

North East Area Partnership Budget 2024/25

Budget: £88,194.44	Allocated: £85,291.71	Unallocated: £2,902.73
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Total Number of Awards: 34	Awards under delegated authority: 4	Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 5
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Client/Project	Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N	Summary Findings (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.
St Paul's Youth Forum Blackhill's Growing at Golf it 2024 594/23	Y	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> <u>Description of Work Undertaken and Services Provided</u> Over the past year, our project has delivered a consistent and impactful programme of activities aligned with Area Partnership priorities, particularly those promoting the use of community facilities and improving local health and wellbeing. With the support of this funding, we employed a sessional Community Gardener, who has led and promoted a range of activities at the Golf It Community Garden.</p> <p><u>Weekly Community Growing Sessions</u> We held weekly community growing sessions, open to the general public, with the aim of encouraging local people to spend time in nature, learn about food growing, and engage with others in a supportive environment. These sessions were designed to be inclusive and accessible, supporting those facing high levels of socio-economic disadvantage, food poverty, and poor health. Over the course of the year, 35 different individuals have taken part in these weekly sessions.</p> <p><u>Monthly Nature Connection and Craft Workshops for Children and Young People</u> In addition to the growing sessions, we ran monthly nature connection and craft workshops, aimed at</p>

		<p>children and young people. Sessions included wreath making, vegetable sculptures, foraging walks, nature craft sessions, and bushcraft. These interactive, hands-on workshops provided opportunities for creative expression and environmental education in a relaxed outdoor setting. Over the course of the funding we engaged with 227 people (including 79 young people and 148 adults).</p> <p><u>Community Involvement and Reach</u></p> <p>The development and delivery of this project were shaped by ongoing input from our local steering group of five residents, as well as support from our Board of Trustees, all of whom have lived experience of the area. This has ensured the programme remains responsive to local needs. We also partnered with the R&A at Golf It to widely promote the sessions, increasing our visibility and accessibility to local residents.</p> <p><u>Impact and Engagement</u></p> <p>Altogether, we directly engaged with around 262 individuals through regular sessions and workshops. In addition, the community garden's location within a highly frequented area means the improved greenspace had a positive indirect impact on an estimated 100,000 local visitors over the last year. We also provided practical support to ensure inclusivity, including tools, seeds, compost, and volunteer expenses (travel and refreshments), removing financial barriers to participation.</p> <p><u>Timing and Location</u></p> <p>All activities took place weekly and monthly throughout the year at the Golf It Community Garden at Hogganfield, Glasgow. This greenspace, located in one of the most deprived areas of Scotland (top 2% SIMD), has been transformed into a welcoming, productive environment where local people can learn, connect, and improve their wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>This project has successfully delivered consistent, meaningful activities that directly address local challenges, particularly poor mental and physical health, limited access to greenspace, and high levels of poverty and social isolation. It has empowered local people through community-led learning and supported the transformation of a public space into a valuable community asset.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>Impact of the Project on Service Users and the Local Area</p> <p>The project has had a significant positive impact on service users and the wider community, directly addressing several key priorities of the Area Partnership, including increasing access to community facilities, improving health and wellbeing, and enhancing lifelong learning opportunities.</p>
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<p>Ruchazie Community Council</p> <p>The Spirit of Hogganfield Loch</p>	Y	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> The <i>Spirit of Hogganfield Loch</i> project was delivered at Hogganfield Park and the Seven Lochs Visitor Centre. The project aimed to creatively engage young people with their local environment through art, storytelling, and nature-based learning. Initially, we planned to work with 85 primary school pupils across three schools, but due to a late withdrawal by the original performance artist and subsequent rescheduling, only two schools were able to take part. To ensure meaningful engagement, we increased workshop time from 8 to 14 hours, and in total, 66 pupils took part in interactive sessions exploring the ecology and folklore of the loch. Alongside this, we delivered five creative sessions for older children and young adults, originally intended to engage 18–20 participants over 15 hours. We successfully engaged 15 individuals, with contact time extended to 20 hours. These sessions focused on local wildlife, history, and digital creativity, resulting in the production of a short film and four high-quality animated shorts. Participant work was shared through the Seven Lochs Visitor Centre and online, offering wider community access and increasing</p>

