Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Linn Area Partnership

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Linn 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;

(2) approves funding for its 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. £71,800 of this has been allocated to Linn. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward to utilise the remaining unallocated balance.

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. Update on 2021/22 Allocations

- **Cathcart Castle Path Works –** Consultancy work currently at tender stage.
- **Linn Park Benches –** Benches have been ordered by Friends of Linn Park and are awaiting delivery.
- **Path Improvements Near Adventure Playground –** Works partially completed.
- **Additional Play Equipment at Linn Park –** Currently at design stage. Further engagement required with local stakeholders
- **Weed Fabric Boulders at Kings Park –** Grant award made to Friends of Kings Park.
- **Purchase of Trees at Kings Park –** Works completed.
- **Surface Water Management at Castlemilk Park Pond –** Works completed.

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 total allocation for Ward 1 is £71,800. Following the meetings of June and November 2022, the remaining balance for the ward is **£6,550**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Castlemilk Park Pond	An area of surface water adjacent to the path has occurred in recent years influenced by heavy winter rainfall associated with climate change- a series of measures to link this into the wider surface water management system being proposed and in doing so manage any risk to users of the path is proposed	Item	£2000
2	Linn Adventure Playground	Supplementary funding to replace a greater proportion of the trim trail than can be achieved utilising the £6000 allocated to date this financial year	Item	£4,550

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how 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 could contribute to the recommendations of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Social:

Economic:

5. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report; and

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