Item 4

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Glasgow City Council

Pollokshields Area Partnership

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Pollokshields as set out within section 2 of this report

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): 6	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. It is noted that £49,800 of this has been allocated to Pollokshields. 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 over recent 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 3 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 land owners 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 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 Following the June meeting of the Partnership, Officers were requested to write to community groups requesting they submit suggested projects for consideration. The options listed below therefore include additional projects put forward by community partners.

3.3 It is noted that officers received details of the allocation to Glasgow City Council from the Scottish Government for Play Area Renewal for the next 3 year period on the 31st August 2022. Officers are currently gathering data to support the allocation process within Glasgow and intend to align this with other sources of play area capital funding including those currently and potentially available via developer contributions, and would intend to review the play areas within this ward as part of this exercise. A paper will be brought to the appropriate Council committee on this in due course.

3.4 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Please note, due to the level of feedback obtained from partners, the current list of projects is currently oversubscribed.
Chosen projects should total: **£49,800**

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Bellahouston Park- Play Area next to Glasgow Club Bellahouston	Supply and install new item of play equipment. The remaining £3000 associated with this installation will be funded from other sources.	item	£15,000
2	Maxwell Square Play Area	Suggestion received from Pollokshields Primary Parent Council- bring forward proposals for 3 items of outdoor gym- Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing	item	£11,800
3	Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment. It is	item	£10,000

		noted that recommendations are also being brought forward to Area Partnerships for Ward 7 & 8 (with £20,000 funding approved by ward 8, and consideration being continued for ward 7), 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 Working Group, which has representation from a range of organisations both within the park and the surrounding communities.		
4	Bellahouston Park – Fencing Works	Allowance for additional fencing, in addition to the approved fencing works from 2021/22, where an existing 145m of fencing is to be installed. Panel sections on Paisley Road West and Dumbreck Road have been identified as in need of repair.	Allowance	£13000
5	Children's Play Area next to Craigton Primary School	To enhance the durability of the surrounding mesh fencing, it was suggested as part of a meeting with community representatives, that the size of the replacement goal end is increased, since this would then receive the bulk of the ball impacts, rather than	item	£13,000

		the mesh fencing- this cost represents the uplift in price from that allowed for in the 2021/22 bid. The remaining £100 costs associated with this installation will be funded from other sources.		
6	Minto Crescent – Craigton	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3no. benches.	Item	£9000
7	Fleurs Avenue	Remove slabbed path and replace with tarmac surface. Crown lift adjacent trees.	Item	£4000
8	Bellahouston Park – Children's train play equipment	Repair of damage	Allowance	£500
9	Urrdale Road	Landscape enhancements to be developed in conjunction with stakeholders	Allowance	£7000

5 Update on 2021/22

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1	Bellahouston Park	Crown lifting and removal of epicormic growth, including thinning works	£1500	A site visit has been held with the Friends of Bellahouston Park to agree priority locations and works are to be carried out by our contractor prior to April 2023
2	Bellahouston Park	Painting of park railings	£468	Site meeting held with Sacro 03/11/22 to agree scope of works which are planned to be carried out prior to April 2023, which we note will require a period of forecast dry weather for

				the paint fence to be applied. The Friends of Bellahouston Park has identified Bellahouston Drive and Paisley Road West as priority locations, with black paint to match Mosspark Boulevard.
3	Bellahouston Park	Fencing works (145m)	£17,400	A site visit has been held with the Friends of Bellahouston Park to agree Bellahouston Drive (from Ladybank Drive up) as the priority location for fence replacement. We expect to receive tender returns back June 2023, with works programmed thereafter.
4	Craigton Primary School Play Area	Replacement of goals and play equipment	£10,900	Our contractor will undertake fencing repairs week ending 20th November. Play Equipment Repairs will be undertaken in February 2023 once parts received from the supplier. It was noted at the site meeting with the community stakeholders that a larger size of goal end than costed for was considered to have benefits in terms of supporting the durability of the surrounding mesh fencing. An option for the Area Partnership to fund this uplift in goal end size is therefore included in Section 3 of this report.
5	Road end planter/flower bed at the eastern end of McCulloch Street	Repair of wall. Supply of plants and materials to support planting activities by local residents	£750	Wall works complete and we will now liaise with local stakeholders in relation to supply of plants and materials
	Road end planter/flower bed on	Repair of wall. Supply of plants and materials to Pollokshields Space	£750	Wall works complete and we will now liaise with local stakeholders

	Darnley Road end planter/flower bed Street at Leslie Street	Force to support planting activities by local residents		in relation to supply of plants and materials
6	Greenspace at corner of Heriott St and Leslie St	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to installing social benches, thermoplastic ground coverings and variety of planting as part of the Beyond the Walls Project.	£4500	Tree works complete. Further works planned ending 20th November
7	Greenspace at corner of Leslie St and Kier St	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to installing social benches, thermoplastic ground coverings and variety of planting as part of the Beyond the Walls Project.	£4500	Tramway have identified £70,000 of funding which is available to supplement both this sum and Project 9, to expand the community engagement activity, artist involvement and to deliver additional works across both sites. Officers note considerable advantages in our aligning our programme with theirs, in terms of volume-based savings for works, and not asking community stakeholders to contribute to two engagement activities and have the site out of use during two contactor site operations on a small site within a comparatively short time period. We note their programme of carrying out engagement across Q4 2022 and Q1 2023, and of carrying out works Q2-3 2023.
8	Greenspace at corner Leslie St and Forth St.	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to	£4500	Tramway have identified £70,000 of funding which is available to supplement both this

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9	Greenspace at corner of Waverley Gdns and Minard Rd	Various soft and hard landscaping works	£4500	Officers await an instruction from the owners of the greenspace in relation to the scope of works which sit outwith the current maintenance agreement, namely the gate, path and bench. This service will delivery works within the scope of the current maintenance agreement, which will include bulb planting and installation of a bat box to be completed week ending 20th November

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 Pollokshields

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:

9. Recommendations

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