**Item 3**

**14th February 2023**

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

**Pollokshields Area Partnership**

**Report by Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities**

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# Pollokshields Area Budget 2022/23: An introduction and applications for funding.

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership members with:

(1) An introduction to the Area Budget for new members of the Partnership;

(2) Details on the current Pollokshields Area Budget position; and

(3) recommendations on current applications for funding.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to:

1) note the introduction to the Area Budget;
2) note that a review of the area budget funding priorities will take place during 2022/23;
3) consider the change in funding as detailed below 16; and
4) note the current budget position for 2022/23.

**Purpose of report.**

1. This report provides new members of the Area Partnership with an introduction to the Area Budget; details the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget; and makes recommendations on current applications for funding.

**Introduction.**

2. The Area Budget is part of the Glasgow Communities Fund. Funds are provided by Glasgow City Council (GCC) with decisions on applications made by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's 23 Area Partnerships. The 2022/23 Area Budget allocations (see Appendix 1) were agreed by GCC's City Administration Committee, as part of a three-year package of funding, on 12th March 2020.

3. The allocations to Area Partnerships are based on a base allocation for all Area Partnerships, with the remainder based on population and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020. A breakdown of the allocation per Area Partnership can be found in appendix 5 to the report approved by the City Administration Committee on 12th March 2020.

4. The budgets are intended to be used to provide grants to local community and voluntary organisations to provide services that will help to achieve the Area Partnership's local priorities and Glasgow City Council's/Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's objectives. Area Partnerships can also provide financial support to Council services and partner organisations but only if the proposal demonstrates a fit with local priorities, the involvement of local communities and is additional to their core remit.

**Area Budget Scheme.**

5. The Area Budget aims to provide an efficient scheme that allows wide access to funding whilst ensuring that funding is a) targeted at local priorities and b) complements and is consistent with the overall objectives of Glasgow City Council/Glasgow Community Planning Partnership. To achieve this, the scheme provides:

   - a simple application process to encourage wider participation;
   - a consistent assessment process;
   - an accountable decision making process; and
   - efficient grant management and monitoring processes.

6. Area Budget application forms, guidance notes, investment priorities and deadlines for submission of applications can be found on the Council's website at: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18748.

7. **Investment Priorities**: Area Partnerships have agreed local investment priorities for use of the Area Budget. Area Partnerships should seek to allocate funding to applicants that will assist in the delivery of their locally agreed priorities. However, Area Partnerships will be able to discuss applications that do not fit with the investment priorities but that make a strong case for consideration. In determining whether a strong case has been made, Area Partnership should consider whether the application:
   a. Demonstrates a fit with the wider Council or Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities;
   b. Demonstrates clearly: a response to an identified need within the local community; that it has involved the local community in its development; and will benefit the local community;

c. Provides a response to new or emerging issues (which had not previously been identified as an investment priority); or
d. Responds to "exceptional circumstances"

8. **Application Process**: The application process has been simplified in recent years through the introduction of a streamlined application form, a central contact point for the recording and processing of all applications.

9. **Assessing Area Budget Applications**: At every Area Partnership meeting, an Area Budget report is presented that provides members with details of

- Any funding returned (e.g. for projects that have not taken place) to the Area Budget;
- Awards made through Delegated Authority, (See Section 47 of the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions here)
- Any Ineligible applications;
- The Area Budget balance prior to the meeting;
- A summary of Area Budget applications for consideration at the meeting, including officer recommendations.

10. Prior to making a recommendation, officers undertake an assessment on all Area Budget applications. To ensure consistency, officers are guided by an Area Budget Operations Manual. In summary, the key features of the assessment are:

- Determining Area Budget Eligibility: The Area Budget Eligibility Criteria covers
  - The applicant's governance arrangements;
  - any outstanding financial and/or monitoring issues relating to a previous award;
  - Applications from a public sector organisation must demonstrate that the activity/service for which funding is requested is additional to its core remit(s);
  - The Application must *"fit with local Priorities"* and if not, make a "strong case for consideration" to be eligible. All Area Partnerships will be invited to review their investment priorities during 2022/23; and
  - Does the application request funding for eligible items/activities.

- Assessment of Application's Merits : If deemed to be eligible, the application will be assessed against the following three questions:

  - Has sufficient information been provided about the proposed activity/service to make a recommendation?
  - What will be the impact of the application if Area Budget funding is granted?
  - Is the application properly costed?

11. **Making a Recommendation**: Following the assessment, an officer will make a recommendation on each application from one of the following four options:

- **Approve**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application that provided sufficient details on what the requested funding was to be used for, the impact that the funding would have and was costed properly;
- **Reject**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application that has been assessed as not meriting Area Budget funding. The reason(s) for this recommendation would normally relate to an unsatisfactory assessment around the impact and/or cost of the application.
- **For Consideration**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application for which **insufficient information** has been provided to make an approve/reject recommendation but it **is time critical** for a decision to be made at the next Area Partnership meeting; and

- **Continue for Further Information:** This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application for which **insufficient information** has been provided to make an approve/reject recommendation and it **is not time critical** for a decision to be made at the next AP meeting;

12. If the recommendation is to approve, the officer will then take into account the following factors when determining the decision making process and the amount to recommend.

    - The recommended minimum and maximum awards:

      There is a minimum award of £300 for all Area Partnership awards and a maximum award of 10% of the Area Partnership's annual budget – this applies to any single organisation for one or more projects. The Area Partnership may choose to exceed the maximum award if it deems there are exceptional circumstances.

