Item 4
LATE REPORT
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Glasgow City Council

Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Drumchapel/ Anniesland

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Drumchapel/Anniesland 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.

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. It is noted that £73,500 of this has been allocated to Drumchapel/ Anniesland and a paper will be brought to a future meeting of this Partnership making bringing forward options following site walkrounds.

1.2. The Glasgow City Council 2021/22 budget allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. It is noted that £73,500 of this has been allocated to Drumchapel/ Anniesland. Informed by the site walkround held 4th February 2022, and noting the request requested that officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability explore the possibility of utilising funding from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund to support the central funding available for the 2022/23 festive lighting programme and bring a report to a future meeting outlining alternative options suggested by members, options have been brought forward for use of the 2021/22 allocation within section 3 of this report.

1.3. As part of the walkround it was noted that Blairdardie Community Council raised greenspace at Moraine Avenue, and that they would provide further feedback which could be shared with the team within NRS who are considering this location.

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%.

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

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

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.

2.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider from the 2021/22 allocation. At the last meeting of the partnership, £37,508 was allocated, leaving a remaining balance of **£35,992** for allocation from 2021 / 22				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	Wildflowers and bulb planting- sites to be agreed	item	£300
2	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	Pollinator Planters- sites to be agreed	6 number	£2592
3	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	interpretation boards in the area to highlight local wildlife and biodiversity	allowance	£1800
4	Hecla Park Railings	Engage specialist contractor to paint/refurbish a section of railings where previous lead paint has been used-	Allowance of £175 per linear metre, this would allow 204 linear metres of railings to be refurbished, roughly equivalent to one side of the park	£35,700
14	Temple Walkway	To improve access for those using a wheelchair or others with limited mobility,	allowance	£35,992

		it has been suggested NRS replace setted entrance at corner of Temple Walkway and Glencoe Street with a bound, smooth material and a grass swale verge to support surface water management 415 m2		

4 Updates on Allocated Spend

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Status
1	Hecla Park Festive Natural Christmas Trees (6 No)	Natural Xmas Trees	Contribution has been made to the Festive Lighting budget
2	Hecla Park Festive Lighting	Central tree for Festive Lighting location	Contribution has been made to the festive lighting budget
3	Hecla Park COVID 19 Memorial	Landscaping works to complement Memorial stone	Majority of the works have now been completed
4	Gorget Avenue	Various play area improvements	Repairs to take place in 2023
5	Knightswood High School	Expand or enhance food growing provision in discussion with local stakeholders	Further engagement to take place with local stakeholders

5 Proposed Next Steps

4.1 The Service intends to hold further engagement with local stakeholders to seek to allocate the remaining funds from both 2021/22 and 2022/23 funds. The Service will be writing to members of this partnership to seek further recommendations and to organise any site visits as appropriate.

6 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how capital investment identified as part of the 2021/22 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated

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

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