Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Baillieston Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Baillieston

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Baillieston as set out within section 3 of this report; and
2. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership
(1) notes this report; and
(2) approves funding for its preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

Ward No(s): 20 Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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. £54,900 of this has been allocated to Baillieston. 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%.

1.3. It is noted that there are seasonal windows for certain projects involving planting and habitats, namely:

1.3.1. September and April - seasonal windows for delivery of meadow creation

1.3.2. November -February - seasonal window for delivery of woodland creation and/or woodland management works on the ground

2. Local Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities' months 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 3 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

Options for investment, for consideration by the Area Partnership, have been informed by the engagement work set out above set out above.

3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

2.1 Whilst it is recognised that engagement with communities does not follow any external timescale, it is understood, where possible, that the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund is spent and projects delivered with the financial year 2022-2023, and that many greenspace investment works are tied to certain seasons of the year. Where capital funding has been allocated, it is noted that projects will involve time being set aside for the preparation of contract documents, procurement activity and lead in times for the delivery of materials.

3.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider.
The projects listed below total over the available funding of: £54,900
Chosen projects should total: £54,900

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Broomhouse Park	Install outdoor gym equipment	item	£35,000
2	Broomhouse Park	Crown lifting to trees to perimeter	item	£1500
3	Sherbourne Park	Invest in active travel routes to support walking and wheeling (surfacing and directional signage) bulb and wildflower plug planting, tree planting, the creation of wetland habitat and surface water management		£15,000
4	Barrachnie Park	Invest in active travel routes to support walking and wheeling (surfacing and directional signage) bulb and wildflower plug planting, tree planting		£15,000
5	Greenspace at Garrowhill Drive and Barachnie Cross	Resurface tar paths and install 1 no. bench Plants to include shrub, perennial and bulb planting and associated planting materials		£4000 £2100
6	Mount Vernon Avenue, Barachnie Cross	'Parklets' as per those used for Spaces for People, to be located at either end of the shops along Mount Vernon Avenue. To include seating and planting.		£9000
7	Greenspace/park at Baillieston Road/Hamilton	Tar surfacing to existing path leading to proposed new bench. Install new fencing		£9900

	Road (plots 250-253)	and gates to entrance area (10m) Bulb planting Add new fencing to stone walling Remove Cherry Tree		 £300 £12,000 £2200
8	Wellhouse Crescent Play Area	Subject to Watervole survey, install new outdoor gym. Location tbc. New path and gate between primary school and park		£35,000 £12,000
9	Glenburn Place Park Play Area	Funding allocated directly to Glenburn Centre for improvements to Play area. Removal of teeter totter- installation of new inclusive roundabout and associated surfacing repairs Removal of basket swing and installation of climbing apparatus Paint existing equipment		 £8500 £12500 £950
10	Glenburn Place Park Sensory garden	Christmas tree (for planting 2023) Planting Plaque		£650 £1000 £300
13	Swinton Park Play Area	Paint benches, repair/replace double and single springees, clean and repair carpet and re-apply sand layer		£4200
14	Swinton Park	Signage – archway design, over 2 no. tar path entrances		£7500

4. Update on 2021/22

Option No.	Location	Proposal	Cost	Status
1	Baillieston Main Street	Main Street Supply and install new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic	£6480	Parks Development Officers will share locations with Road Safety Colleagues

		at £432 each for handover to Brighter Baillieston who will engage local stakeholders regarding their weeding and watering. Exact number and locations to be agreed following walkaround with Area Partnership Members and Road Safety colleagues		and send Brighter Baillieston a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
2	Baillieston Main Street	4 number benches. Plot 80 Edinburgh Road at Main Street	£900	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 2023
3	Baillieston Main Street	Perennial/Shrub Border outside Costa Coffee. Maintenance to be carried out by Costa Coffee	£750	Costa Coffee have not indicated that they wish to pursue, officers recommend that funds reallocated
4	Baillieston Main Street	4 number cherry trees. Plot 80 Edinburgh Road at Main Street	£1200	Original location proposed was since identified as technically not suitable as part of the usual project development process, so recommended to relocate to central reservation on Edinburgh Road. Contractor will plant in 2023
5	Baillieston Main Street	Plot 80 Edinburgh Road at Main Street. Permanent Xmas Tree	£300	Specialist contractor will plant week commencing 14th November 2022
6	Baillieston	Parklet (outside Chapmans)	£1840	Parks Development Officers will send Brighter Baillieston a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.

