



**Item 9**

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## **Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

### **Dennistoun Area Partnership**

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

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### **Area Budget 2026/27: Applications for Funding**

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

To provide the Area Partnership with details of the area budget allocations for 2026/27, the current budget position and to make recommendations on new applications for funding.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) Note:
  - (a) the area budget allocation for 2026/27;
  - (b) the current budget position;
  - (c) the introduction of a new area budget application form; and
- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

## Introduction

1. Glasgow City Council set its budget for 2026/27 on [24 February 2026](#). Within the budget, the overall funding for Area Partnerships was increased by £63,000, to be apportioned on the basis of the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
2. On [12th March 2026](#), the Council's City Administration Committee approved allocations to Area Partnerships. The Dennistoun Area Budget for 2026/27 is **£67,823**.

## Dennistoun Area Budget 2026/27

3. Area Partnerships were able to allocate a portion of their 2026/27 budget, subject to Council Budget approval, in advance for services or activities that were to be delivered in early April 2026, prior to the first meetings of the Partnerships in 2026/27. The Dennistoun Area Partnership committed **£5,512** from the 2026/27 Area Budget at its meeting on 17 February 2026.
4. Therefore, a total of **£5,512** has been committed to date to various projects serving the Dennistoun Ward, leaving a balance of **£62,311** yet to be allocated.

## Applications dealt with under Delegated Functions

5. No applications have been dealt with since the last meeting of the Area Partnership under Delegated Functions. Details of the applications are provided below:

## Area Budget Application Form

6. From April 2026, a new, online application form will be introduced. The main reasons for this are:
  - a. To provide greater depth and consistency of information available for decision making at Area Partnerships;
  - b. Improve the capture of appropriate information at the application stage to reduce requirements for clarification/additional detail or consideration to be continued to subsequent meetings;
  - c. Speed up the process from application to decision.
7. The new application form seeks to balance the ease of completing the form with ensuring the proper scrutiny of the use of public funds. For this reason, whilst the new form has more questions, they are more direct and in a logical format. This should help to ensure that the necessary information is captured in full at the first stage application, reducing the need to request further information and the delay that causes.
8. The application form has been tested by a number of organisations across the city that had previously submitted area budget applications. They were asked to test the form for clarity and ease of completion. The feedback was very positive and some suggested changes were taken on board by the Communities Team. Below is a summary of the feedback and some quotes from those organisations that tested it:

### **What people liked**

- Easy to use / clear / straightforward
- Save-and-return or autosave features
- Good flow
- Easy document uploading
- Form felt more focused and aligned to the project

*“Very easy to complete – and a logical order as well. The questions about eligibility and convenient link to the guidance was also very useful.”*

*“The form is pretty straightforward and with it being online seems much more simplified than a word document.”*

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### **Ease of use and accessibility**

- 88% said it was *easy to complete*
- 100% of respondents were happy with the accessibility of the forms.

*“The form was very easy to complete, size was perfect, font clear, a massive difference to what we have done before.”*

*“Yes easy to complete and navigate through”*

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### **Other comments**

- 78% felt the experience was positive
- 33% felt the new form was a major improvement

*“Good form and better / more user friendly than the previous Word document. Going through the web sections the overall application didn’t feel long or as if I would need to repeat myself in different sections.”*

*“I felt the form was very similar to all other council applications, which is great as it helps ‘uniform’ most things.”*

9. The form will be introduced for the 2026/27 financial year with a transition period when we will accept applications using the current form. It’s acknowledged that there may be organisations who could face difficulties completing an online form. The Communities Team will put in place appropriate support to ensure this is not a barrier to applying for funding. The new form will be widely advertised and reviewed after a 6 month period.

## **Area Budget Applications**

10. **Appendix 1** provides a summary of applications that have been received and require consideration. Each application has been assessed and a recommendation is offered which may include specific conditions, in addition to the standard Glasgow City Council conditions of grant.

## **Recommendations**

11. The Area Partnership is asked to:

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- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

**Budget 2026/2027 - £67,823**  
**Committed Amount - £5,512**  
**Balance - £62,311 (available for allocation till 31st March 2027)**

