Item 7

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Glasgow City Council

Baillieston Area Partnership

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Baillieston 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): 20 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. £54,900 of this has been allocated to Baillieston. 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 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 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

2.1 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 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider.
The projects listed below total over the available funding of: £54,900
Chosen projects should total: £54,900

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Broomhouse Park	Install outdoor gym equipment	item	£35,000
2	Broomhouse Park	Crown lifting to trees to perimeter	item	£1500
3	Sherbourne Park	Invest in active travel routes to support walking and wheeling (surfacing and directional signage) bulb and wildflower plug planting, tree planting, the creation of wetland habitat and surface water management		£15,000
4	Barrachnie Park	Invest in active travel routes to support walking and wheeling (surfacing and directional signage) bulb and wildflower plug planting, tree planting		£15,000
5	Garrowhill Drive greenspace, Barachnie Cross	Resurface tar paths and install 1 no. bench Plants to include shrub, perennial and bulb planting and associated planting materials		£4000 £2100
6	Mount Vernon Avenue, Barachnie Cross	'Parklets' as per those used for Spaces for People, to be located at either end of the shops along Mount Vernon Avenue. To include seating and planting.		£9000
7	Greenspace/park at Baillieston Road/Hamilton Road (plots 250-	Tar surfacing to existing path leading to proposed new bench. Install new fencing and gates to entrance area		£9900

	253)	(10m) Bulb planting Add new fencing to stone Walling Remove Cherry Tree		 £300 £12,000 £2200
8	Wellhouse Crescent Play Area	Subject to Watervole survey, install new outdoor gym. Location tbc. New path and gate between primary school and park		£35000 £12000
9	Glenburn Place Park Play Area	Funding allocated directly to Glenburn Centre for improvements to Play area. Removal of teeter totter installation of new inclusive roundabout and associated surfacing repairs Removal of basket swing and installation of climbing apparatus Paint existing equipment		 £8500 £12500 £950
10	Glenburn Place Park Sensory garden	Christmas tree (for planting 2023) Planting Plaque		£650 £1000 £300
11	Swinton Park Play Area	Paint benches, repair/replace double and single springees, clean and repair carpet and re-apply sand layer		£4200
12	Swinton Park	Signage – archway design, over 2 no. tar path entrances		£7500

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 Baillieston

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

(1) notes this report; and

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