7	Baillieston Demonstration Garden	Supply and install 2 number benches, perennial border 30m2, 4 number holly bushes and 10 number Rosa Ragosa to discourage unauthorised access. Remove damaged stone benches	£4980	Brighter Baillieston have recommended that funds are reallocated to raised beds and tarring the existing paths, rather than the style of planting previously proposed.
8	Barrachnie Cross and Park	Supply and install new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at various locations for maintenance by local community	£2592	Parks Development Officers will send Garrowhill Community Council a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
9	Barrachnie Cross and Park	Fenced plot adjacent to Barrachnie Inn. Remove unhealthy tree and slabs, replace with new cherry tree	£300	Tree has since been reviewed and found to be healthy, officers recommend that funds reallocated
10	Barrachnie Cross and Park	Bench at plot 153 Junction of Barrachnie Road/Garrowhill Drive	£450	Works to be included in a tender due for issue in summer 2023, with a view to this being installed in Autumn 2023
11	Broomhouse	Benches number 2 at plots 250-253, small park at Baillieston Road/Hamilton Road	£900	Works to be included in a tender due for issue in summer 2023, with a view to this being installed in Autumn 2023
12	Broomhouse	Perennial/shrub border at plots 250-253, small park at Baillieston Road/Hamilton Road. Slab to be removed to ensure wheelchair accessibility	£1250	This service will prune back the existing shrubs, Specialist contractor will plant Cherry Trees prior to April 2023
13	Broomhouse	3 number cherry trees at plots 250-253, small park at Baillieston Road /Hamilton Road & permanent Xmas Tree	£1200	Specialist contractor will plant Christmas Tree week commending 14th November 2022
14	Broomhouse	3 number supply and	£1296	Parks Development

		install new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at plots 250-253, small park at Broomhouse Road for maintenance by local community		Officers will share a draft Permission to Use with Broomhouse Community Council agreement to agree ongoing maintenance
15	Broomhouse	Perennial/shrub beds 25m2 at plots 254,255 opposite Broomhouse Park	£1250	Officer recommendation is that we reduce vegetation height at site frontage through a site nomination to Community Reparations, remove footpath and plant new trees prior to April 2023
16	Broomhouse	Number 2 supply and install 2 new planters and pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at £432 each for handover to for maintenance by local community at junction of Baillieston Road, Boghall Road and Muirhead Road	£864	Parks Development Officers will send Broomhouse Community Council a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
17	Easthall	Supply and install 9 number new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at £432 each for handover to local community for maintenance at following locations: Junction Wellhouse Path/Wellhouse Road & Junction of Wardie Road at Ware Road, Glenburn Place	£3818	Will be maintained by Easthall Park Housing Cooperative. Parks Development Officers will send Easthall Park Housing Cooperative a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance, for a number of the planters which sit on GCC managed land
18	Easthall	Planting of 26 number cherry trees at various	£4800	Installation included within a tender which

		locations as follows: Wellhouse Road plots 457, 57, 456, 25, 24, 206. Park plot adjacent to Glenburn Centre and Plot 803		is being awarded December, with a view to this being planted during 2023
19	Easthall	Number 1 bench park plot adjacent to Glenburn Centre	£450	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 2023
20	Garrowhill Thornbridge Roundabout	Perennial/shrub beds 24m2	£1200	Due to existing services on site, officers have advised this location in unsuitable and recommend that funds are reallocated
21	Garrowhill Thornbridge Roundabout	1 number cherry tree	£300	Subject to trial excavations due to existing tree - installation due 2023 pending trial pit results
22	Garrowhill Thornbridge Roundabout	Lighting columns at dentist's on Thornbridge Roundabout, 4 number hanging baskets to be maintained by hairdresser store	£480	Parks Development Officers will send Clear Cut Hairdressers a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
23	Garrowhill Thornbridge Roundabout	Supply and install 2 new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at £432 each for handover to Brighter Baillieston who will engage local stakeholders regarding their maintenance and watering. Exact number and locations to be agreed following walkround with Area Partnership Members and Road Safety colleagues	£864	Parks Development Officers will send Garrowhill Community Council a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.

24	Garrowhill Park Toddler Play Area	3 number fruit trees	£210	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 2023
25	Wellhouse	Supply and install 12 number new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at £432 at various locations, each for handover to community groups for maintenance at the following locations: Wellhouse Crescent (outside Connect entrance), Junction of Wellhouse Crescent/Bartiebeith Road adjacent to plot 181, Junction of Baldovan Crescent/Bartiebeith Road and outside Wellhouse HA office at the nursery entrance	£5616	Parks Development Officers will send Connect Community Trust a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
26	Wellhouse	Plant 12 number fruit trees at Connect	£840	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 2023
27		Plant 12 number cherry trees at various locations as follows: Plot 127 Langbar Crescent, plot 135 Arnol Place, plot 140 Dunain Place at Delny Place, plots 128, 166, 167, 199, 192 at Wellhouse Road at Langbar Crescent	£3600	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 2023, locations will be subject to Metropolitan Surface Water Management Plans
28	Swinton	Supply and install 6 number new planters with pollinator plants and wrapped with a graphic at £432 at	£2592	Parks Development Officers will send Swinton Community Council a draft Permission to Use

		various locations, each for handover to community groups for maintenance at the following locations: Plot 1 & 22 Edinburgh Road at Easterhouse Road. 2 no Plot 20 Rhinduir Avenue at Swinton Crescent. 2 no Plot 21 Swinton Crescent. 1 no Plot 16 Mainhill Avenue/Rhindmuir Road.		agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
29	Swinton	Perennial/shrub bed 20m2 at plot 10 Dalreoch Avenue	£1000	Parks Development Officers will send Swinton Community Council a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
30	Swinton	30m2 of perennial/shrub bed at plot 20 Rhindmuir Avenue at Swinton Crescent		Parks Development Officers will send Swinton Community Council a draft Permission to Use agreement to agree ongoing maintenance.
31	Swinton	12 number fruit trees at plot 18 Park south of Mainhill Place	£840	Installation included within a tender which is being awarded December, with a view to this being installed during 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 Baillieston

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

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