



Item 3

17th April 2026

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Newlands and Auldburn 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 Newlands/Auldburn Area Budget for 2026/27 is £68,621.

Area Budget Application Form.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.”

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”

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.”

6. 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.

7. **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.

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Appendix 1

Budget 2026/2027 - £68,621
Committed Amount - £0
Balance - £68,621

Applicant and Project Title	Project description	Project costs	Recommendation
106/22 Education – Active Schools Kings Park Secondary Cluster – Active programme	<p>Funding is requested to support the running of extra - curricular activities at lunchtime/after school in the following schools:</p> <p>Kings Park Secondary Kings Park Primary Toryglen Primary Croftfoot Primary Mount Florida Primary Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary Middlefield School</p> <p>This covers approximately 2,420 young people across the cluster. To deliver this programme effectively, the organisation is seeking £6,050 in funding from Area Partnerships, which equates to roughly £2.50 per pupil, each session typically supports between 15 and 25 participants, sessions will run from August 2026 – March 2027.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs Coaching hours 484 x £25 = £12100</p>	£12,100 (PEPASS Match funding £6050)	Award £500 £1750 Langside £3800 Linn
242/24 Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council Events and Resources 2026/27	<p>Funding is requested to support a number of events run by the community council for the communities it services in the Linn/Langside/Newlands/Aulburn wards.</p> <p>Programme of events and resources required: Micro talks, quarterly events hosting free educational talks in the Couper Institute. (average attendance 60) Small screen to facilitate micro talks - Cathcart District Festival Summer Fete held in and outside</p>	£7930 (Match funding £2320 Cala Homes)	Award £1870 Langside £1870 Linn £1870

	<p>Cathcart Baptist Church to be held August 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three, free youth club activities focusing on cinema screenings and games nights. - Film programme – two screenings - Doors open day at the Couper Institute in -September 2026 working with Glasgow Life. -Pop up banners x 2 to promote events <p>Breakdown of costs Micro Talks £389.12 Summer Fete & Discovery Trail, family activities, arts/crafts, performers, venue hire, promo materials, volunteer expenses £825 Youth Events (x3)Venue hire, food/snacks for young people, volunteer expenses £486 Doors Open Day – Couper Institute Venue hire, activities, refreshments, printed materials, volunteer expenses £450 Film Events (x2) Film licenses, venue hire, projector, volunteer expenses £3,340. Promotional Materials Pop-up banners for community events and Couper Institute promotion £120</p>		
<p>238/26</p> <p>Pollokshaws Eastwood Community Council (PECC)</p> <p>Community Engagement</p>	<p>Funding is requested to host three community council engagement events in June 2026.</p> <p>These events will achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents in both areas will feel heard about the issues affecting them in their community. • Residents will be more aware of the purpose and work of PECC. • Residents will be more aware of Council Services, what they provide and how to work in partnership with them to achieve joint objectives. <p>Community understanding of each other and general cohesion will be improved by coming together in a social setting and will increase community confidence in achieving mutually beneficial</p>	<p>£3000</p>	<p>Award £3000</p>

