds fully utilised on initial phase of works to clear drain and purchase non-return valve. NIIF funds have been made available for a further phase of work which is currently being scoped by the Service. Options being considered are the installation of further surface drainage, alongside resurfacing to alleviate ponding issues. Works are currently being programmed into a forthcoming contract, start date to be confirmed.

#### **4. Parks Lighting (Kelvingrove Park)**

- 4.1 Following the Parks Lighting review undertaken by [Greenspace Scotland](#), suggested lighting routes within Kelvingrove Park were identified for consideration. It was noted that should capital funding become available, a full Lighting Impact Assessment would require to be undertaken to allow the relative benefits and impacts of any proposal to be formally considered. This would include relevant ecological surveys and necessary mitigations to minimise impacts on wildlife.
- 4.2 Within the Parks Lighting Review, a range of non-lighting safety measures were identified. Since then, a range of works have been undertaken by the Service, including vegetation management, park infrastructural adaptations and resurfacing. Recommendations were also made by Police Scotland, including the creation of a new entrance to the herbaceous border adjacent to the ash pitch.
- 4.3 At the [meeting of April 2025](#) an action was noted for this Service to carry out further community consultation in relation to lighting and works to the herbaceous border. A range of other works were discussed and noted during the site visit and have been summarised in a separate circulated note with attendees. This meeting was held in early August 2025.

#### **Lighting Recommendations**

- 4.4 At the meeting of August 2025, previous lighting routes (Appendix 1) were presented to the group for consideration. It was noted that previously existing routes crossed sections of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), a recommendation was therefore made that any identified routes did not to cross these areas.
- 4.5 After consideration of suggested lighting routes, there was consensus amongst representatives of the Area Partnership in attendance that lighting within the park was not supported and would not be progressed via the NIIF fund. Consensus was reached however to consider lighting options at both the play area and the skatepark. Officers noted the requirement for feasibility and design work to be considered given the specialist nature of this requirement. It should be noted there is no capital funding currently allocated.
- 4.6 It was agreed that Officers would conduct further scoping and market engagement to determine capital costs of both play area and skatepark lighting installations.
- 4.7 It was also noted that discussions with Glasgow University (GU) were ongoing in relation to safety concerns raised by university patrons regarding the staircase leading from University Avenue to GU. Officers had received update that GU were not in a position to fund installation of traditional lighting options. Lower cost lighting options were discussed and could be considered.

- 4.8 In consideration of the above, the Area Partnership is asked to consider the following recommendations in relation to parks lighting:
- 4.8.1 That Area Partnership ask Officers to develop costed lighting options for the play area and skate park for both feasibility and installation for consideration in relation to the NIIF fund. The Area Partnership did not wish options to light other previously identified routes within areas of Kelvingrove Park (highlighted in Appendix 1) to be costed.
- 4.8.2 That Area Partnership ask Officers to develop costed lighting options for low-cost lighting of the staircase from University Avenue to Glasgow University. Dependant on technical feasibility, Officers are asked to re-engage with the University in relation to potential for match-funding of alternative technologies e.g. in-ground solar lights for consideration in relation to the NIIF fund.

### **Access to Herbaceous Border**

- 4.9 Following the parks lighting review, a range of non-lighting interventions were undertaken in the park through 2023/24 to improve feelings of safety for park users. This included works to prune or remove vegetation where sight lines were restricted and repair or remove compromised park infrastructure. As part of these considerations, participants of the initial place making exercise identified the herbaceous border as a potential hazard to park users through the lack of escape routes within this area. Opening this access route would also allow easier access to the north section of the herbaceous border.
- 4.10 As noted above, creation of a new access route to the herbaceous border was discussed during a recent site visit with local stakeholders. Concerns were raised by attendees regarding a new access posing a risk to park users through an increase of speeding bikes.
- 4.10.1 It is recommended Officers should discontinue development of proposals to create a new access at the herbaceous border

## **5. Recommendations**

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