Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
North East Area Partnership
Report by Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities
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North East Area Budget 2022/23: An introduction and applications for funding.

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership members with:

(1) An introduction to the Area Budget for new members of the Partnership;

(2) Details on the current North East Area Budget position; and

(3) recommendations on current applications for funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

1) note the introduction to the Area Budget;
2) note that a review of the area budget funding priorities will take place during 2022/23;
3) note the current budget position for 2022/23; and
4) approve the recommendations on Area Budget applications, as detailed in Appendix 1.

Purpose of report.

1. This report provides new members of the Area Partnership with an introduction to the Area Budget; details the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget; and makes recommendations on current applications for funding.

Introduction.

2. The Area Budget is part of the Glasgow Communities Fund. Funds are provided by Glasgow City Council (GCC) with decisions on applications made by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's 23 Area Partnerships. The 2022/23 Area Budget allocations (see Appendix 1) were agreed by GCC's City Administration Committee, as part of a three-year package of funding, on 12th March 2020.

3. The allocations to Area Partnerships are based on a base allocation for all Area Partnerships, with the remainder based on population and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020. A breakdown of the allocation per Area Partnership can be found in appendix 5 to the report approved by the City Administration Committee on 12th March 2020.

4. The budgets are intended to be used to provide grants to local community and voluntary organisations to provide services that will help to achieve the Area Partnership's local priorities and Glasgow City Council's/Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's objectives. Area Partnerships can also provide financial support to Council services and partner organisations but only if the proposal demonstrates a fit with local priorities, the involvement of local communities and is additional to their core remit.

Area Budget Scheme.

5. The Area Budget aims to provide an efficient scheme that allows wide access to funding whilst ensuring that funding is a) targeted at local priorities and b) complements and is consistent with the overall objectives of Glasgow City Council/Glasgow Community Planning Partnership. To achieve this, the scheme provides:

   - a simple application process to encourage wider participation;
   - a consistent assessment process;
   - an accountable decision-making process; and
   - efficient grant management and monitoring processes.

6. Area Budget application forms, guidance notes, investment priorities and deadlines for submission of applications can be found on the Council's website at: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18748.

7. **Investment Priorities**: Area Partnerships have agreed local investment priorities for use of the Area Budget. Area Partnerships should seek to allocate funding to applicants that will assist in the delivery of their locally agreed priorities. However, Area Partnerships will be able to discuss applications that

do not fit with the investment priorities but that make a strong case for consideration. In determining whether a strong case has been made, Area Partnership should consider whether the application:

a. Demonstrates a fit with the wider Council or Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities;
b. Demonstrates clearly: a response to an identified need within the local community; that it has involved the local community in its development; and will benefit the local community;
c. Provides a response to new or emerging issues (which had not previously been identified as an investment priority); or
d. Responds to "exceptional circumstances"

8. **Application Process**: The application process has been simplified in recent years through the introduction of a streamlined application form and a central contact point for the recording and processing of all applications.

9. **Assessing Area Budget Applications**: At every Area Partnership meeting, an Area Budget report is presented that provides members with details of

- Any funding returned (e.g. for projects that have not taken place) to the Area Budget;
- Awards made through Delegated Authority, (See Section 47 of the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions here)
- Any Ineligible applications;
- The Area Budget balance prior to the meeting;
- A summary of Area Budget applications for consideration at the meeting, including officer recommendations.

10. Twice yearly, a monitoring report will be provided to the Area Partnerships detailing the awards made at that point, their status (e.g. whether any additional conditions have been met).

11. Prior to making a recommendation, officers undertake an assessment on all Area Budget applications. To ensure consistency, officers are guided by an Area Budget Operations Manual. In summary, the key features of the assessment are:

- Determining Area Budget Eligibility: The Area Budget Eligibility Criteria covers
  - The applicant's governance arrangements;
  - any outstanding financial and/or monitoring issues relating to a previous award;
  - Applications from a public sector organisation must demonstrate that the activity/service for which funding is requested is additional to its core remit(s);
  - The Application must *"fit with local Priorities"* and if not, make a "strong case for consideration" to be eligible. All Area Partnerships will be invited to review their investment priorities during 2022/23; and
  - Does the application request funding for eligible items/activities.

- Assessment of Application's Merits : If deemed to be eligible, the application will be assessed against the following three questions:

    - Has sufficient information been provided about the proposed activity/service to make a recommendation?
    - What will be the impact of the application if Area Budget funding is granted?
    - Is the application properly costed?

