Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Southside Central Area Partnership

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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 Southside Central 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	Next Steps
Queens Park Benches	Request for additional benches noted as part of early engagement with stakeholders in relation to Queens Park Glasshouses. Potential to include Accessible benches and picnic benches.	£1,800	Further assessment of locations required, thereafter anticipated installation winter 23.
Boating Pond	6 Additional benches	£2700	Anticipated installation winter 23
Gateway next to Balvicar PA	Upgrade signboard / replace plexiglass and repaint	£773	Works currently being scoped and quotes obtained
Gateway next to Balvicar PA	Address / dig out path due to muddiness of playground entrance path (under 5cm of mud)	£500	To be added to Balvicar Street Play Area procurement package
Curved path which rises up from Balvicar Drive Entrance	4 empty ‘bench’ indents	£1800	Anticipated installation winter 23
Tree avenue	Replace missing trees	£2,400	Planting works planned for Nov 23.

between Flagpole and Depot			
Entrance at Victoria Road	Upgrade signboard	£773	Works currently being scoped and quotes obtained
MPGC near Tennis Courts	Repairs required to lining markings- the circle and one of the D's	£1054	Update to follow.
Southern Necropolis	Environmental enhancements.	£6,000	Planting works completed. 4 x benches to be installed Sept. 23
Cavendish Place Play Area	Engage with local groups with regard to the potential for 2 new item of play equipment and associated surfacing and bulb planting	£22,000	Anticipated installation winter 23
Calder Street	Proposals developed with local reps.	£8,400	Engagement work on going with local stakeholders and Education on design proposals
Wheelchair accessible picnic bench	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS, rate includes installation, suitable surfacing underneath, and an allowance for some minor works to the associated footpath to address any accessibility issues. Engage with Glasgow Disability Alliance in relation to project specifics.	£10,800	Engagement with GDA ongoing. Update to follow on specific locations identified.
New Gorbals Park	Replace 1 item of play equipment.	£12,000	Anticipated installation by Winter 23.
Enhanced signage for active travel routes	Locations as identified in discussion between Area Partnership representatives and NRS.	£2,981	Further assessment of the site required with active travel colleagues

2022/23

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Riccarton Street Park	Re-paint the play equipment that is not damaged. Replace/ repair the two pieces of play equipment that are damaged. Replacement of the carpets of the play areas. Repair and repaint fencing surrounding the basketball court. Replace the basketball boards and nets. Replace the park signage with the park name and park rules once fence has been painted. Tidy up some of the shrub beds within the park and crown raise the trees, also potential for some bulb planting on the grass plots within the park.	£27,700	Anticipated installation / repair of play Spring 24. Soft landscaping works to be carried out winter 23.
Bennan Square	Community Bulb planting day.	£300	Planting works planned for autumn 23.
Calder Street	Phase 2 of improvement works to site to reflect suggestions from older residents and children.	£12,000	Engagement work on going with local stakeholders and Education on design proposals
Queens Park	Outdoor Table Tennis Table and surrounding surfacing.	£5,000	Further assessment of locations required, thereafter anticipated installation winter 23.
Queens Park	Frame and surrounding surfacing to support use of the park by individuals undertaking TRX Suspension Training.	£8,000	Further assessment of locations required, thereafter anticipated installation winter 23.
Balvicar Street Play Area Renewal	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment. It is noted that recommendations are also being brought forward to Area	£20,000	External consultation process ongoing, further update to be provided to Nov meeting of the AP on both consultation and

	Partnerships for Wards 6 and 7, with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed.		funding and overall funding position.
Plot at Hollybrook Street and Aitkenhead Road	Paint, plants, and soil.	£1,000	Update on painting and planting works to follow.

3. Recommendations

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