Item 3 (b)

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Strategic Partnership

Report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance

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GCPP Governance Framework: Request for special meetings of Area Partnerships.

Purpose of Report:

To update the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership on work undertaken in relation to the development of a citizen engagement model to inform the allocation of GCC's Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and to seek authority to hold two special meetings of Area Partnerships in the pilot areas.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Strategic Partnership:

(i) notes the ongoing work to engage citizens on the allocation of the NIIF; and

(ii) authorises special meetings of the Calton and Greater Pollok Area Partnerships in October 2023 to consider citizens' proposals on the allocation of the Fund.

Introduction.

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership on work undertaken in relation to the development of a citizen engagement model to inform the allocation of GCC's Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and to seek authority to hold two special meetings of Area Partnerships in the pilot areas.

Background.

2. The Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework can be found here. Section 10.1 states: "… Area Partnerships will meet a maximum of four times per year. Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership will meet a maximum of six times per year".

3. The Strategic Partnership approved a report on 7th December 2021 which included proposals for a citizen engagement model to be developed to support the work of Area Partnerships and to empower communities to play a greater role in decision-making. This has been led by the Centre for Civic Innovation in GCC Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability supported by colleagues in the Chief Executive's Department and with community planning partners.

Citizen Engagement and the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

4. As part of its budget setting for 2021/22, the Council established a £23m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund with £1m being made available for each Area Partnership to allocate on capital expenditure which could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years. It was agreed that the citizen engagement processes being developed for Area Partnerships should be used to gather the views of citizens in each ward on how the NIIF should be spent. This work has been progressing in two pilot areas of the City – Ward 3 Greater Pollok and Ward 9 Calton.

5. Between January and June 2023, a pilot programme of work was undertaken to research existing systems, identify opportunities and co-design and test possible solutions with citizens with a view to providing recommendations on how the model could be rolled out for NIIF city-wide.

6. The system is currently being tested in a live environment in the Calton and Greater Pollok Wards with the following timeline:
   - 23 June to 18 July - Citizen Voice: Identify Local Priorities and submit ideas for the NIIF;
   - 2 & 3 August – Area Partnership members review ideas and select list for costing;
   - 4 to 22 August - Lists submitted to NRS for costing;
   - 23 - 29 August - NRS & CCI review NRS feedback;
   - 30 August – 15 September - Design options for Area Partnership and Citizen votes
   - September - Area Partnerships agree final ideas to go out for voting (dates to be confirmed)

- 16th of September – 13th of October - Local people vote on ideas to fund;
- Week beginning 23 October - Area Partnerships agree final ideas to fund (dates to be confirmed);
- End October – Communicate final results

7. Ideas are currently in the process of being costed before local people vote on their preferred options for funding which will be presented to the Area Partnerships for approval. Feedback thus far has been extremely encouraging as regards this way of working and progress on the allocation of the NIIF is a key priority for the team as the review and service reform of the CES section continues.

8. The Partnership will note from the timeline that special meetings of the Calton and Greater Pollok Area Partnerships would be required in October/November 2023 to consider the outcome of the citizen engagement and consider allocating the NIIF funding. As the GCPP Governance Framework only allows for four meetings per year (with the exception of Anderston/City/Yorkhill), approval would be required from the Strategic Partnership.

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