12. **Making a Recommendation**: Following the assessment, an officer will make a recommendation on each application from one of the following four options:

    - **Approve**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application that provided sufficient details on what the requested funding was to be used for, the impact that the funding would have and was costed properly;
    - **Reject**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application that has been assessed as not meriting Area Budget funding. The reason(s) for this recommendation would normally relate to an unsatisfactory assessment around the impact and/or cost of the application.
    - **For Consideration**: This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application for which **insufficient information** has been provided to make an approve/reject recommendation but it **is time critical** for a decision to be made at the next Area Partnership meeting; and
    - **Continue for Further Information:** This recommendation will be submitted for an eligible application for which **insufficient information** has been provided to make an approve/reject recommendation and it **is not time critical** for a decision to be made at the next AP meeting;

13. If the recommendation is to approve, the officer will then take into account the following factors when determining the decision-making process and the amount to recommend.

    - The amount of Area Budget funding requested:

      If the application is requesting Area Budget funding of £500 or less, then the application will be referred to the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities for a decision under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions. Before arriving at a decision, the Director will consult the Area Partnership Chair to determine if the Chair (a) is happy for the application to be considered under the Scheme of Delegated Functions or (b) would like more information on the application or (c) would prefer to direct the application to the Area Partnership meeting for a decision rather than use delegated authority;

    - The recommended minimum and maximum awards:

      There is a minimum award of £300 for all Area Partnership awards and a maximum award of 10% of the Area Partnership's annual budget – this applies to any single organisation for one or more projects. The Area

Partnership may choose to exceed the maximum award if it deems there are exceptional circumstances.

There are also maximum awards for specific activities:

- ✓ £350 for bus trips
- ✓ £500 for team strips
- ✓ £1,000 for residential trips
- ✓ £5,000 for community events

- Whether any conditions, in addition to the Council's standard conditions of grant, should be applied to an award.

2022/23 Area Budget Allocation

14. Glasgow City Council's City Administration Committee, on 12th March 2020, allocated funding for Area Partnerships for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23, subject to available resources. The budget for North East Area Partnership for 2022/23 is £88,194.44

15. The remainder of this report provides details on: the funding allocated to date; awards made via the Scheme of Delegated Functions; and recommendations on current applications for Area Budget funding.

Area Budget Expenditure to date

16. To date, the North East Area Partnership has committed a total of £8,388.80 (10% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward, leaving a balance of £79,805.64 (90%) yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

17. 3 applications have been considered under the Scheme of Delegated Functions since the previous meeting of the Area Partnership. Details are provided below for information:

Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Decision	Condition/ Comment of Grant	Local Investment Priority
Advertising and laptop	Growing 21 Ltd	Purchase of laptop and contribution to advertising materials to support the launch of the new development trust for Ruchazie	£500	Subject to submission of requested supporting documents	Community safety

Alton Towers	84th Glasgow Girls Brigade	Residential trip to Alton Towers in June 2022. Funds will contribute towards minibus hire, accommodation, and food costs	£500	n/a	Services for young people
Residential trip	Avenue End Primary School	Outdoor residential trip for 38 P7 pupils in May 2022 to Glencoe	£500	n/a	Services for young people

Area Budget funding applications.

18. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the applications that require consideration by the Area Partnership. Each application has been assessed using the process outlined earlier in this report. Based on the assessment, a recommendation is offered in respect of each application for funding. The recommendation may include any specific conditions, in addition to the standard GCC conditions of grant. The Area Partnership is asked to consider the applications and the recommendations offered.

Recommendations

19. North East Area Partnership is asked to:

    a. note the introduction to the Area Budget;
    b. note that a review of the area budget funding priorities will take place during 2022/23;
    c. note the current budget position for 2022/23; and
    d. approve the recommendations on Area Budget applications, as detailed in Appendix 1.

Client / Project Title	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation including specific conditions
273/19 Ceann Creige Hurling & Camogie Club -	Funding is requested for: Residential – Transport & accommodation costs to Derwent Hill outdoor centre 2-4 September 2022 for 20 people (£1,350 requested however maximum award is £1,000) Team strips – Purchase 20 team strips (£500) Equipment – Purchase bibs, hurls, sliotars and a camera (£1,795.70) School sessions – expenses for 2 volunteers for 30 taster sessions in 4 schools - 1 in Baillieston and 3 in North East (£900)	Services for young people	£9,095.70 (St Nicholas Care Fund £2,550; Magic Grants £500)	£6,045.70	**Approve £4,202** (this application is being considered on a pro rata basis with Baillieston Area Partnership)

