Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Partick East/ Kelvindale Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale

Purpose of Report:

To provide committee with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale as set out within section 3 of this report
2. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that committee note this report and advise of their preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

1. Introduction

1.1. The Glasgow City Council 2022/23 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. £42,800 of this has been allocated to Partick East/ Kelvindale. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

1.2. It should be noted that factoring in procurement and tendering procedures that timescales for development of projects, allocation of spend, and delivery on the ground will vary across the current and next financial year. Whilst project budgets have been proposed based on costs for similar work elsewhere in the city in recent years, with usual contingencies we note current market volatility across a range of products, for example with tarring costs recently reported as increasing by 18%.

2. Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities in recent years to build participation and engagement around the use of open spaces, with this work taking an increased importance and a digital form over the last 2 years. This engagement has taken a number of different strands, and has arrived at some early greenspace actions, as well as exploring longer term ideas. This report seeks to provide a summary of engagement to date, details options for these early actions and sets out a timeline for delivery of these options once a decision is made.

2.2. As part of Glasgow's Food Growing Strategy, we have been inviting communities across Glasgow to share with us their ideas for land they consider to be potentially suitable for food growing.

2.3. In May 2020, 917 responses were received from Citizens in relation to survey in relation to the Ecological Emergency, with the top 5 ranked priorities for action being:

- Support planners and developers to step up protection and enhancement of green space and biodiversity
- Work with other public sector landowners to maximise green corridors and pollinator ways through the city
- Increase connections across the city between green spaces, for both people and wildlife Allocate more open space for nature in the city
- Increase planting of native trees and plant species on and around active travel routes

2.4 A report was submitted to the August meeting of the Area Partnership to seek to allocate the above funds. The Area Partnership subsequently agreed that no decisions would be made on how the funds would be allocated until NRS provided the Partnership with a more detailed report with a breakdown of all proposals

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above, and where selected for action, will form the subject of further engagement.

3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

3.1 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider.
Chosen projects should total: **£42,800**

Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
Dorchester Avenue Greenspace	Installation of Supernova balance carousel, new 2-seat swing set and repairs to existing equipment and surfacing.	allowance	£15,100
Mansfield Park	Fund installation of new backboards and straighten frame Replace 1no lime tree at Hyndland Street, includes supply and install tree for £300 and excavation and reinstatement of surrounding surfacing at £5700)	Item Item	£700 £6000
Keith Court greenspace	Engage with residents regarding potential to resurface 40 m2 of tar path, remove existing metal play equipment and replace with either 20 m2 of safety surfacing and 2 springy animal play items, or 2 two raised bed planters to support local growing initiatives)	item	£2900
Dowanhill Park	Supply, install and safety surface 1 new item of climbing equipment (BLOQX) for older children. Planting of 6 additional trees near Havelock Street entrance and nursery building	Allowance Item	£16,300 £1800

4. Update on 2021/22 Allocations

Option Number	Proposal	Budget	Status
1.Dyce Park	Various works to kerb edgings, safety railings and footpath.	£9000	At design, to be submitted to CPU winter 2022.
2. Dorchester Avenue Greenspace	Picnic bench, bench and new section of footpath	£6500	Submitted to CPU, anticipated on site start Spring 2023.
3. Binghams Pond Railings	Painting works	£6000	Complete
4. Binghams Pond	Installation of Picnic Bench	£2500	Anticipated installation summer 2023
5. Hayburn Park	Installation of toddler Slide	£9000	Anticipated installation summer 2023
6. Hayburn Park	Surfacing improvements around table tennis area.	£1500	Anticipated installation summer 2023

4.1 Update on Mansfield Park

Parks Development intends to hold further engagement with Partick Community Council in Q4 2022/23 on suggestions put forward to GCC in relation to works under ENV2 funding. An update will be provided to members of this partnership on finalised designs in Spring / Summer 2023.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Linn

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out:

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: It is considered that the early actions set out in paragraph 3 would contribute to the recommendations of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Social:

Economic:

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report; and

(2) advise of their preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.