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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields Area Partnership

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Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund – Update Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund for the Pollokshields ward.

Recommendations:

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

1. Introduction

1.1 The Glasgow City Council allocated £3 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces over 2021/22 & 2022/23. This report is to provide members an update on each allocated project within the ward and to advise on any further steps to be taken.

1.2 It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved on an ongoing basis since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, these will be subject to resource pressures within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate, to support community empowerment and local capacity building.

1.3 A paper was taken to Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee to provide an update in relation to Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Funding, and to provide details of citywide allocations: **https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submssiondocuments.asp?submissionid=109917**

1.4 Local Authorities nationally are working with Scotland Excel, and Scottish Government to identify solutions to some of the supply chain and market capacity considerations associated with a major national programme of investment. Dates below shows the financial year at which capital funding becomes available, rather than the year that investment work is scheduled to be complete. Updates can be provided once supply chain and engagement activity have been more fully explored.

1.5 The paper sets out the following allocations within Pollokshields, which can be augmented from other sources of funding available locally such as Developer Contributions or Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund:

1.5.1 Bellahouston Park Sports Centre PA: Bring up to Good: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £47,900 granted over years 2023/24 and 2025/26
1.5.2 Titwood Park Play Area (North): Bring up to Good: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £10,000 granted in year 2025/26
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1.5.4 Maxwell Square Play Area: Bring up to Excellent: add Accessible/ Inclusive: £70,000 granted over years 2021/22 and 2022/23
1.5.5 Maxwell Park Play Area: Continue to maintain: £10,000 granted in year 2023/24

2. Summary

2.1 The following table provides an update on projects allocated within the ward for each year:

2021/22

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Bellahouston Park	Crown lifting, thinning and epicormic growth removal- trees to perimeter of park locations	£1500	Complete
Bellahouston Park	Painting of park railings by SACRO	£500	Following engagement with the Friends of Bellahouston Park and Craigton Community Council it is recommended that this sum is instead added to the budget available for replacement railings
Bellahouston Park	Replacement of 145 linear metres of fencing	£17,900	Tender returns due back by end of September 2023 - with timescales for the works to be agreed with the successful tenderer thereafter
Children's Play Area adjacent to Craigton Primary School	Replace damaged goals and equipment	£10,900	Complete
Road end planter/flower bed on Darnley Road end planter/flower bed Street at Leslie Street	Repair of wall and provide funding for plants and materials to community organisations to support planting activities by local residents	£750	Complete
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street at Heriot Street	Crown lifting of the perimeter trees and removal of epicormic growth to improve both light and visibility for users, planting and support healthy tree growth. The planting of bulbs for biodiversity and colour. Remove weeds from slab joints and seal joints to slow weed	£4500	Complete

	regrowth. One additional bench and fix existing timber benches to the ground.		
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Keir Street	The addition of two or three raised beds for the use of pupils from the adjacent Pollokshields Primary as part of their growing projects. Apply a top coat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow. Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar-input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected e.g. hopscotch or wildlife images. 2 new benches. Timber 'stepping stones'. Tramway	£4500	Bespoke Seating / Street Furniture delivery confirmed by TRAMWAY on 2nd August. Review of appropriate base fixing details underway to complete package of works and confirm contract costs. Expected start on site September 2023.
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Forth Street	Apply a top coat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow. Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar-input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected-e.g. hopscotch or wildlife images. Bulb and plug planting.	£4500	Bespoke Seating / Street Furniture delivery confirmed by TRAMWAY on 2nd August. Review of appropriate base fixing details underway to complete package of works and confirm contract costs. Expected start on site September 2023.
Greenspace at corner of Waverley Gardens and Minard Road	Move existing gate so that it exits onto a footpath, rather than onto the road. Create a short section of hard surfaced path from this gate to reduce muddiness at entrance. Timber log/bench feature for seating and biodiversity. Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting	£1500	Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting complete. Representatives from the owners of this site have been contacted for an update on how we might make arrangements to obtain agreement from the multiple owners of this location for the remaining works.

2022/23

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Maxwell Square Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing	£11,800	Consultation planned for Summer 2024.
Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment.	£11,500	External consultation process ongoing, further update to be provided to Nov meeting of the AP on both consultation and funding and overall funding position.
Bellahouston Park	Fencing Works	£13,000	Tender returns due back by end of September 2023 - with timescales for the works to be agreed with the successful tenderer thereafter
Fleurs Avenue	Towards the cost of removing concrete slabs replacing it with a tarmac surface and associated works at Fleurs Avenue	£4000	Works planned for Winter 23
Bellahouston Park	Repair of train play equipment	£500	Blacksmith Instructed, update to follow.
Minto Crescent	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3no. benches.	£9,000	Design options to be discussed with local stakeholders.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report