	Summer camp - funding is being requested to purchase food for summer camp from 27 June to 1 July 2022 to provide a hot meal each day for participants (£500) Youth achievement awards – funding to purchase trophies for young people (£500)				
332/21 Connect Community Trust – Connie Centre upgrades	Funding is requested for upgrades to the Connie community facility to allow community activities such as the youth club to continue. Boiler replacement and installation £3,450 Carpet and installation £3,175.20	Activities in community facilities	£6,625.20 (£4,801 Provanhall Housing Association)	£1,824.20	**Approve £1,824.20**
198/20 Easterhouse FA – training equipment	Funding is requested to hire Stepford for a month free trial and to purchase equipment for a newly	Services for young people	£994 (£149 East Centre Area Partnership;	£497	**Approve £497**

	established girls football team. Hire of Stepford (for a free trial month) £224 Bibs x 40 £200 Training balls x 40 £280 Water bottles x 40 £200 Cones £30 Match balls x 4 £60		£348 Baillieston Area Partnership)		
198/20 Easterhouse FA – training equipment	Funding is requested to purchase equipment for the youth football team to accommodate the increasing members. Bibs x 150 £750 Training balls x 150 £1,050 Match balls x 30 £450	Services for young people	£2,250 (£337.50 East Centre Area Partnership; £787.50 Baillieston Area Partnership)	£1,125	**Approve £1,125**
004/22 Garthamlock & Craigend Church – Activate Community Programme	Funding to pay Glasgow University to deliver a 10 week Activate course to approx. 20 local residents with a proposed start date of August. Course £4,500	Activities in community facilities	£5,000	£5,000	**Approve £5,000**

	Food £250 Laptop £250				
017/22 St Paul's Youth Forum – North East Boys Support Club	To deliver weekly workshops and activities from June 2022 to March 2023 for 35 young males aged 12-17 working on physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing Sessional staff x 2 – 5 hours at £13ph x 38 weeks £4,940 Treetop climbing challenge £510 Climbing lessons x 6 weeks £600 Escape room £232 Cycling sessions x 6 weeks £840 Transport £660 Community chef @ £15 ph x 6 weeks + ingredients for 6 weeks £600	Services for young people	£8,382	£8,382	**Approve £8,072** (max award of £350 for bus hire costs)
019/22 Stepping Stones for Families – Summer Family Day Out	A family day out for the children and parents of Thistle Childcare to Blair Drummond Safari Park in August	Services for young people; activities in community facilities	£1,103.66	£1,103.66	**Approve £1,103.66**

	Tickets £699.66 (adults x 24 £377.28; children x 35 £322.38) Packed lunches £54 Bus hire £350				
032/22 Growing 21 Ltd – legal fees	Funding is sought for a one-off payment of legal fees to secure the lease of the shop unit adjacent to the Ruchazie Pantry. The shop unit will be used as a community café/social kitchen forming a wider project linking the pantry, café and growing space intended to upskill the community and provide jobs and volunteer opportunities Legal fees £5,000	Activities in community facilities	£5,000	£5,000	**Approve £5,000**
034/22 Ruchazie Community Council – Summer Fun Day	Funding is sought for costs associated with the delivery of a Summer Fun Day on 13 August 2022 for the local residents of Ruchazie to bring them together and foster a sense of community.	Activities in community facilities	£8,078.30	£8,078.30	**For consideration**

	Licence fee £29 Rides £3,050 Entertainer £680 Generator £220 Food £2,250 Staff/management £1849.30				
Late applications (time critical)					
061/22 Community Events Scotland – Glasgow North East Fire Works Display 2022	Funding is sought for the costs associated with a firework display at Glasgow Fort on 5 November 2022 for approx. 10,000 people. The aim of the event is to reduce the anti-social behaviour associated with this time of year with the applicant advising that the previous event saw a reduction in fire and police call outs in the area as a result of anti-social behaviour. First aid £2,191 Fencing/crowd control barriers/toilets £9,229 Fireworks £10,000	Activities in community facilities; services for young people; community safety	£21,420 (£1,500 sponsorship)	£19,920	**Approve £5,000** subject to receipt of requested quotes (maximum award for community events)

049/17 Glasgow East Arts Company – The Bridge Family Festival Day	Funding is sought for the costs associated with the Family Festival Day at The Bridge on 30 July 2022. Infrastructure £2,123 Events programme £4,150 Marketing/documentation £900	Activities in community facilities; services for young people	£7,173 (£2,173 Creative Scotland)	£5,000	**Approve £5,000**
064/22 Elmcroft Nursery School – Health and Wellbeing Garden	Funding sought to develop an outdoor space to use for yoga and nurture to make use of the outdoor space in the nursery for parent/child interactions. Ground cleared and levelled £920 Astro grass and screening £938 Benches, tables, and planters £890 Chippings and slabs £740 Fencing £994 Pergola £998	Services for young people, activities in community facilities	£5,480	£5,480	**Approve £5,480**