	<p>results.</p> <p>Breakdown of Costs 2 x Hot Drinks Flasks/Cups £150 Tea/coffee/bakery ingredients for refreshment provision £330 Children's entertainment-face painting/balloon twisting £1200 Consultation materials-stationery etc £500 Small Portable Gazebo £120 Print & Distribute 1,000 leaflets & 250 copies PECC Newsletter £500 Production of double sided pull up banner representing PECC £200</p>		
<p>227/25</p> <p>Sir John Stirling Maxwell</p> <p>Allotment Gardens Pavilion Upgrade for Community Use</p>	<p>Funding is requested to upgrade the pavilion by extending four high, west- and south-facing windows to floor level, creating inward-opening French doors with double glazing. The main entrance will also be double glazed. Installation of ceiling- and wall-mounted infrared heating will facilitate year-round workshops in gardening, recycling, crafts, cooking, sustainable living, mindfulness, heritage activities, repairs, and wellbeing. Upgraded furnishings will enable ongoing social gatherings and café services for both members and local residents.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs Infrared heating units ceiling and wall mounted and main door £1700 (now bought and installed) 4 x uPVC French windows £2200 (now bought and installed) Form new openings by removal of facing brick and internal clockwork and making good as per drawings £2200 (funded by SJSM Assoc). Storage Units and Shelving x 5 £950 Ceiling and walls painted, materials and labour £900 Vinyl flooring to hall and kitchen £950</p>	<p>£8900 (Match Funding £1700 AP, £3500 GCVS Wellbeing fund, SJM £2200)</p>	<p>Award £2800</p>
<p>Pollokshaws Area Network (PAN)</p> <p>Wellbeing Activities</p>	<p>Funding is requested for the following programme of events:</p> <p>1. Cookery Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 sessions, 4 hours each • Up to 20 participants 	<p>£6903 (Match Funding £763)</p>	<p>Award £6140</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaches affordable, nutritious cooking (soups, one-pots, breads, cakes, etc.) • Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved cooking & nutrition skills ○ Reduced isolation ○ Increased cooperation & social connection <p>2. Drumming Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 6-week courses • Up to 20 participants each • Delivered by the musical director of <i>Samba Ya Bamba</i> • Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved mood; reduced anxiety/depression ○ Better cognitive and motor skills ○ Social bonding and teamwork <p>3. “Demystifying Democracy” Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two 6-week courses, 6 hours each • 8 participants per course • Teaches the basics of political systems and how to engage with representatives • Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greater understanding of political processes ○ Increased confidence and ability to raise issues ○ Improved community empowerment <p>Breakdown of Costs</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Cookery workshops (£30/hr)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£960</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ingredients</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drumming workshops (2 × 6 sessions @ £190)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Democracy courses (2 facilitators, £50/hr)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stationery</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAN staff hours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£763</td> </tr> </table>	Cookery workshops (£30/hr)	£960	Ingredients	£400	Drumming workshops (2 × 6 sessions @ £190)	£2,280	Democracy courses (2 facilitators, £50/hr)	£2,400	Stationery	£100	PAN staff hours	£763		
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Glen Oaks Housing Association	Funding is requested to create a second large-scale mural in Arden, following the success and positive community response to a previous mural.	£14000 (Match Funding £8000 Glen Oaks)	Award £6000												

<p>Arden Mural – Phase 2</p>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the visual environment and attractiveness of the community • Strengthen local identity and pride • Encourage resident involvement and community cohesion • Reduce stigma associated with the area • Support local creative talent <p>Led by well-known local artist Rogue Oner, who completed the first Arden mural and will includes community engagement sessions with residents, families, and young people, the mural will be created on-site in late spring/early summer 2026</p> <p>Breakdown of costs Invoice to artist Rogue Oner for design and commission of work Supplier Rogue Oner Cost (costs for two murals, one already completed and paid for by Glen Oaks) £14,000</p>						
<p>227/26</p> <p>Helping Hands Community Foodbank</p> <p>Food supplies</p>	<p>The group seeks funding to sustain and enhance its weekly and seasonal support programmes during ongoing cost-of-living pressures.</p> <p>Funding will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foodbank restocking. • Running the Wednesday Café of Hope. • Operating the Thursday Community Café. • Six social evenings with hot meals and entertainment. <p>The project supports around 400 families per month.</p> <p>Breakdown of costs</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1252 1041 1332"> <tr> <td>Food Supplies (1 month @ £500/week)</td> <td>£5,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aldi Emergency Vouchers (25 × £10)</td> <td>£250.00</td> </tr> </table>	Food Supplies (1 month @ £500/week)	£5,500	Aldi Emergency Vouchers (25 × £10)	£250.00	<p>£5750</p>	<p>Award £5750</p>
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