Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Shettleston Area Partnership

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2022/23 AREA BUDGET: ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership members with a summary of the evaluation reports submitted by projects funded by the Area Budget in 2022/23.

Recommendations:

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

1. 2022/23 Area Budget allocation

1.1 The Shettleston Area Partnership was allocated £72,339 during 2022/23.

2. Area Budget Evaluations

2.1 As part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process, 10% of projects funded would be selected to submit an evaluation report on how the funding was used, the impact of the funding and how the funding met the Area Partnership's Investment Priorities.

2.2 The criteria for the selection of projects was as follows:

- All organisations that had not previously received Area Budget funding
- All organisations that received an award of over £5,000
- A random selection of projects to make the number of projects up to 10% of projects funded

2.3 The appendix to this report provides details on how many awards were made, including the number made under delegated functions along with a summary of the projects that submitted an evaluation form.

3. Recommendation

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Appendix 1

Shettleston Area Partnership Budget 2022/23

Budget: £72,339	**Allocated: £72,311**	**Unallocated: £28**

Total Number of Awards: 28	**Awards under delegated authority: 4**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 5**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings**
Fuse Youth Café – Autism Friendly Sessions £5,595	NO	<u>Summary of Project</u> Funding allowed the organisation to create quiet areas in the club for children and young people on the autism spectrum and 2 sessions per week for 13 weeks in Fuse, 1 in the junior club and 1 in the senior club on the theme Dungeons and Dragons, inclusive for all. It promoted Teamwork and social skills: the young people had to work with not just each other but characters played by the game masters which means they would need to work beside people they would either not engage with or not socialise with. Young people were presented with opportunities to voice their thoughts as well as engage in planning, preparation, and negotiations between their characters. Problem Solving: throughout the story, the young people faced situations in which they require critical thinking to pass traps, locked entrances, and puzzles. Creative Writing: from the outset of the campaign, they oversaw their characters back story and be able to explore possibilities as to why their character is adventuring and how their character behaves/responds to different scenarios. Literacy and Numeracy: During the entire campaign, the young people took

		notes on notepads as well as required to do some quick math with the assistance of dndbeyond to begin with before transitioning into using real dice and doing it for themselves. There was a total of 89 children and young people who have attended these sessions across the 13 weeks. Age range of the participants is between 9 and 18 years. <u>Impact of project</u> The impact in the short term seems to be that children and young people can be included in the services of the organisation for a limited time. Fuse needs to find additional funding and ensure that this is a core service provision going forward. They have bid to Awards for All and it is likely that they can pick this up quite quickly. <u>Investment Priorities</u> The has contributed to the services for children & young people and activities at community facilities investment priorities by expanding the programme of activities in Fuse Youth Café which is a community facility. The activities which we provided allowed additional children and young people to use the service. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time.
Mount Vernon Bowling & Tennis Club - New LED Floodlight Installation £7,000	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> The old floodlight boxes were replaced with new LED floodlights. The work was carried out in January of this year by one electrician and 3 volunteers. The new lights cost £9,000 and the electrical work was £2,000. <u>Impact of project</u> The courts are now fit for purpose when the light fades which allows more hours of coaching to the juniors. The old lights used to take 15 minutes to warm up and were very costly to run. Lighting is now instantaneous and costs about one third

		of the old lights to run. <u>Investment Priorities</u> The has contributed to the improve health & wellbeing investment priority by offering the sport of tennis in a safe environment. With the all-weather courts and new lighting tennis is now available all year round, extending the amount of hours people can play. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time.
Quarrybrae Primary School – Outdoor development £7,234	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Following consultation with the children, a Trim Trail was purchased from Scotplay and installed into the playground. The Trim Trail runs down the playground and is accessible for all children in the school. It is played on continuously before school, during break and during lunchtime, as well as classes accessing it during Outdoor Learning sessions. All 282 children have access to the Trail throughout the week. <u>Impact of project</u> Prior to the Trim Trail being installed, many of the children lacked any confidence at all in climbing, balancing and taking calculated risks – all behaviours that are learned naturally through play. Since the Trim Trail has been installed, every year group in the school uses it for different activities, and the children challenging themselves daily. The children better able to balance and much more confident in those natural physical behaviours than before. Some children in the school use the Trim Trail as part of a 'brain break' when they need a break from the classroom environment, and this physical activity helps them to self-regulate and be back ready for learning. <u>Investment Priorities</u> The has contributed to the improve health & wellbeing investment priority by

