**Item 3**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**
**Pollokshields Area Partnership**

**Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability**

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# Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – progress update

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with an update in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, highlight issues to date and provide recommendations as how best to move forward as efficiently as possible.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report.

**Introduction and progress to date**

1. The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund provides an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at scale with an approved budget in 2021/22 of £23m, allocated £1m per ward. The budget assigned the decision making with regard to spend to Area Partnerships.

2. The suggested high-level process to support this was to follow the previous Parks Development Fund, as approved in the 2020/21 budget, where officers presented to each Area Partnership costed options that had already been surveyed, internally prioritised accordingly to strategic priorities and ready to implement, albeit alternative options were invited.

3. Options reports in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund were presented to all Area Partnerships in Spring 2022, across a number of infrastructure categories, and feedback from some was that this process required wider community input to determine what residents would like to see the money spent on.

4. it was suggested that options presented could be circulated to Community Councils and other Partnership Organisations for their feedback and some have done so or are in the process of doing so.

5. Also, in parallel, the Centre of Civic Innovation within NRS is developing a citizen engagement model to support this process as well as future initiatives. The draft recommendations from this piece of work are expected at the end of May 2023, albeit Area Partnerships are not required to wait for this to be concluded before committing plans for some or all of their £1m allocation.

6. It is worth noting that this funding is capital expenditure and therefore can be carried forward to be spent in future financial years.

7. The team are keen to support the process in as meaningful a way as possible within existing resources business as usual activities and departmental priorities and are therefore proposing to pull together a high-level costing menu to assist with decision making as well as suggesting a desktop exercise until projects are approved by the Area Partnership before meeting onsite or a financial tolerance as it is impractical to deploy staff for small scale investment across all wards. We are also proposing the development of a template and process for submissions to ensure consistency as currently these are being directed to a number of staff in a range of formats which is proving challenging to manage.

8. This is a capital fund and the intention is that it is spent on physical improvements in communities. This could include, but is not limited to, roads, footways, lighting, trees, street furniture, CCTV or park equipment.

**Summary**

Wider community involvement in decision making will continue moving forward and this process has and continues to be a learning experience for all involved in participatory budgeting. It is important that we all work together to improve the process and experience by understanding what works well and what requires to be changed, by analysing feedback from all involved, in order to manage expectation as well as possible to deliver the best outcomes for citizens from this significant investment opportunity. We would welcome any feedback or additional suggestions that Area Partnerships have to inform this process.

**Pollokshields: Ward 6 NIF Update**

From the Pollokshields Area Partnership in February 2023, NRS were requested to seek input from all of the ward 6 Community Councils regarding their comments on the suite of options provided from the June 2022 partnership meeting.

All of the Pollokshields Community Councils have responded to this and now further agreements will need to be sought from the Area Partnership as to their proposed route of progression. Different levels of information and formatting was received from the Community Councils therefore further works must be carried out, with restricted resources in order to understand the costed proposals which should be carried out.

Having considered the general feedback, we would propose a further discussion on the following points as a way forward at this stage.

1. **Allocate around £400k to immediate local priorities.**

This should be allocated, as far as possible, to each part of the ward, taking into account population and SIMD, in a similar way as funding is currently allocated to Area Partnerships. Advice is needed from officers in relation to this, an SIMD map is captured in Appendix 1 below.

Funding should not be committed to proposals that are scheduled (or will be scheduled in 23/24) as part of BAU activity, therefore NRS have updated the previous costing sheet from June 2022, found in Appendix 2. The available options have been made clear and each section totalled.

It can be agreed by the partnership that Funding should not be committed to proposals that are likely to be supported by other means (e.g. play park renewal fund) or which could be scoped into other projects (e.g. City Network implementation), however officers are happy to discuss with the partnership as items arise.

Once necessary advice has been received, an informal AP meeting can be held prior to recess to agree which proposals will be funded, with a view to those being formally agreed at the September meeting.

## 2. Allocate around £100k to improving our local parks

Allocations for works in Queens Park should be shared with wards 7 and 8.

Allocations for works in Bellahouston Park should be shared with wards 4 and 5.

Allocations for works in Maxwell Park, Titwood Park and Maxwell Square Park should be funded entirely from ward 6.

As an immediate priority, agree funding of £16,000 for the production of a Development Plan for Queens Park. The Development consultation which South Seeds will lead on is in two phases and the total cost is £40,000 (plus VAT). Southside Central AP has agreed to this split and Langside AP have agreed to await the NIF consultation going live later in the year and could potentially assist with their split funding the second phase.

Based on feedback, Parks Development will be invited to attend further discussions and will be asked to provide advice and information on:
Cost surface water drainage improvements to local parks as a priority, more information to be sought by officers on locations.
Propose any other improvement priorities which would not otherwise be funded.
Bring any costed proposals to an informal meeting of the AP prior to recess, with a view to those being formally agreed at the September meeting. Officers to discuss further.

## 3. Consider consultation allocation

Keep remaining balance (£500k) back pending outcomes of recent or pending consultations (e.g. Albert Drive public realm works) for allocation in future years.

Appendix 3 highlights some brief points for further discussion from Community Council feedback.

## Recommendations

4. The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report and feedback any additional suggestions it may have to inform the process moving forward.

Appendix 1: Ward 6 SIMD overlay with local amenities, awaiting numbers from NRS colleagues.