Applicant and Project Title	Project description	Project costs	Recommendation
<p><b>Glasgow East Arts Company</b></p> <p>Project Title: Alexandra Park Family Festival Day</p> <p>PRN 325/25</p>	<p>Funding is requested to support the Alexandra Park Family Festival, taking place on Saturday 11th July 2026. This year the festival will lead up to the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, and the 20th anniversary celebrations.</p> <p>This is a free to attend inclusive community event delivered through partnership working with support from local elected members, and contributions from various organisations, Glasgow Life, Fire and Rescue services, Police services, NHS, Milnbank HA, Spire View HA, Coppersworks HA, Living Rent Association Greenpeace, Alexander Park Food Festival, Shettleston Harriers, various youth and community groups, and voluntary organisations, each provides engagement free of charge in the park, community stalls or financial or logistical support.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs:-            Licensing and Insurance - £2,715            Infrastructure – (Staging/ Security/First Aid/Stewarding) - £10,554            Community Programme – £4,770 (Activities in the park and performers) -            Marketing and Promotion – £1,550</p> <p>Total Cost - £19,589</p>	<p>£19,089.00</p> <p>Area budget request £13,500.00</p> <p>Match Funding: £5,589 through additional fundraising (This is pending)</p>	<p>Recommend - £2,250</p> <p>Maximum recommended award for community event is £7,500 (resulting in a shortfall of £6,000)</p> <p>Application is being considered on a pro-rata basis across 5 Wards:            East Centre - £1,950            Calton AP- £1,500            Shettleston- £1,050            Springburn/Royston- £750</p>

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<p><b>Dance 4 Heath Ltd</b></p> <p>Project Title: Dance for Health, Friendship and Fun</p> <p>PRN 253/26</p>	<p>Funding is requested to deliver a day of 2hr community music and dance event for approximately 80-100 participants at Reidvale Neighbourhood community Centre in Dennistoun. (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>The event will be a live, in-person community dance featuring the professional ensemble Swing Sensation. The project is aimed at adults and older adults residents particularly those at risk of loneliness or isolation, individuals interested in music, dance and community based social activities.</p> <p><b>Intended outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce social isolation by bringing people together in a shared community space</li> <li>• Improve mental wellbeing through music, movement, and social interaction</li> <li>• Encourage light physical activity through dancing</li> <li>• Strengthen community connections and local engagement</li> <li>• Provide an inclusive, positive cultural experience accessible to all</li> </ul> <p>Purpose of grant:            £500 – catering per event (local centres)            £300 – Hall hire per event (local centres)            £50 – advertising (Printing)            £200 – First Aid per event            £150 – Dance Teacher per event (J &amp; A Knox)            £800 – Musician per event (Swing Sensation)</p>	<p>£8,000</p> <p>Math Funding n/a</p>	<p>Recommend pro rata award of £2,000 for Dennistoun (100 beneficiaries)</p> <p>Application is being considered on a pro rata basis across 4 Wards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Calton - £2,000</li> <li>2) Canal - £2,000</li> <li>3) Springburn/ Robroyston - £2,000</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Gingerbread East End Out of School Care</b></p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Supporting Children's Play and Learning 26</p> <p>PRN 229/17</p>	<p>Funding to purchase new equipment and replenish existing resources to enhance the quality of play provision.</p> <p>The resources will support children's physical health and emotional wellbeing, encourage active play and elevate service play provision.</p> <p>Breakdown of cost; £1,000 – outdoor play, active &amp; sports equipment (various suppliers) £500 - Gardening and planting – (B&amp;Q, The Range) £500 – STEM &amp; Creative play materials (Smyth, Amazon) Imaginative Play materials (Smyth, Amazon) £500 – Outdoor storage tuff trays and tables ((B&amp;Q IKEA)</p>	<p>£3,000</p> <p>Match funding: N/A</p>	<p>Recommend - £3,000</p>

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<p><b>Dennistoun Early Years</b></p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Improve Health and Wellbeing for our children and families - Equipment</p> <p>PRN 083/11</p>	<p>Funding to purchase a Millhouse outdoor 5-piece kitchen to enable children and families to participate and engage in outdoor learning experience through harvesting and cooking their own grown food.</p> <p>Dennistoun Early years currently support 120 families and are in the most deprived areas in Glasgow. They committed to improving the health and wellbeing of children and Young People and want to ensure that children are not missing out on valuable lifelong learning skills that will support them and their families later in life.</p> <p>Purpose of Grant: £1,135 – Millhouse outdoor 5-piece kitchen (TTS Millhouse – supplier)</p>	<p>£1,135</p> <p>Match Funding: £135 (applicant)</p>	<p>Recommend - £1,000</p>
<p><b>Royston Primary</b></p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> PGL Dalguise Residential weekend for Primary 7 pupils 18th-21st September 2026</p> <p>254/26</p>	<p>Funding requested to support the costs of a residential trip for 12 primary 7 pupils to Dalguise Outdoor Centre, 18th-21st September 2026.</p> <p>The pupils will engage in abseiling, rock climbing, paddleboarding, archery etc. - all under the careful control of fully qualified and insured instructors. They will learn to work as a team, be self-reliant and trustworthy for their peers, learn about responsibility and ownership, increasing their confidence and self-esteem.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs;: £1,410 – 12x pupils @£117.50 pp. (supplier – PGA Travel) £981 - Transport Mini Bus (Doig's Ltd)</p>	<p>£2,391.00</p> <p>Match Funding: £1,000 - Rosemount Development Trust (pending)</p>	<p>Recommend - £1,000</p> <p>The AP can consider a maximum recommended award £1,500 towards residential trip to reduce parental contribution.</p>