		<p>awareness of the local environment. Overall, 81 individuals were directly involved in the project, with broader engagement achieved through public displays and digital sharing.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>The <i>Spirit of Hogganfield Loch</i> project had a significant and positive impact on both participants and the wider community. For the young people involved, the project provided a unique opportunity to connect with nature in a creative and meaningful way. Primary school pupils developed a deeper understanding of their local environment, climate change, and the importance of environmental care through hands-on, multi-sensory workshops. Older children and young adults benefited from an increase in confidence, improved communication skills, and enhanced creative abilities, particularly in digital storytelling and animation. Many participants expressed pride in seeing their work shared with the public at the Seven Lochs Visitor Centre and online, helping to build a sense of ownership and local pride. The project addressed the Ward 21 Area Partnership priority of “activities in community facilities” by delivering high-quality, inclusive workshops in both outdoor spaces and community venues like the Visitor Centre. It created accessible learning experiences that encouraged people to engage with their local park, promoted care for the natural environment, and improved understanding of climate-related issues. The creative outputs – including the short film and animation shorts – continue to benefit the wider area by increasing footfall to the Visitor Centre and encouraging others to connect with Hogganfield Park. Overall, the project strengthened community ties, supported local environmental priorities, and promoted lifelong learning through innovative and inclusive activities.</p> <p><u>Spend</u> The funding was fully allocated to this project.</p>
<p>Garthamlock and Craigend Development Trust</p> <p>Start Up Costs</p> <p>294/24</p>	Y	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>The Garthamlock and Craigend Development Trust SCIO was recently established to address longstanding disparities in access to education and recreational opportunities within the Garthamlock and Craigend area. As part of a broader funding initiative, this specific award enabled the purchase of vital IT equipment — specifically, a laptop — to support the trust’s initial setup. This equipment has provided the basic infrastructure for the Trust to function behind the scenes and this has laid the groundwork for future services and community engagement aligned with the priorities identified in the Garthamlock and Craigend Local Place Plan, which aligns with both the City Development Plan and the Greater Easterhouse Strategic Development Framework.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>This initial investment has allowed the Trust to lay the groundwork for initiatives that address key</p>

		<p>priorities such as:</p> <p><u>Community Safety</u> Enabling the planning of local activities that reduce isolation and promoting positive social interaction.</p> <p><u>Services for Young People</u> The preparation of programmes focused on mentoring, education, and confidence building opportunities.</p> <p><u>Activities in Community Facilities</u> Enabling the administrative groundwork needed to reintroduce community members to the use of underutilised local spaces and reinvigorate them as vibrant centres of activity and connection. While the journey to this point has not been without difficulty, the foundations are now in place. We remain dedicated to building on this progress and delivering services that make a meaningful and lasting difference to residents of Garthamlock and Craigend.</p> <p><u>Spend</u> The funding was fully allocated to this project.</p>
<p>Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council</p> <p>Community Fair 2024</p> <p>260/23</p>	Y	<p><u>Summary of Project</u> The Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch Community Council (GCG CC) used the funding received to organise and deliver a community fair for local residents. The fair was held in late summer (August 2024) at the GESH Community Centre, our only local community facility, and directly supported community priorities around safety, wellbeing, and services for young people and families. The main purpose of the fair was to provide a safe, free, and inclusive day of activities for local families, especially supporting those who may not otherwise afford summer holiday activities for their children. The event included a wide range of free attractions such as arts and crafts, face painting, mascots, balloon modelling, games, a magician, fair attractions and free goodie bags for every child attending. In addition to fun activities, the fair served as a platform for important community services. We worked with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, St Andrews First Aid, SAMH, the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), and other charities, who attended to provide advice, promote services, and offer information about health, wellbeing, and community safety. The HSCP also distributed free dental products to promote better oral health. The fair was extremely well attended, with well over 300 local residents taking part and 30 community volunteers supporting the planning and running of the event. Many attendees commented that the fair helped bring the community together, gave families an affordable day out, and created a positive, safe space for people of all ages.</p>

