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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Greater Pollok Area Partnership
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Greater Pollok 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 Greater Pollok 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, 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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership for 2022/23 is £90,546.37

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, Greater Pollok Area Partnership has committed a total of £9,554 (11% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward, leaving a balance of £80,992.37 (89%) yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

17. One application has 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	Local Investment Priority
Community Resources **PRN: 010/22**	**Levernbridge Neighbour hood Watch**	To support the cost of improving the local environment and to support the administration of the group that includes catering & venue hire of local facilities	Approved £500	Community Developments

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. Greater Pollok Area Partnership is asked to:

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Appendix 1

Client/Project Title	Purpose of Grant	Local Investment Priorities	Total Project Costs (including match funding)	Amount Requested	Recommendation (including specific conditions)
GCC Education Services – Active Schools Co-ordinator – St Paul's & Hill Park High School – Asylum Seeker and Refugee Youth Football Programme **PRN: 044/22**	Funding is requested towards the cost of providing free weekly football training sessions 2 evening per week for Asylum Seeker and Refugee Pupils who attend Hillpark, St Pauls and Rosshall Secondary Schools It is estimated 25 young people from Greater Pollok Ward will participate The Active Schools Co-ordinators from the respective Schools in partnership with United Glasgow FC will deliver the project, aimed at removing barriers to enable Asylum Seeker and Refugee Pupils to access free weekly football training sessions at Torglen and Nethercraigs Sport Centres The Volunteer Coaches are from Asylum and Refugee backgrounds and this will help to develop strong positive relationships with the young people within the group and also help with any language barriers	Services for youth and young people Vulnerable People	£3,000 **Match funding:** In kind staffing costs (Applicant)	**£2,000** - (£3,000 total costs across two area partnerships)	**Approve £2,000** - this award is pro-rata with Newlands Auldburn Area Partnership who have approved an award of £1,000

	The longer-term aim is to integrate Pupils their own Schools Activities and six-month gym memberships were recently secured for the Young People **Purpose of Grant:** - Transport (£1,000) - Football Training kit (£650) - Let hire (£1,000) - Catering/snacks for training and matches (£350)				
Lourdes Secondary School - Music Therapy **PRN 280/21**	Funding is requested towards the cost of providing music sessions for Vulnerable Pupils as a therapeutic intervention to support Young People's health and wellbeing. The programme is targeted at Young People who experience trauma through bereavement, family separation, care experience and those with refugee status and who continue Lourdes Secondary School - Music Therapy to experience crisis and trauma through their lives. In partnership with Nordoff Robins, the school delivered a free seven-week pilot which benefited a large number of Young People and following consultation with pastoral care staff and school councilors	Services for Youth and Young People Vulnerable People;	£4,795 **Match Funding:** £2,000 (Applicant)	£2,795	**Approve £560** - this award is pro-rata with Cardonald Area Partnership £950; and Govan Area Partnership £1,285.

	there was an identified need to continue the programme.. The sessions will be delivered 1 day per week during Autumn/Winter term from 9 – 5pm and a total of 4 Young People from Greater Pollok Ward will participate **Purpose of Grant:** Music Therapist (£4,795)				
Cleeves Primary School – Improving Mental Health **PRN: 107/20**	Funding is requested towards the cost of engaging the services of a local Calming Minds Therapist in order to support individuals and groups of Primary aged 2 days per week, providing much needed emotional support for Children many of whom have been exposed to trauma through the Covid Pandemic Parents will also be offered the opportunity to participate in the sessions with their Children and a total of 60 Children (and Families) will benefit from this opportunity that will target the most Vulnerable Children with a long-term focus on improving mental health & wellbeing **Purpose of Grant:** - Calming Minds Therapist (£9,200)	Services for Youth and Young People Thriving Places Vulnerable People	£9,200 **Match Funding:** - £0	£9,200	**Approve £9,200**