		improving the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the children using the trim trail <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time.
SAY Women - £7,234	N/a	Funding was not spent within the financial year due to delays regarding planning permission and tenders involving Shettleston Housing Association for the building works however the organisation did not advise of this until the evaluation was requested which was into the new financial year therefore the funding could not be re-allocated and was lost to the ward.
Shettleston Community Growing Project – Looking to the future £5,473	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> All activities take place at Shettleston Community Growing Project during Monday to Friday each week. Volunteer numbers are between 3 and 12 each week, school children (15), Nursery children (35) each week. Smelly Welly Club participants (16) Volunteers have repaired and replaced old rotten wood on raised beds, greenhouses, and soft fruit area, replacing the wood with new treated wood, and treating wood with preservatives to prolong the life of it. Three of the six composting bays have been dismantled, the other three being dismantled, rebuilt with existing wood and new wood, and treated with preservative on the outside. New lids have been built and placed on the three composting bays. Some planters have been made by volunteers and Shettleston Mens shed are making some planters for the project with excess wood. Planters will be placed on wall throughout the year when needed and space becomes available on back wall. The pond viewing area has had damaged wood repaired/replaced and area has been made safe for young people, volunteers, and visitors to stand on.

		New Defibrillator and Defibrillator storage case has been fitted in Project on Portacabin, defibrillator registered with The National Defibrillator Network and is available 365 days a year 24 hrs a day for anyone that needs it. New Gazebos, Childrens wellington boots (preschool sizes) and outdoor education material(s) purchased for Smelly Welly Club, schoolchildren, and Nursery children to use onsite and at their respective premises when needed. <u>Impact of project</u> Our project has resulted in less anti-social behaviour locally for young people. Participation in the project has improved everyone's mental health and wellbeing and reduced social isolation at the same time for service users, young and old. Smelly Welly Club members parents have reported that their children are making healthier food choices and they have more energy by eating less processed foods and choosing healthier options. Service users have learned new transferrable skills, have made more social connections, and have learned about and participated in training courses, both at our premises and in local organisation. The project provides a space for local people to come and be part of it, either in volunteering or as a plotholder. Local people can also come and sit in the community garden or just wander about the project learning about all the activities that we do onsite and chat with volunteers, plotholders or committee members. The area that the project sits on was just waste derelict ground, now it is thriving food growing area with community garden, wildlife garden and orchard and provides 50 food growing spaces for local people, schools, and nurseries. Ongoing maintenance of raised beds, community garden, greenhouses, soft fruit area and wildlife garden by volunteers means that the project can stay open as the project relies on volunteers to keep the place running, carrying out essential maintenance throughout the year.

		<u>Investment Priorities</u> Improved Health and Wellbeing – School teachers, Nursery staff and Smelly Welly Club parents have all said that the children have healthier diets, are more physically active, more sociable. This all helps achieve improved health and wellbeing. Community Safety – An onsite Defibrillator available for anyone means that should it be needed it is available 365 days and year, 24 hrs a day and because it is registered with the National defibrillator network it is available to NHS should they need it and can be located and accessed through their systems. Services for Children and Young People – SCGP have always provided services for young people that include food growing from planting seed to harvesting and cooking the produce that they have grown and trying new fruits and vegetables that we grow in our orchard and polytunnel. The project teaches young people about nature and the environment at the level that they understand. This includes hands on experience handling insects, amphibians, chickens, and mammals. We work with young people in all weathers and have footwear and clothing to make sure that this is possible. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time.
Shettleston Community Growing Project – Food for thought £500	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Funding was used to purchase fresh compost, fruit bushes, flowers, root vegetables, fruit trees for our orchard and raised beds. Raised beds that needed refreshed had some of their soil removed and replaced with fresh compost. This was then dug in alongside some woodchip to help aerate and break up the clay underneath. The raised beds were then planted up with fresh vegetables by local school children and nursery schools that we work with and support throughout the year. The remainder of the fruit bushes and fruit trees were planted in our orchard and community garden by our volunteers after the ground was prepared by them for

