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Glasgow City Council

East Centre Area Partnership

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Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within East Centre
Purpose of Report: To provide the Partnership with: 1. Updates in relation to Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within East Centre as set out within section 2 of this report, and
Recommendations: It is recommended that the Partnership (1) notes this report .
Ward No(s): 18 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, £89,200 of which has been allocated to this Partnership. Further to the minutes of the last meeting of the Area Partnership, the following requested updates are provided.

2. Project updates

2.1. A review of unallocated capital balances currently held by GCC associated with contributions received from Developers under CityPlan RES 3 within distance thresholds for Danny's Park (Amenity Greenspace and Children's Play) and Greenfield Park (Amenity Greenspace, Informal Sport and Children's Play) has shown that there is no funding currently available. It may be that additional funds are received via this route in future, or from other funding sources, which may allow the picnic benches and slide at Greenfield Park to progress.

2.2. A request for a licence has been made to Nature Scot in relation to works adjacent to watervole habitat at Sandaig Park, and we expect to receive a response within 3 months.

2.3. In relation to the previous proposal for a Gruffalo trail at Halhill Road, Officers are in the process of reviewing options for use of the identified plot. Parks Development have been in contact with a rep from Friends of Barlanark and Springboig Greenspaces to discuss initial project proposals and further engagement will be required to further specify the scope of works. It should be noted that any works carried out within this area should consider water vole habitat and any road safety implications.

3. Update on 2021/ 22

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Status
1	Hogarth Park	Wildflower and bulb planting	Completed
2	Hogarth Park	Resurfacing works for active travel route	As agreed on 9th November 2022, funding previously recommended to be re-purposed for use at Abernethy play area has now been allocated to Path and Entrance works at Danny's Park
3	Lethamhill Road Play Area	Enhancements to play area, including renewal of play equipment	Site meeting with Friends of Lethamhill Park has been undertaken to share initial design proposal for play area works. NRS currently engaging with Friends of Lethamhill Park and Barlinnie Prison on further enhancement of the park.

4	Carntyne Square	Enhancement works, including planting and bench installations	Following further engagement with the community group limited demand for fruit trees or planters was identified, and extensive underground utilities identified. Officers will now bring forward proposals to replace non-native shrubs/planters within bulb and plug plants to enhance habitat and visual appeal
5	Sandaig Park	Removal of gym equipment and planting of wildflowers and bulbs	Please refer to point 2.2 above
6	Themed Walk at Halhill Road	Themed Walk with wooden carved fairy trail, bear hunt or Gruffalo theme with wildflower planting	Please refer to point 2.3 above

4. 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: None

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out:

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: None

Social: None

Economic: None

5. 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.