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Glasgow City Council

Dennistoun Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Dennistoun

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

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

Recommendations:

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.

Ward No(s): 22 Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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. £60,100 of this has been allocated to Dennistoun. 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%.

1.3. It is noted that there are seasonal windows for certain projects involving planting and habitats, namely:

1.3.1. September and April - seasonal windows for delivery of meadow creation

1.3.2. November -February - seasonal window for delivery of woodland creation and/or woodland management works on the ground

2. Local Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities months 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 3 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 land owners 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

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above.

3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

3.1 Whilst it is recognised that engagement with communities does not follow any external timescale, it is understood, where possible, that the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund is spent and projects delivered with the financial year 2022/23, and that many greenspace investment works are tied to certain seasons of the year. Where capital funding has been allocated, it is noted that projects will

involve time being set aside for the preparation of contract documents, procurement activity and lead in times for the delivery of materials.

3.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£60,100**				
Project Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
	Dennistoun			
1	Alexandra Park	The Friends of Alexandra Park will develop proposals with the Area Partnership and bring these back to the Area Partnership for approval		£12,100
	Royston			
2	Greenspace West of Rhymer Street	Bring forward proposals to enhance active travel, secure-by-design and biodiversity though works to planting, surfacing and signage	item	£10,000
3	MPGC at Glenconnor Park	Install lighting	item	£20,000
	Germiston			
4	Coll Place Greenspace	Proposals for a further phase of work to be brought forward following engagement activity being planned for Autumn 2022	item	£17,000
	Necropolis			
5	Glasgow Necropolis	Further phase of plant wildflower borders to highlight specific areas of the Necropolis. Budget would permit up to 833m2 of wildflower planting.		£1000

4. Updates on 21/22 Allocations

Location	Proposal	Update	Budget Allocation
Alexandra Park	Gateway feature with metal lettering and area of hard surfacing to Peace Garden.	Further site meeting held with stakeholders – Feb 23. Designs to be progressed	£17000
Corner sites within the ward	Review options for wildflowers, bulbs and benches at corner sites in Dennistoun	Further site meeting arranged for April 23 to review options.	£2250
Glenconnor Park	Installation of outdoor gym.	At design stage. Anticipated completion – Spring 2024	£14000
Hogarth Park	Upgrade of west entrance to park	Anticipated completion – Winter 2023.	£4750
Coll Place	Contribution to enhancement of greenspace	Consultation exercise undertaken in Aug 2022. Further engagement to take place in Spring 23 to refine scope of works.	£17000
Glasgow Necropolis	Wildflower planting to highlight specific heritage areas of the Necropolis	Complete	£1000
Firpark Street Entrance	Planting of bulbs, trees and wildflowers	Further engagement required with local stakeholders to assess security and suitability of further planting.	£4059

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 Dennistoun

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
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