Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Newlands/Auldburn Area Partnership.

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AREA BUDGET 2025/26: 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 Newlands/Auldburn Area Budget in 2025/26.

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2025 allocated £66,248 the 2025/26 Newlands/Auldburn Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £66,248 (100%) of the allocation has been awarded for projects that were delivered by 31st March 2026.

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 2025/26 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 Newlands/Auldburn Area Budget 2025/26.

Newlands/Auldburn Area Partnership Budget 2025/26

Appendix 1

Budget: £66,248	**Allocated: £66,248**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 26	**Awards under delegated authority: 3**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 7**

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.
Auldhouse Church Foodbank and café	Y	Summary of Project We gave out around 2493 food parcels to support families and individuals across the commmunity. December was our busiest month with 283 parcels given out. On average 190 parcels were given out each month. The months of April July August and October are particularly busy, seeing an increase over school holidays. We are exploring if there are further ways we can help over this time. We estimate that the total costs of operating the foodbank were in excess of £55,000 over the last year. We received monetary and in kind donations of around £47,000 during the year including the grant from Glasgow City Council. This highlights the importance of the support we received during the year without which it would not be possible for the church to operate the foodbank. The church continues to subsidise the foodbank from general funds. Impact of Project As well as giving out nearly 3,000 food parcels to individuals and families we try to create a welcome café style environment for all service users which helps with their emotional and mental health. We also create impact through related activities. For example in January, we ran a six-week cookery course funded by NHS Healthy

		Eating Programme. This free event, led by a professional cook, provided weekly instruction to six participants, teaching them how to prepare healthy meals with reduced sugar and salt. <u>Spend</u> £6625
St Margaret's Episcopal Church	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> As described in the grant application this work comprised the second stage of transformation of a neglected courtyard within the church building into a beautiful gravel garden. The transformation took longer than anticipated as landscaping work took several weeks due to weather/landscaper injury and was completed in December 2025. This meant that planting had to be postponed until Spring 2026 – the horticulturalist plus 2 volunteers completed the planting on Wednesday 1st April 2026. Since then, the garden has flourished. As the grant recipient and person co-ordinating the work I spent many hours during the project liaising with landscaper, purchasing materials required and assisting with landscaping work at times as well as participating in the planting. I have since cared for the growing plants, weeding and pruning when required. <u>Impact of Project</u> This project has had a direct impact on the local community by providing local community groups and users of the hall access to an attractive, peaceful green space with seating. We are in the process of taking necessary measures to open the church building and the new cloister gravel garden to the public on a more frequent basis and will be embarking on further community engagement on this to further encourage the use of the church and garden as a community resource. We held an eco-service and event to launch the cloister gravel garden on Sunday 27th September inviting community groups, local households, other church congregations and local politicians. We had a great turn out as we had leafleted the area and advertised via social media. The creation of the cloister gravel garden is also part of our work to improve biodiversity in the church grounds and create even more green space. I have created a PowerPoint presentation (attached along with a copy of the launch leaflet) which was shown during the launch event in the church and also presented at a Diocesan Environment Group event in Maybole on September 19th. <u>Spend</u>

		£6186
Mansewood Allotments	Y	Summary of Project Members of the site took responsibility for taking down the old polytunnel that was beyond repair. This was completed ahead of an external company being engaged to refurbish one polytunnel and build the second polytunnel. This was all undertaken at the Mansewood allotment site by the end of March 2026. We were content with the quality of the work done by the company, however, experienced some delays due to their manpower issues. 2 volunteers from the site laid the outside path for wheelchair access, and fitted accessible raised beds within the polytunnel bringing both tunnels into operation ahead of the growing season. Impact of Project It is currently too early to fully assess the impact and benefit to the users. While existing plotholder are currently using both tunnels, the main driver for the project was to provide accessible spaces which would remove the barrier to becoming a plotholder for disabled people. GCC have recently taken over the management of the waiting list for Mansewood, and this process is still bedding in. This has caused a delay in sending new applicants to us for the 10 plus plots that are currently vacant. Spend £4643
Tinto Parent Council		Summary of Project The project involved purchasing new books to replace worn or outdated books and to extend the range of books available within the Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme. Plastic protective covers were also purchased to protect the books from damage and extend their useful life. The new and replacement books are being used during literacy and reading lessons throughout the school, providing pupils with a wider range of age- and ability-appropriate reading materials. The books are also available to be sent home with pupils, allowing them to practise their reading and enjoy additional reading outside school. This supports the development of reading skills, vocabulary, comprehension and confidence, while encouraging a positive reading culture at home as well as in school. The project benefits all pupils from P1 to P7. The activities take place within the school during literacy and reading lessons throughout the school year, with books also going home with pupils for additional reading. The resources therefore support pupils across the whole primary school and will

		continue to benefit future pupils as the protected books can be reused over a longer period. <u>Impact of Project</u> The project has benefited the wider area by supporting children's literacy, educational development and engagement with reading. Improving literacy skills can contribute to pupills' confidence and their ability to participate fully in school and the wider community. The project also supports the Area Partnership priorities around improving outcomes for children and young people, reducing inequalities and supporting educational attainment. By providing additional reading resources for all pupils across P1–P7, the project helps ensure that children have regular access to books and opportunities to develop essential literacy skills, both in school and at home. <u>Spend</u> £6401