Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Shettleston Area Partnership

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

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

Ward No(s): 19 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. £67,000 of this has been allocated to Shettleston. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

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. Local Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities' months to build participation and engagement around the use of open spaces, with this work taking an increased importance and a digital form over the last 2 years. This engagement has taken a number of different strands, and has arrived at some early greenspace actions, as well as exploring longer term ideas. This report seeks to provide a summary of engagement to date, details options for these early actions and sets out a timeline for delivery of these options once a decision is made.

2.2. As part of Glasgow's Food Growing Strategy, we have been inviting communities across Glasgow to share with us their ideas for land they consider to be potentially suitable for food growing.

2.3. In May 2020, 917 responses were received from Citizens in relation to survey in relation to the Ecological Emergency, with the top 5 ranked priorities for action being:

- Support planners and developers to step up protection and enhancement of green space and biodiversity
- Work with other public sector landowners to maximise green corridors and pollinator ways through the city
- Increase connections across the city between green spaces, for both people and wildlife Allocate more open space for nature in the city
- Increase planting of native trees and plant species on and around active travel routes

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above.

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 2022-2023, 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 At the June meeting of the Partnership it was agreed that no decisions would be made and that proposals would be continued for consideration in conjunction with stakeholders. The Service intends to write to local stakeholders to seek their views on where funds should be allocated. Based on feedback received, Parks Development Officers will arrange site visits. It is anticipated these site visits would be undertaken during December / early January. A report will be presented to the February meeting of the partnership thereafter.

3.3 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£67,000**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Mount Vernon Park	Additional foot path to support walking, wheeling and cycling @£95 per linear metre	Allowance of 377 linear metres- route to be agreed on site with local stakeholders	£35,815
2	Mount Vernon Park	Additional benches 2 no.	£450 ea.	£900
3	Orchard Park Carmyle- further phase of investment	Additional item of play equipment- to be selected in discussion with Community Council	Item	£17,000
4	Clyde Walkway	Additional bulb and tree planting and enhancements to footpaths	Item	£13,285

5 Update on 2021/22 Allocations

Option No.	**Location**	**Proposal**	**Status**
1	Tollcross Park	Various works to improve access to Wellshot Rd	Lighting enhancement complete. Anticipated start

		from Nursery.Includes; surfacing, lighting & signage	date on pathworks – August 2024. Signage works to be undertaken in 2023.
2	Shettleston Rd at Junction with Old Shettleston Rd	11 Semi-mature and 11 feathered trees into the verges	At tender, locations to be confirmed before planting in Spring 2023
3	Tollcross Park	Creation of new outdoor learning spaces	Further walkaround required to confirm proposals
4	Tollcross Park	New space within woodland to support Forest Schools	Further walkaround required to confirm proposals
5	Mount Vernon Park	Improve entrance at Kenmuir Avenue to support pedestrian and cycle access	Officers to produce layout designs for discussion with Community Hall.
6	Orchard at Carmyle Park	Two replacement springies to play area	Locations to be agreed with Community Council prior to installation

6 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 Shettleston

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

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:

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report; and

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