Item 6

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Glasgow City Council

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership

Date: 17 November 2022
Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Anderston/City/Yorkhill

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Anderston/City/Yorkhill as set out within section 3 of this report
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): 10	Citywide:
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Introduction

1.1. At its meeting of the 31st June, this Partnership noted an earlier report, continued consideration of the 28 options detailed in the report and requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide an update to the next meeting on the progress of the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the Townhead area of the city.

1.2. In relation to the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the Townhead area of the city, it is noted that our specialist contractor has been asked to source a Nordmann Fir at 3 to 3.5m tall and has been asked to provide a planting date during November.

1.3. The Glasgow City Council 2022/23 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. £46,900 of this has been allocated to Anderston/City/Yorkhill. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

1.4. 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%.

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

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

1.5.2. 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 in recent 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 land owners 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

3.1 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£46,900**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
	Blythswood & Broomielaw:			
1	Broomielaw grass plots west of Kingston Bridge	Bring forward proposals for wildflower planting	item	£300
2	Broomielaw grass plots west of Kingston Bridge	Tree planting 21 number	item	£6,300
3	Broomielaw public realm adjacent to Tradeston Bridge	Bring forward proposals for raised bed food growing in discussion with statutory (including City Centre Regeneration, Markets, Air Quality, Events and Active Travel colleagues) and community stakeholders	item	£3042
5	Greenspace on Broomielaw west of Kingston Bridge	Bring forward proposals for wildflower planting further to detailed discussions with stakeholders	item	£300
6	Greenspace on Broomielaw west of Kingston Bridge	Bring forward proposals for tree planting, 7 number,	item	£2,100

		further to detailed discussions with stakeholders		
	Anderston			
7	Lancefield Quay grass plots	Bring forward proposals for wildflower planting	item	£300
8	Lancefield Quay grass plots	Tree planting 7 number	7	£2,100
9	Plot adjacent to Yorkhill Park Play Area	New benches as part of proposal for raised beds item 7	2	£900
10	Plot adjacent to Yorkhill Park Play Area	Raised beds	3	£3042
11	Greenspace east of the blaes pitch at Glasgow Gaelic School- area of shrub and tree planting	Widen the scope of the community project above and beyond what is currently funded	item	£900
12	Dover Street Play and and MPGC	Wildflower planting within the surrounding grass plots	item	£300
13	Gilbert Street greenspace	Wildflower planting within the surrounding grass plots	item	£300
14	Steps between Gilbert Street and Thornbank Street	Enhance existing planting to improve biodiversity and active travel	item	£300
15	St Patricks Primary School	Engage with School and Education Services in relation to potential for planting to the boundary near M8		
16	St Patricks Primary School	Engage with School and Education Services in relation to potential for raised beds for food growing, and potential for both school and community use year-round	item	£3042
17	Greenspace next to Anderston Primary	Engage with School and Education Services in relation to potential for biodiversity and	item	£300

		outdoor learning enhancement to the existing planting		
18	G3 Growers	Rainwater collection system to support community horticulture	item	£1200
	Garnethill			
19	Garnethill Viewpoint	Additional phase of plug planting/bulb planting along footways, in location currently non-native shrubs	item	£300
20	Dalhousie Lane	Rainwater collection system to support community horticulture, subject to agreement with owners generally, and to agreement with the owner of the roof surface from which the water would be collected- costings reflect use of an existing surface which collects water	item	£200
21	Garnethill Park	Discuss with local stakeholders potential for plug plants for gaps in setts		£300
22	Garnethill Park	Discuss with local stakeholders potential for a small pond fed by rainwater to support biodiversity		£900
23	Garnethill Park	Rainwater collection system to support community horticulture- costings reflect use of an existing surface (the Bread Oven roof) which could collect water		£200
24	Footway at Junction of New City Road and Shamrock Street near Memorial Fountain	Bring forward proposals for Parklet further to detailed discussions with	item	£1594

		statutory and community stakeholders		
	Cowcaddens			
25	Greenspace adjacent to Buchanan Bus station on Cowcaddens Road	City Centre Regeneration Team are bringing forward proposals for landscaping at this location, there is an opportunity to supplement this with additional planting of bulbs, trees and plug plants	item	£900
	Cowcaddens			
26	Dundasvale greenspaces	Review options for tree and bulb planting in discussion with Local Housing Association	item	£6,300
	Townhead			
27	Lister Street	Widen gate and undertake first cut of the grass and remove arisings. This would be on the basis that the balance of the works are undertaken by local volunteers- officers would highlight both the number of hours involved and the technical nature of the work needed to be done by volunteers in order to achieve a playable surface.	item	£9,500
28	Townhead ‘St Mungo Jubilee Garden’	Upgrade footpath and benches. Additional wildflower planting to improve biodiversity – potential to include food growing subject to engagement and uptake from local growers	item	£9000

5 Update in relation to projects funded in 2021/22

(i) new wildflower meadow within Yorkhill Park - completed
(ii) 3 fruit trees and an area of wildflower planting on Elderslie Street- completed
(iii) seating, planters, 10 fruit trees and a sensory garden on the greenspace adjacent to Glasgow West homes on Elderslie Street- ongoing
(iv) crown lift and thinning of 3 trees adjacent to the seating area in Cherry Park- following a site meeting between officers and Yorkhill Greenspaces it is recommended that these funds are instead utilised to move 2 benches from underneath trees and one from behind the pergola, to locations nearer the play area where they will be less shaded, and create a small rain garden- these works will now be arranged
(v) Wildflower planting at Macintyre Street Parkland at a cost of £200- completed
(vi) Supply and install 5 new bee line planters in the Anderston area at a cost of £2,160 - ongoing
(vii) Extend the wildflower meadow in Overnewton Park - completed
(viii) crown lift and thinning of 3 trees in Overnewton Park - completed
(ix) crown lift and thinning of 3 trees in Garnethill Park at a cost of £900; following a site meeting between officers and Friends of Garnethill Greenspaces, it is recommended that these funds are instead utilised to carry out the installation of the carved stone
(x) 1 additional bench and 1 parklet at The Viewpoint, Garnethill at a cost of £2,024- ongoing
(xi) crown lift and thinning of 3 trees at Townhead greenspaces - completed
(xii) replacing non-native shrubs with wildflower and bulb planting in Townhead - ongoing
(xiii) placement of a permanent Christmas Tree to plot East of shops in Townhead – our contractor plans to plant this tree week commencing 14th November 2022 subject to suitable weather conditions
(xiv) installation of fruit trees at a revised cost of £600 – our contractor plans to plant this tree week commencing 14th November 2022 subject to suitable weather conditions
(xv) raised beds on three locations at Lister Street at a cost of £3,042 - completed
(xvi) creation of six parklets within the Ward- ongoing

6 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

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Works 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 2 would contribute to the recommendations of the Climate and Ecological Emergency working groups, and to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Social:

Economic:

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Partnership

(1) notes this report;

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