Additional Item

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Linn Area Partnership

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – Linn Ward

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund towards Linn Park and Castlemilk Park.
2. Information on external funding for both parks
3. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership
(1) notes this report;
(2) approves funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

1. Linn Park Rockfall

1.1. In October 2021 a section of footpath network leading from Greenock Avenue was temporarily closed due to evidence of rockfall within this section of Linn park.

1.2. The footpath from Greenock Avenue is an accessible entrance to the park, it is part of an active travel route, it connects communities between Cathcart, Simshill and further into through the park to Castlemilk and Netherlee. Although there are other entrance points to the park, these limit an accessible approach, or active travel options for those who walk and wheel.

1.3. Due to the complexity of any remedial works, Parks Development engaged a Geotechnical consultant to carry out an options appraisal on necessary interventions required. This highlighted budget requirements for any works, which the Service has since been actively considering.

1.4. In consideration of the options within the report, the Service has identified the requirement for a catch fence within the higher risk sections of the footpath. Once this fence is installed, the temporary fence currently in place can be removed.

Funding Proposal

1.5. Both Parks Development and the Friends of Linn Park (FoLP) have been engaging with Paths for All (PfA). PfA have launched the 'Ian Findlay Fund', which is available to community groups in the improvement and access to local paths, particularly those which promote active travel. PfA have provided indication that the project would be eligible for this fund.

1.6. The total estimated cost of this work is £185,000. This includes pre survey work, project management and construction costs.

1.7. It is proposed that Friends of Linn Park lead an application to Paths for All for £100,000 from the Ian Findlay Fund, with the remainder of the funding required to be provided from the Infrastructure Fund. As part of the funding conditions for this grant, a percentage match fund must be evidenced ahead of monies being approved from PfA.

1.8. The Service is therefore seeking an in-principle approval of **£85,000** from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund in order to progress this project. This funding would allocate funds towards both pre-construction and construction phases of works, including; appointment of Project Manager, appointment of consultant to undertake design and survey work and end construction works.

Next Steps

1.9. Initial discussions on this proposal have been held with PfA in relation to submitting an application to the Iain Findlay Fund. With the support of GCC, The Friends of Linn Park (FoLP) will subsequently lead on an application to

this fund. This will firstly involve submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI). Upon any successful full application thereafter, the Service will support FoLP in the delivery of the project.

2. Castlemilk Park Lighting

2.1. NRS have been working in collaboration with Cassiltoun Housing Association (CHA) for a number of years in the management and Maintenance of Castlemilk Park. This includes the improvement of Parks' infrastructure.

2.2. It has been highlighted to NRS that existing columns around the pond are not operational. This is a well used route for the local residents and forms part of the main footpath network through the park, as well as being a route to the Jeely Piece Club.

2.3. It should also be noted, as part of this project a range of environmental improvements within the area will be undertaken, including; vegetation clearance, drainage works, planting activities and the involvement of local volunteers.

Funding Proposal

2.4. CHA have successfully applied for funding to the Iain Findlay Fund for the full replacement of lighting columns within this section of Castlemilk Park. Total project costs have been costed at £129,000. As a condition of the funding from PfA, they require a contribution from GCC, therefore Officers would recommend the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund as an appropriate funding. We are therefore seeking funds of **£7370**.

Next Steps

2.5. Upon approval of this allocation, the Service will work alongside CHA in the procurement of relevant contractors to undertake this work.

3. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how investment identified as part of the 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Linn

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out:

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: Both schemes are considered to support active travel , twenty minute neighborhood and cycling initiatives. Both schemes are being designed in conjunction with available biodiversity data held by GCC and partner organisations.

Social:

Economic:

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report; and

(2) approves funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund for Linn Park Rockfall (£85K) and Castlemilk Park Lighting (£7370).