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<p><b>Royston Nursery</b></p> <p>Project Title: Royston Nursery 'Trim Trail for All' Outdoor Play Area.</p> <p>PRN 256/26</p>	<p>Funding is requested to install an outdoor wood trim trail suitable for children aged 2 to 6 years.</p> <p>The trail is a series of outdoor exercise stations that will encourage active play and will be utilised by 100-120 children. The design will feature a natural wooden play trim trail stations for varied abilities of balance logs, climbing stations, ropes, wobble boards, suspension bridge and stepping stones with a safety soft surface.</p> <p>We have families from a mix of social backgrounds and different cultures from around the world. Outdoors is an ideal platform for social shared spaced for connecting and growing together, sharing memories and experiences.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs: £10,294.00 - 1 nursery outdoor wood trim trail with safety surface, supplied and installed (Scotplay)</p>	<p>£10,294</p> <p>Match Funding: £5,000 - Royston Nursery Toy Fundraising from families (confirmed)</p> <p>£4,294 - Royston Nursery School Budget (pending)</p>	<p>Recommend - £1,000</p>

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<p><b>With Kids</b></p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Community Hub Furniture &amp; Outdoor Equipment</p> <p>PRN 442/19</p>	<p>Funding is requested to purchase resources for the newly refurbished rooms and outdoor space at the With Kids Family and Baby Hub in Dennistoun. Refurbished rooms have been created, but additional furniture and equipment are needed to make these rooms fully functional and free up more space for therapeutic and group/family activities. The resources will ensure that the facilities can safely and comfortably host the growing number of local families using the services. The facilities will benefit approx 100.</p> <p><b>Breakdown of costs:</b>  Glostad 3 seater sofa, 4 Bedbo Armchairs - £946.00 (IKEA)  Kallax 2 by 6 shelving units and inserts - £400 (IKEA)  Jakobsfors Coffee Tables x 2, Rodflik desk lampsx 4 - £248  Micke Desks x 4, Loberget office chairs x 4 - £412 (IKEA)  Recycled Plastic Picnic tables x 2, Gazebo - £1,929 (Recycled Furniture / House of Tents)  Shelving (Estimated) - £700 (estimated)</p>	<p>£4,635.00</p> <p>Match Funding: £1,989 - Smurfit Westrock &amp; Donations (confirmed)</p> <p>£500 Andrew &amp; MaryElizabeth Little Charitable Trust (pending)</p>	<p>Recommend £2,646.00</p>
<p><b>The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis</b></p> <p><u>Project Title:</u> Remembrance Crosses</p> <p>PRN 230/26</p>	<p>Funding is sought to purchase 190 Remembrance Crosses from the Lady Haig Poppy Factory at a cost of £3.30 each. Volunteers from The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis will lay these crosses at 190 graves while undertaking a Remembrance Sunday Tour on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026. Many of the fallen WW1 and WW2 soldiers were formerly Dennistoun men, who all attended Whitehill School. Their families remained in Dennistoun for many years after the war, with many still part of the community to this day.</p> <p><b>Breakdown of costs:</b> £627 – 190 x Remembrance Crosses</p>	<p>£627.00</p> <p>Match Funding: N/A</p>	<p>Recommend - £627</p>

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<b>Dennistoun New Parish Church Keep Fit Group</b>  <u>Project Title:</u> Annual Summer Trip  PRN 061/14	Funding is sought by this group for their annual summer trip, with funding requested to support bus hire to North Berwick, as well as a high tea in North Berwick. This will benefit the health and wellbeing of members in the group, help keep members fit, as well as help reduce social isolation.  Trip will take place on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2026.  Breakdown of costs: £350 – Bus Hire (Allander Travel) £450 – High Tea in North Berwick  Beneficiaries: 30 (All live in Dennistoun ward)	£800.00  Match Funding: N/A	Recommend - £800

### Approved Funding 2026/27

<b>PRN</b>	<b>Date awarded</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event, Activity or Equipment</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
120/24	17/02/2026	Achieve More Scotland	Friday night programme for 70 YP at St Roch's High School.	£2,572
508/23	17/02/2026	WISE Mentoring CIC	Project leaders cost for a mentoring programme in Barmulloch, Royston and St Roch's Primary School.	£2,940