		<p>Overall, the community fair has made a real difference by strengthening community spirit, encouraged local engagement, and give residents access to services and support. Thanks to the funding received, the fair was free and open to all, and its success has inspired local residents to ask for it to become an annual event.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>The community fair had a significant positive impact on local residents in Garthamlock, Craigend, and Gartloch. By offering free attractions, the fair brought joy to local families and strengthened community ties. It also addressed social isolation by bringing people together at the GESH Community Centre — one of the only community facilities in the area — helping residents connect, volunteer, and build a sense of belonging and pride in their neighborhood.</p> <p><u>The project directly supported the Area Partnership priorities in several ways</u></p> <p>Community Safety: By providing a safe, family-friendly environment and involving Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue, the fair helped promote safety messages and build trust between residents and local services.</p> <p>Services for Young People: The fair gave children and young people free, positive activities during the summer, supporting their wellbeing and providing opportunities to play and socialise in a safe space.</p> <p>Reducing Inequality and Deprivation: Many local families experience financial hardship. By ensuring all activities were free, the fair removed barriers to participation and helped tackle social and economic inequalities.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing: Through our partnership with the Health and Social Care Partnership and local charities such as SAMH, the fair gave attendees access to information and free resources, like dental products, supporting better health outcomes.</p> <p>The fair also increased volunteering in the area, with 30 local people giving their time to plan and run the event. This has strengthened community ownership and created momentum for more local activities in the future.</p> <p>In summary, the community fair brought clear social, health, and economic benefits to residents, promoted community safety and wellbeing, and directly addressed the key priorities of the Area Partnership by creating an inclusive event that everyone could enjoy.</p> <p><u>Spend -</u> The funding was fully allocated to this project.</p>
Growing 21 LTD	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u>

<p>Christmas Lights Switch</p> <p>195/21</p>		<p>The project successfully delivered a community fun day aimed at bringing local residents together in a welcoming, inclusive environment. The event featured live entertainment provided by a professional DJ and singer/host, who kept the energy high with music, games, and announcements. A variety of activity stalls were set up under gazebos, offering engaging, family-friendly experiences such as arts and crafts, face painting, tombola, and interactive games. Volunteers and staff coordinated activities to ensure everything ran smoothly, while also using the event to promote wider community services and initiatives. The project not only provided a fun day out but also helped strengthen community connections, boost awareness of local support, and encourage ongoing participation in future activities.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>The project had a significant positive impact on our service users and the wider community. The fun day provided a free, inclusive event that brought together families, children, older people, and residents from diverse backgrounds many of whom face social isolation, financial hardship, or barriers to accessing activities. By offering entertainment, creative stalls, and a welcoming environment, the event promoted wellbeing, built confidence, and encouraged community connection. Residents reported feeling more connected and expressed appreciation for the chance to come together in a safe, supportive setting. Local volunteers were actively involved, enhancing their skills and sense of purpose. The event also helped raise awareness of other services offered in the area, encouraging longer-term engagement and support. In line with Area Partnership priorities, this project helped address community isolation, improved access to local opportunities, and created a platform for positive interaction, particularly for those who may otherwise feel excluded. It demonstrated the value of grassroots-led activities in strengthening the local fabric and building a more inclusive, resilient community.</p> <p><u>Spend</u> - The funding was fully allocated to this project.</p>
<p>Pavillion</p> <p>Equipment Refresh Project</p> <p>364/18</p>	N	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p><i>A late evaluation form was provided by this organisation, however further information is required from the applicant along with clarification on some of the information provided.</i></p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p><u>Spend</u> – The funding was fully allocated to this project.</p>

