Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Garscadden/Scotstounhill

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. An update in relation to options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Garscadden/Scotstounhill from allocations made in 2021/22 and 22/23

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership
(1) notes this report;
(2) approves funding for the amended proposal for the greenspace at Danes

Drive and Kingsway

Ward No(s): 13	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. £75,600 of this has been allocated to Garscadden/Scotstounhill.

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. Projects funded from the 2022/23 Allocation

2.1 Area Partnership approved the undernoted options at their June meeting subject to further walkrounds and engagement, and the following updates are noted:

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Update
1	Clyde Walkway near Ellerslie Path	Planting works to 220m long stretch of embankment to improve biodiversity and colour, to include native bulbs, wildflower plug plants, understory planting and tree planting (at semi-mature size), whilst maintaining views. Costs include an allowance for the site being steeply sloping with limited access.	Officers will prepare proposals week commencing 6th February to inform a future walkround
2	Knightswood	Contribution towards a wider funding package and will form the subject of further	Site visit was held with Friends of Knightswood Park on the 26th January to take this forward

		engagement with Friends of Knightswood Park and local food groups in relation to deliver a Food Hub- to include growing, food distribution and addressing food poverty.	
3	Yoker Cycle Path	Additional phase of new finger signage at to promote active travel- additional 6 locations to build on the locations put forward within 2021/22 by the Glasgow Eco Trust	Made contact with Glasgow Eco Trust to progress

3. Projects funded from the 2021/22 Allocation

3.1 Options have been costed as follows:

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Update
1	Knightswood Park	New access point proposed into the park from Paladin Avenue which would provide access from the adjacent care home. Works would include new entrance opened up in the railings, pedestrian road barrier and new 30m stretch of tarmac footpath to meet existing golden gravel path	Works will be tendered during 2023
3	Knightswood Park	Paladin Avenue - New access point proposed into park which would provide access the	Works will be tendered during 2023

		towpath, schools and Great Western Road. New entrance added to railings, and new 30m section of tarmac footpath, and associated vegetation management and new tree planting	
	Knightswood Park	First phase of works to upgrade surface and widen existing golden gravel path to 1.8m tarmac path- 166 linear metres	Works will be tendered during 2023
4	Knightswood Park	Adjacent to burn- creation of wildflower meadows and extending the carr woodland habitat	75% of scope of works completed last autumn to define meadows in the park. the remaining works to form a planting event for late March when wildflowers are again available from suppliers the aim is also to introduce shrubby woodland species to form foraging and nesting habitat for birds and insects along the burn.
5	Yoker Cycle Path	New finger signage at to promote active travel- route	Works complete- combination of new signs and vinyls to update the content of the existing signage.
6	Greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway	Tree planting subject to more detailed engagement with the Housing Association	Following engagement by Kingsway Community Connections, it is now recommended that the £18,000 allocated to this location is instead utilised to deliver works to make entrances more attractive, planting of bulbs and plug plants, benches, picnic benches and enhancing the

			existing footpath network.
7	Knightswood Park and Yoker Recreation Ground	New Outdoor Learning Spaces to support Early Years, Out of School Care and Forest Schools, supporting 1140 hours and Curriculum for Excellence Locations to be identified following discussion between Area Partnership representatives, Education providers and NRS	Engagement ongoing

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council will be allocated

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:

5. Recommendations

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