Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Greater Pollok Area Partnership

Date: 24th June 2022
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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Greater Pollok

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Greater Pollok as set out within section 2 of this report
2. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Partnership
(1) notes this report;
(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): 3 Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Introduction

1.1. The Glasgow City Council 2022/23 budget has again allocated £1.5 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces. £77,500 of this has been allocated to Greater Pollok. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

1.2. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities 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.

1.3. 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.

1.4. 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, and where selected for action, will form the subject of further engagement.

2. Options for consideration

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.

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£77,500**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Brockburn Path	Bring forward proposals with stakeholders for a picnic area and active travel improvements	item	£18,000
2	Household Park Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support painting of existing equipment and supply and installation of additional play equipment.	item	£22,000
3	Household Park	Bring forward proposals with stakeholders for improvements to existing fenceline-costings will be influenced by engagement and technical assessment	Allowance	£6000
4	SWAMP Community Garden	Bring forward proposals with stakeholders for further investment at this location	Allowance	£3000
5	Leverndale Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support painting of existing equipment and supply and installation of play equipment.	item	£13,000
6	Brockburn Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support painting of existing equipment and supply and installation of play equipment.	item	£15,500

5 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 within Greater Pollok

Legal: None

Personnel: None

Procurement: Early Actions will be procured via existing GCC frameworks

Council Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan sets out a vision for Glasgow becoming the most sustainable city in Europe, and a resilient city. Investment in Parks and Open Spaces can contribute to this and to the following specific objectives:

Objective 71 - Promote and enhance our city's natural resources including nature reserves and public parks.

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out:

Outcome: -

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: It is considered that the early actions set out in paragraph 3 can 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; 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.