      There are also maximum awards for specific activities:
      - ✓ £350 for bus trips
      - ✓ £500 for team strips
      - ✓ £1,000 for residential trips
      - ✓ £5,000 for community events

    - Whether any conditions, in addition to the Council's standard conditions of grant, should be applied to an award.

**2022/23 Area Budget Allocation**

13. Glasgow City Council's City Administration Committee, on 12th March 2020, allocated funding for Area Partnerships for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23, subject to available resources. The budget for Pollokshields Area Partnership for 2022/23 is £62.408.19."

14. The remainder of this report provides details on: the funding allocated to date; any funding that has been returned to the budget; recommendations on current applications for Area Budget funding.

**Area Budget Expenditure to date**

15. To date, Pollokshields Area Partnership has committed a total of £62,408.19 (100% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward.

**Area Budget funding**

16. The Area Partnership is asked to consider the following –

    At the meeting on 30th November this partnership awarded £4,168 to Inhouse Event Solutions towards the cost of renovation and preparation of the Queens Park Arena site and to develop the 2023 programme of events, which was conditional on funding for the 2023 programme being approved. A similar amount was also awarded, with the same condition, by both Langside and Southside Central Area Partnerships. An application was submitted to GCC for the Glasgow Communities Fund to cover the cost of the 2023 programme, however this was unsuccessful. Following this Inhouse Event Solutions has provided the following response and advised that a programme for 2023 will still be developed and delivered and now request the funding be released-

*We do have multiple active funding applications in progress at this time, including meetings with Creative Scotland, Film Hub Scotland, HLF and other organisations. We are also exploring other methods of revenue generation such as private fundraising, sponsorship, and donations.*

*Our original intentions for this year were to run the program for the full duration of the summer (50 days approx), but due to the non-recommendation for GCF funding, we have had to reduce the number of days on-site by 55% and require more events that are charged. This is due to the increased workload that we will now have to manage voluntarily and with supported in-kind time.*

*Despite this, we will still have a substantial amount of programming and free events as previously mentioned, 24 days, 70% of which will be free to attend. Even in the worst-case scenario, we will guarantee a minimum of 24 day programs (12 hours live site every day), which as in previous years, we will personally finance the vast majority of if necessary. This is far from ideal and takes a significant personal sacrifice on the core team who will be working year-round to develop*

*This project which, over the last 2 years alone, has financed and developed free events for more than 50,000 attendees at the venue. We hope this speaks to our commitment to developing positive social and cultural experiences for the people in our local community.*

*The absence of GCF funding makes the importance of receiving the LAP award even more critical for planning the still substantial free event program. This helps get the ball rolling and preparing QPA for another year in use by us and the public throughout the year.*

**Recommendations**

17. Pollokshields Area Partnership is asked to:

a. note the introduction to the Area Budget;
b. note the current budget position for 2022/23; and
c. consider the change in use as outlined at number 16

**Appendix 1**

**Pollokshields Area Partnership applications for 2022-2023**

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| **Pollokshields Area Partnership Budget** | **£62,408.19** |
| **Funding Awarded 8th February 2022** | **£16,070.00** |
| **Funding Awarded 21st June 2022** | **£ 2,200.00** |
| **Funding Awarded 13th September 2022** | **£26,952.00** |
| **Funding Awarded 30th November 2022** | **£17,186.19** |
| **Balance remaining if all applications approved** | **£ 00.00** |

**Funded Approved 2022/23**

**February 2022 - £16,070**
**June 2022 - £ 2,200**
**September 2022 - £26,952**
**November 2022 - £17,186.19**
**Total - £62,408.19**

| PRN | Orginisation | Award | Date of approval |
|---|---|---|---|
| 281/21 | Pollokshields Heritage | £3,000 | 8th February 2022 |
| 004/09 | Southside Fringe | £1,650 | 8th February 2022 |
| 304/21 | New Victoria Gardens | £3,000 | 8th February 2022 |
| 313/21 | Reclaim the lane | £4,130 | 8th February 2022 |
| 548/19 | Ready Steady Grow | £2,000 | 8th February 2022 |
| 312/21 | Pollokshields Primary PC | £790 | 8th February 2022 |
| 185/13 | The Strathbungo Society | £1,500 | 8th February 2022 |
| tbc | Festive Lights- Langside Hall Tree | £1,200 | 21st June 2022 |
| tbc | Shawlands – Granary Tree | £3,600 ( approved but not from AP budget) | 21st June 2022 |

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| 031/22 | 45th Glasgow Boys Brigade | £1,000 | 21st June 2022 |
| 104/22 | Youth Diversionary | £5,880 | 13th September 2022 |
| tbc | Southside Housing Association | £450 | 13th September 2022 |
| tbc | The Hidden Gardens | £4,829 | 13th September 2022 |
| 004/19 | Southside Fringe | £1,609 | 13th September 2022 |
| 130/22 | Glasgow Life – Linn Park | £1,321 | 13th September 2022 |
| 113/22 | Southside Glasgow Childcare Forum | £3,333 | 13th September 2022 |
| 141/22 | YCSA | £3,875 | 13th September 2022 |
| 524/13 | The Nan Mckay | £2,055 | 13th September 2022 |
| tbc | Christmas Lights – DA Kildrostan St | £3,600 | 13th September 2022 |
| 249/17 | The Strathbungo Society | £1,900 | 30th November 2022 |
| 261/20 | In House Solutions -QPA | £4,167 | 30th November 2022 |
| tbc | Active Schools – winter activities | £800 | 30th November 2022 |
| tbc | Active Schools - kits | £500 | 30th November 2022 |
| 465/15 | Craigton PTA | £500 | 30th November 2022 |
| | Southside HA on behalf of consortium of local orginisations | £8,319.19 | 30th November 2022 |