GLASGOW COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
SHETTLESTON AREA PARTNERSHIP

Glasgow CITY COUNCIL

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Glasgow City Council

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Shettleston as set out within section 3 of this report; and
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): 19 Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐
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. £67,000 of this has been allocated to Shettleston. 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 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

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 2022-2023, 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 At the June meeting of the Partnership it was agreed that no decisions would be made and that proposals would be continued for consideration in conjunction with stakeholders. Further to site visits with stakeholders information has been added to the list of options provided below.

3.3 In addition to the options below, it is noted that a site visit was held to Buckingham Park Play Area with the play equipment noted as being in a suitable condition.

3.4 Officers met with representatives from Tollcross Housing Association to review the condition of Downfield Street Play Area. It was noted that the area had been subject to anti-social behaviour in the past, with equipment removed due to vandalism. It is was identified that Tollcross Housing Association would review any information they might hold about ages, interests and accessibility requirements of children living locally, and that they would meet with Police Scotland and our Neighbourhood Liaison Officer to discuss any secure by design enhancement to the space to address antisocial behaviour. This feedback, once received, could inform future funding bids.

3.5 Officers met on site with local representatives to discuss a range of opportunities for Mount Vernon Park. In addition to the options below, the potential for new accessible metal picnic benches was discussed, as was the potential for new play equipment for both older and younger children. It is considered that these measures were potentially within the scope of the funding from the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal fund, and this opportunity would be considered as part of this review.

3.6 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£67,000**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Mount Vernon Park	Additional foot path to support walking, wheeling and cycling @ £175 per m2	Allowance of 190 linear metres at 1.5m wide- Following site meeting a route has been identified from the entrance at	£49,875

			Kenmuir Avenue to the entrance opposite 92 Wester Road, avoiding tree roots. Design Plans will be prepared once funding confirmed and utility checks completed.	
2	Orchard Park Carmyle- further phase of investment	Additional item of play equipment– officers have contacted the Community Council to propose a new spinning cup, replacement of the ropes on the climbing frame and replacement of the dog grid with a self-closing gate	Item	£7,000
3	Clyde Walkway	Further to the site visit is it proposed to replace the boom gate and blocks with an alternative solution which aims to provide a more welcoming access to the Clyde Walkway whilst still excluding unauthorised vehicles and additional signage	Item	£5125
4	Greenspace near 21 River Road	Replace 4 benches and crown lift trees	item	£5000

4. Update on 2021/22 Allocations

Option No.	Location	Proposal	Status
1	Tollcross Park	Various works to improve access to Wellshot Rd from Nursery. Includes; surfacing, lighting & signage	Lighting enhancement complete. Anticipated start date on signage and pathworks – Q3 2023.
, 2	Shettleston Rd at Junction with Old Shettleston Rd	9 Semi-mature and 9 feathered trees into the plots and large scale bulb planting	A check of underground utilities has identified there are no locations on this plot where trees can safely be planted, officers propose that this funding is reallocated to Finhaven St greenspaces, a location suggested by Tollcross Housing Association on the walkround for greenspace enhancement
3	Tollcross Park	Creation of new outdoor learning spaces	Site walkround has identified enhancements to the hidden garden- Anticipated start date– Q4 2023.
4	Tollcross Park	New space within woodland to support Forest Schools	Locations identified near Muiryfauld Road tree thinning works planned for Winter 2023/24
5	Mount Vernon Park	Improve entrance at Kenmuir Avenue to support pedestrian and cycle access	Following a site meeting, proposals have been identified for a traffic calming and a walking route protected with bollards from the Kenmuir Avenue entrance towards the Centre
6	Orchard Park	Two replacement springies to play area	Officers have written to the Community Council to propose location and type of springies

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

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

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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