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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Victoria Park Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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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 Victoria Park ward.

Recommendations:

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

1. Introduction

1.1 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, they 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.

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
Victoria Park	750m2 bicycle pump track (with gravel finish) and cycle skills learning area, including allowance for a 5 year technical maintenance period, by specialist contractor	£37,500	Service finalising procurement arrangements. It is anticipated tender process will commence Sept 23.
Victoria Park	Access path to link Option 1 into the surround path network- allowance for a 20m length of 3m wide tarmac path	£3,600	Service finalising procurement arrangements. It is anticipated tender process will commence Sept 23.
Victoria Park	2,416m2 of new wildflower meadow/bulb planting to the plot surrounding the bicycle pump track and cycle skills learning area	£2,900	Service finalising procurement arrangements. It is anticipated tender process will commence Sept 23.

2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & Next Steps
Victoria Park Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment, with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed	£5,500	The Service to engage with local stakeholders in relation the allocation of other funding streams, as well as initial designs.
Victoria Park	Bring forward proposals and costings to a future meeting of this Partnership for match funding one or more Short Term Actions for the Vision being consulted on by Victoria Park Community Trust	£24,000	Actions ongoing. 'Still Game' bench area complete. Further updates to be provided upon instruction / completion.
Greenspace near Whiteinch Centre	Greenspace near Whiteinch Centre	£5,000	Grant award being progressed to Glasgow Eco Trust.
Victoria Park Ward	Contribution towards a wider package of funding potential sites to be considered include: - Whiteinch cycleway - Naseby park Broomhill - Thornwood park – beside fence running along Dumbarton Road - Islands Thornwood Dumbarton Road - Dumbarton Rd various green areas Whiteinch	£600	Service is currently in discussions with local stakeholder in order to grant award monies.
Thornwood - Dumbarton Rd at Sorley St	X1 Bench installed into existing open space.	£2,000	Works instructed, anticipated completion Sept 23.
Thornwood - Ardery Street	X1 Bench installed into existing open space.	£2,000	Works instructed, anticipated completion Sept 23.
Crow Rd / Dumbarton Rd	6 no. Barrier planters, filled and planted	£1,668	Works instructed, delivery dates tbc.

Crow Rd / Dumbarton Rd	1 no. square timber planter softwood, filled and planted	£1,482	Works instructed, delivery dates tbc.
Marlbrough Avenue	Planting of replacement trees on open space	£1,750	Further update to be provided on timescales.

3. Recommendations

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