**Item 4**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**
**Partick East/ Kelvindale Area Partnership**

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# Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide committee with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale as set out within section 3 of this report
2. Advise as to next steps

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that committee note this report and advise of their preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

## 1. Introduction

1.1. The Glasgow City Council 2022/23 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. £42,800 of this has been allocated to Partick East/ Kelvindale. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

1.2. It should be noted that factoring in procurement and tendering procedures that timescales for development of projects, allocation of spend, and delivery on the ground will vary across the current and next financial year. Whilst project budgets have been proposed based on costs for similar work elsewhere in the city in recent years, with usual contingencies we note current market volatility across a range of products, for example with tarring costs recently reported as increasing by 18%.

## 2. Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities in recent years to build participation and engagement around the use of open spaces, with this work taking an increased importance and a digital form over the last 2 years. This engagement has taken a number of different strands, and has arrived at some early greenspace actions, as well as exploring longer term ideas. This report seeks to provide a summary of engagement to date, details options for these early actions and sets out a timeline for delivery of these options once a decision is made.

2.2. As part of Glasgow's Food Growing Strategy, we have been inviting communities across Glasgow to share with us their ideas for land they consider to be potentially suitable for food growing.

2.3. In May 2020, 917 responses were received from Citizens in relation to survey in relation to the Ecological Emergency, with the top 5 ranked priorities for action being:

- Support planners and developers to step up protection and enhancement of green space and biodiversity
- Work with other public sector landowners to maximise green corridors and pollinator ways through the city
- Increase connections across the city between green spaces, for both people and wildlife Allocate more open space for nature in the city
- Increase planting of native trees and plant species on and around active travel routes

2.4 A report was submitted to the November meeting of the Area Partnership to seek to allocate the above funds. The Area Partnership subsequently agreed to fund the Dorchester Avenue play area. The remaining projects were agreed in principle, with breakdowns of costings requested for the next meeting of this partnership.

2.5 After consultation with Partick Community Council, the previous allocation made to Mansfield Park for tree planting will now be used for the creation of a path to the west side of the park. Dog fouling signage will also be installed.

2.6 Reallocated funds (£6900) from 2021/22 have now been allocated to play area enhancements at Walker Court.

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above, and where selected for action, will form the subject of further engagement.

## 3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

3.1 Options have been costed as follows:

| The following projects have been agreed in principle and are broken down as below. It is proposed the reallocated £6900 from 2021/22 is allocated towards improvements at Walker Court Play Area. | | | |
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| Location | Proposal | Quantity | Potential Budget |
| Mansfield Park | Fund installation of new backboards and straighten frame<br><br>Installation of path to the west side of the park (near games court)<br><br>Installation of dog fouling sign (pole mounted) | Item<br><br>Item<br><br>Item | £700<br><br>£5000<br><br>£1000 |
| Walker Court Play Area | Contribution towards installation of play tower and surfacing. | item | £9800 |
| Dowanhill Park | Further engagement with school required to finialise specification.<br><br>Planting of 6 additional trees near Havelock Street entrance and nursery building | Allowance<br><br>Item | £16,300<br><br>£1800 |

**4. Update on 2021/22 Allocations**

| Option Number | Proposal | Budget | Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.Dyce Park | Various works to kerb edgings, safety railings and footpath. | £9000 | At design, to be submitted to CPU Spring 2023. |
| 2. Dorchester Avenue Greenspace | Picnic bench, bench and new section of footpath | £6500 | Anticipated on site start Spring 2023. |
| 3. Binghams Pond Railings | Painting works | £6000 | Complete |
| 4. Binghams Pond | Installation of Picnic Bench | £2500 | Anticipated installation summer 2023 |
| 5. Hayburn Park | Installation of toddler Slide | £9000 | Anticipated installation summer 2023 |
| 6. Hayburn Park | Surfacing improvements around table tennis area. | £1500 | Anticipated installation summer 2023 |

**4.1 Update on ENV2 for Mansfield Park**

Officers from Parks Development met with Partick CC in January 2023 to discuss the available £21,680 capital ENV2 funding for amenity greenspace. Priority projects were agreed with the CC which included landscaping works, installation of picnic benches and wildflower planting. It should be noted that Officers discussed the resurfacing of the outdoor gym with the CC. Due to potential impacts on the surrounding trees and maintenance implications, the Service requires further consultation with arbor specialists and product manufacturers to determine the viability of the proposal.

## 5 Policy and Resource Implications

**Resource Implications:**

*Financial:* This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Linn

*Legal:* None

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

**Equality Impacts:**

*EQIA carried out:*

*Outcome: -*

**Sustainability Impacts:**

*Environmental: It is considered that the early actions set out in paragraph 3 would contribute to the recommendations of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan*

*Social:*

*Economic:*

## 6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report; and

(2) approves funding for its preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.