		planting. This meant digging holes, filling with fresh compost and fish/blood/bonemeal and then planting the fruit trees. This work was carried out by our volunteers on a Tuesday and Thursday and Shettleston Community Growing Project and schools and nurseries planting their respective crops on a Wednesday and Thursday. Between three and nine volunteers take part in volunteering each week and their task include, amongst others, sowing seeds, transplanting seedlings, and planting and looking after crops. <u>Impact of project</u> Volunteers have seen a marked improvement on their mental and physical health due to their involvement in food growing and participating in the project. They also eat more fresh fruit and vegetables and have healthier diets. They also have seen increased levels of physical activity. Arts and Crafts attendees have saw an improvement in their mental health and wellbeing, have a positive outlook on life, experience less social isolation and have learned new skills. Plotholders have reported that they have increased levels of physical activity, a greater feeling of social connection when at project meeting new people. They have healthier diets, and it has helped reduce social isolation. Smelly Welly Club members have improved health and wellbeing, healthier diets, increased physical activity, improved social skills, learned new skills, and have a more positive outlook on life in general. The project provides a space for local people to come and be part of it, either in volunteering or as a plotholder. Local people can also come and sit in the community garden or just wander about the project learning about all the activities onsite and chat with volunteers, plotholders or committee members. The area that the project sits on was just waste derelict ground, now it is thriving food growing area with community garden, wildlife garden and orchard and provides 50 food growing spaces for local people, schools, and nurseries. All participants now have an increased understanding of the environment and more appreciation of food production.

		<u>Investment Priorities</u> Improved Health and Wellbeing – Having access to fresh fruit and vegetables that they have grown themselves has contributed to healthier diets which has led to improved health and wellbeing. Being outdoors and being more physically active has also helped with the improvement in their health and wellbeing, both mentally and physically. Participants have experienced less social isolation by being outdoors which has improved their mental health and wellbeing. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the was project delivered on time.
Shettleston Housing Association – Shettleston Hub Community Café £3,100		<u>Summary of Project</u> The Shettleston Hub Community Café allowed Shettleston Housing Association and its community partners to open The Shettleston Hub on a Monday over 14 weeks, increasing the activities at the community facility by 14%. The Community Café opened between 11am -3pm every Monday from January to the end of March and offered a place where people can sit, be warm and dry, meet new people or spend time with friends, and get a cup of coffee or hot drink. This positive social environment was accessed by 50 people over the 14 weeks. Funding was awarded for new signage, a coffee machine and furniture however the lack of appropriate plumbing and the lower number of attendees across the café sessions meant that purchases for furniture and a coffee machine were not necessary. The café went ahead with a kettle and mugs and mugs were taken away to be washed and returned. The services of an artist were purchased to update the signage at the front of the building to increase the presence and public awareness. Items purchased: New signage for the front of the Shettleston Hub was purchased, at a cost of £2100.

		<u>Impact of project</u> For the duration of winter, there was a warm space in Shettleston on offer to the public every Monday. Across the 14 weeks, 50 people used the Community Café, some to sit, stay and get warm, but more dropped in to ask questions and enquire about the services in the Hub. The community cafe boosted public awareness of the other services in The Hub and enquiries to be referred to the appropriate service. People came in asking about what The Hub was, some would stay for a tea/coffee, and many then came again later in the week to the Food Pantry or the digital support service also provided in the space. <u>Investment Priorities</u> The project helped 'Improve Health and Wellbeing' by providing a warm and sociable space in Shettleston. It also increased 'Activities at Community Facilities' by opening The Shettleston Hub an additional day and by helping destigmatise the other services provided in The Hub, including the food pantry. Operating the Community Café made SHA aware of the need for English language classes in the area for new community members. They are often unable to work as they cannot speak, read or write in English competently. SHA have since pivoted to launching an English class in the area to continue to 'Support People into Employment'. Without the funding from the Area Partnership, vital community support through the winter would not have occurred, community members would have had less opportunities to learn about supports in the area, and Shettleston Housing Association would have missed an opportunity to learn more about the specific needs in our community. <u>Spend</u> The project had an underspend of £1,000 due to not buying the coffee machine and furniture however the organisation did not advise of this until the evaluation was requested on 19th May 2023 which was into the new financial year therefore the funding could not be re-allocated and was lost to the ward.

Shettleston Housing Association – Shettleston Community Centre Consultation £3,948	NO	Evaluation report has not been submitted despite being requested several times. This organisation has breached the conditions of grant that it agreed to when accepting the award.