Population – From the [Glasgow Neighbourhoods dashboard]

| Neighbourhood | Population (from latest data 2019) |
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| Bellahouston/ Craigton/ Mosspark | 8849 |
| Pollokshields East | 7948 |
| Pollokshields West | 7158 |
| Shawlands/ Strathbungo | 9501 |

Appendix 2:

| **The following is the updated status of the suite of resurfacing projects presented to the Area Partnership to consider in June 2022.** | | | |
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| **Carriageway Resurfacing Schemes** | | | |
| **Street** | **Limits** | **Estimate** | **Comments** |
| Nithsdale Road | Darnley Street to Glencairn Drive | £50,750.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Helen Street | Roundabout at Paisley Road West | £29,750.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Helen Street | Above M8 motorway | £70,000.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Albert Drive | Shields Road to Darnley Street | £136,500.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |

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| Shields Road | From No.445 (Ladbrokes) to St Andrews Drive | £24,150.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Kenmure Street | Leven Street to Nithsdale Road | £25,300.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Shawhill Road | Pollokshaws Road to Prospect Road | £77,000.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Woodrow Road | Woodrow Court to Albert Drive | £40,250.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Leslie Street | Shields Road to Kenmure Street | £73,500.00 | Programmed for completion 2023/24 |
| Barfillan Drive | Jura Street to No.80 | £119,000.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Shields Road | At Maxwell Road | £12,250.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Kilmarnock Road | At Pollokshaws Road | £17,500.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Moss side Road | No.12 to Pollokshaws Road | £25,200.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Ettrick Place | Full Length | £14,700.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Darnley Street | Outside No.130 | £6,300.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Aytoun Road | Nithsdale Road to St Andrews Drive | £71,750.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Hexham Gardens | Full Length | £23,000.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Ravenswood Drive | Pollokshaws Road to Perevil Avenue | £41,400.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Leven Street | Nithsdale Place to Darnley Street | £57,040.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Lora Drive | Kirkdale Drive to Ladybank Drive | £11,500.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Cardwell Street | Full Length | £16,560.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Bunessan Street | Full Length | £48,300.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Nithsdale Road | Dumbreck Road to No.272 | £32,000.00 | Works Completed |
| Nithsdale Road | Gower Street to No.216 | £72,500.00 | Works Completed |
| Nithsdale Road | No.221A to St Andrews Drive | £15,625.00 | Works Completed |
| Shawmoss Road | At Haggs Road | £9,000.00 | Works Completed |
| Shields Road | At St Andrews Road | £28,500.00 | Works Completed |
| Coustonholm Road | Kilmarnock Road to lighting column R5 | £55,500.00 | Works Completed |

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| Aytoun Road (Two Sections) | St Andrews Road to Matilda Rd & St Johns Rd to Shields Road | £86,250.00 | Works Completed |
| Herries Road | Terregles Avenue to Titwood Road | £24,000.00 | Works Completed |
| Dumbreck Court | Full Length | £15,000.00 | Works Completed |
| Aytoun Road | Matilda Road to St Johns Road | £33,750.00 | Works Completed |
| Sherbrooke Avenue | Sutherland Avenue to Albert Drive | £72,600.00 | Works Completed |
| St Andrews Crescent | St Andrews Drive to No.14 St Andrews Crescent | £62,000.00 | Works Completed |
| | | Total available projects | £464,500.00 |
| **Footway Resurfacing Schemes** | | | |
| **Street** | **Limits** | **Estimate** | **Comments** |
| Albert Drive | from Keir Street to Kenmure Street | £10,500.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Albert Drive | outside No.353 | £5,775.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Tereggles Avenue | St Andrews Drive to Herries Road (south footway) | £9,450.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Dunellan Street | infront of Craigton Primary School | £11,200.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Darnley Street | at Leslie Street | £8,750.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| Darnley Street | Leven Street to Melville Street | £12,250.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
| | | Total available projects | £57,925.00 |
| **Drainage Work** | | | |
| **Street** | **Limits** | **Estimate** | **Comments** |
| N/A | Various locations throughout ward | £60,000.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
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| **Non traditional works** | | | |
| **Street** | **Limits** | **Estimate** | **Comments** |
| N/A | Various locations throughout ward | £96,000.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |
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| **Lining refresh** | | | |
| Street | Limits | Estimate | Comments |

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|---|---|---|---|
| N/A | Various locations throughout ward | £20,000.00 | To be considered for NIF spend |

Appendix 3: Very brief points from feedback from Community Councils.

**Pollokshields CC**
MUGA pitch upgrade
Additional pitch
Repair and resurfacing of Springkell Avenue between Albert Drive and Sherbrooke Avenue

**Cardonald CC**
Educational or deterrence measures such as CCTV around Flytipping hotspots.
Replace/renew street lighting columns
Lists of potential drainage repairs
New benches
New pedestrian crossing

**Shawlands and Strathbungo CC**
1. Resurfacing of footpaths
2. Public toilet
2. Grantley St/Gardens: establish one-way system.
3. Foot/bike path from the end of Moray Place to Titwood Road
3. Increase number of electric charging places
3. Invest in Queen's Park
4. Repair potholes
5. Create more parking spaces

**Dumbreck CC**
Repairs re-surfacing to carriageways
Street lighting replacements