Item 7

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Glasgow City Council

Langside Area Partnership

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Use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Langside

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Southside Central 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.

Ward No(s): 7 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. £46,500 of this has been allocated to Langside. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward, with £18,300 allocated at an earlier meeting.

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. Options for consideration by the Area Partnership

A balance of £28,200 remains to be allocated				
Project Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment. It is noted that Southside Central Area Partnership has allocated £20,000 from this fund, with a bid to Pollokshields Area Partnership for £10,000 being continued for further consideration, with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed. It is noted that this location is recommended for investment by the Queens Park	item	£10,000

		Working Group, which has representation from a range of organisations both within the park and the surrounding communities, with the scope and therefore final funding package being informed by engagement work being undertaken with children and families, and any recent developer contributions which may become available to spend.		
2	Queens Park Recreation Ground	Construction of link path from Prospecthill Road to recreation ground. This is in addition to the previously allocated £25,400 from 2021/22 due to an amendment to the width of the path, and a proposed allocation of £51,800 from NRS funding and unused allocations from option 2 from the 2021/22 funding.	Allowance	Construction of Path (2m): £18,200
3	Battlefield Monument	Improvement works including; - Cleaning of lower stone surface on monument - Repair of lights (Provisional estimate) - Contribution to further phase of landscaping works. Potential joint project with SRUC to implement and maintain any agreed planting.	 Allowance Allowance Allowance	 £9000 £2000 £1500

4	Queens Park- entrances and footpaths from Langside Avenue	Raise low lying sections of footpath to improve resilience during periods of heavy rainfall and install benches. It is noted that this location is recommended for investment by the Queens Park Working Group, which has representation from a range of organisations both within the park and the surrounding communities.		£17,500

3 Update on 2021/22 Allocations

Project Number	Location	Proposal	Budget	Status
1	Ardmay Park	Installation of x2 benches	£900	Installation planned for Summer 2023
2	Ardmay Park and surrounds Habitat Creation	Bulb and plug planting	£7200	Works complete- any balance of funds not required are recommended for reallocation to item 7 to support an increased width of path
3	Queens Park Recreation Ground	Feasibility Study, Design Work and engagement to examine options to renew Skatepark	£6000	Procurement process to be progressed in 2023
4	Queens Park Recreation Ground	2 new benches and 1 wheelchair accessible picnic bench	£3462	Installation planned for Summer 2023
5	Cathkin Park	X2 Benches to be installed	£900	Installation planned for Summer 2023
6	Art Bollards on corner of Clincart Road	Art Bollards to define public space near	£1758	Community Council progressing

	and McLennan Street	corner of Clincart Road and McLennan Street		through grant allocation
7	Queens Park Recreation Ground	New Entrance and Footpath from Prospecthill Rd	£25,400	Further funding currently being sought from 2022/23 allocation to reconfigure and extend width of path surface.
8	Public space near Bolton Drive/Clincart Road	2 new benches to complement forthcoming planters	£900	Installation planned for Summer 2023

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 within Langside.

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

5.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

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