Pollok Childrens Centre – Outdoor Resources **PRN: 057/22**	Funding is requested towards the cost of purchasing a range of outdoor resources, in order to deliver the Stay and Play Project which brings Parents and Children together to enjoy outdoor gardening with the aim of promoting positive mental health and nurture as well as encouraging friendships amongst Parents many of whom often experience loneliness and isolation The project will target those most Vulnerable Families with initially 6 Families – 12 Adults and 9 children participating **Purpose of Grant:** - Storage x 2 (£800) - Outdoor tools (£300) - Bedding Boxes (£400) - Seeds and Plants (£500) - Refreshments (£200)	Vulnerable People Thriving Place Services for Youth and Young People	£2,200 **Match Funding:** - £100 (Applicant)	£2,100	**Approve £2,100**
GCC Neighbourhoods Regeneration & Sustainability – Nitshill Festival – Clean, Green and Safe **A community event**	Funding is requested towards the cost of delivering a Family Fun Community Event in partnership with members of the Priesthill Househillwood Thriving Place Environmental & Community Safety Group during the Summer period The community event will focus of consulting with the local community,	Thriving Place Services for Youth and Young People Vulnerable People	£1,500 **Match Funding:** - £500 (Sanctuary Housing) - £500 (Rosehill	£500	**Approve £500**

PRN: 028/22	finding out what people could do to help improve and maintain the area As well as a range of entertainment, the event will include consultation, eco drama and storytelling workshops with Children and Young People in relation to the community woodlands beside the Nitshill Community Garden as part of the Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund **Purpose of Grant:** - Face Painting (£250) - Children's Entertainer (£250)		Housing)		
The Village Storytelling Centre – Children's Activities for Year of Stories 2022: On our Doorstep **PRN:**	Funding is requested towards the cost of delivering a programme of summer focused activities aimed at improving Children and Young People's (aged 5-11 years old) connecting to the local community, and build better understanding of local assets through the delivery of activities that includes: - 3 x Summer trips to The Burrell (Pollok Park), Crookston Castle, Galsgow Museum Resource Centre - Summer artist facilitated arts session - 10 sessions exploring the stories of the areas of interest	Services for Youth and Young People Vulnerable People Thriving Place	£9,653 **Match Funding:** - £2,000 (Children's Lottery) - £3,000 (Young Start)	£4,653	**Approve £4,653**

	Purpose of Grant: - Storyteller costs (£3,496) - Freelance Artist/ Sessional costs (£3,705) - Refreshments (£540) - Materials (£800) - Coordination & evaluation support costs (£800) - Venue costs contribution (£340)				
Greater Pollok Services CIC- Nitshill Festival **PRN: 071/22**	Funding is requested towards the costs of a Family Fun Community Event scheduled to take place on Saturday 13th August This event is planned in partnership with local organisations and community groups and is aimed at consulting with local residents on what they could do to help improve and maintain the local area in partnership with local servicers under the Thriving Place Environmental and Community Safety Group priority themes “Clean, Green and Safe” The event will include a range of Family focused activities as well as eco-drama and storytelling workshops for Children & Young People in relation to the Community Woodland near the Nitshill Community Garden as part of the Parks and Open Space Improvement Funding	Thriving Place Services for Youth and Young People Vulnerable People	£2,770 **Match Funding:** £500 (Rosehill HA) £500 (Sanctuary HA)	£1,770	**Approve £1,770**

	Purpose of Grant: - Pet Zoo (£260) - Children's Entertainer (£250) - Storytelling Workshops (£420) - Eco Drama -Workshops (£550) - Outdoor Accessible Toilet £90) - Publicity (£200)				
Southwest Kinshipcare Group – Panto (Cinema Passes) **PRN: 036/19**	Funding is requested towards the cost of purchasing a 3-month group pass for Cineworld to enable Kinship Children to enjoy during the summer period **Purpose of Grant:** - 3 month passes for Cineworld (£1,243.50)	Services for Youth and Young People Vulnerable People	£1,243.50 **Match Funding:** £743.50 (Barrett Fund)	£500	**Approve £500**