Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Govan Area Partnership
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Govan 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 Govan 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 2.

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 Govan Area Partnership for 2022/23 is £90,148.56.

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, Govan Area Partnership has committed a total of £27,575.00 (30.6% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward, leaving a balance of £62,573.56 (69.4% of the budget) yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

17. 2 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
Sessions for Veterans of The Armed Forces	Allan Clarke Veterans Craftmanship (ACVC) Hub	To purchase resources for the pottery workshops for the Veterans of the Armed Forces and to increase participation.	Awarded £500	n/a	(i) Vulnerable People; (ii) Thriving Places
Annual Parade 2022	The Old Govan Fair	Towards the costs associated with the delivery of the Govan Annual Community Parade 2022.	Awarded £5,500	n/a	(i) Youth Employment/Services; (ii) Vulnerable People; (iii) Environment;

					(iv) Anti-social Behaviour; and (v) Thriving Places.

Area Budget funding applications.

18. Appendix 2 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

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Appendix 1

Area Partnership Allocations 2022/23

Ward No.	Ward	Base allocation (as per 2019/20)	Budget based on SIMD 2020	Difference +
1	Linn	£ 79,467.54	**£80,436.78**	£969.24
2	Newlands/Auldburn	£ 65,933.55	**£66,248.48**	£314.93
3	Greater Pollok	£ 90,546.37	**£90,546.37**	-
4	Cardonald	£ 65,554.72	**£67,115.22**	£1,560.50
5	Govan	£ 90,148.56	**£90,148.56**	-
6	Pollokshields	£ 62,408.19	**£62,408.19**	-
7	Langside	£ 61,380.72	**£61,580.48**	£199.76
8	Southside Central	£ 85,842.35	**£85,842.35**	-
9	Calton	£ 99,046.33	**£99,512.15**	£465.82
10	Anderston/City/Yorkhill	£ 62,195.70	**£62,446.05**	£250.35
11	Hillhead	£ 61,838.56	**£61,838.56**	-
12	Victoria Park	£ 59,432.14	**£59,732.90**	£300.76
13	Garscadden/Scotstounhill	£ 87,055.61	**£87,055.61**	-
14	Drumchapel/Anniesland	£ 83,549.73	**£84,175.15**	£625.42
15	Maryhill	£ 66,107.49	**£66,443.71**	£336.22
16	Canal	£ 107,236.78	£108,959.02	£1,722.24
17	Springburn/Robroyston	£ 99,891.61	**£100,319.59**	£427.98
18	East Centre	£ 114,405.90	**£114,591.36**	£185.46
19	Shettleston	£ 70,841.26	**£72,339.21**	£1,497.95
20	Baillieston	£ 63,744.55	**£63,838.30**	£93.75
21	North East	£ 87,863.63	**£88,194.44**	£330.81
22	Dennistoun	£ 65,664.51	**£65,664.51**	-
23	Partick East/Kelvindale	£ 60,284.20	**£60,284.20**	-
	Total	**£1,790,440.00**	**£1,799,721.19**	

Appendix 2

Area Budget Funding Applications 2022/23

Client / Project Title	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation (including specific conditions)
Lourdes Secondary School - Music Therapy PRN 280/21	To provide music sessions for vulnerable people 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 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. Following consultation with pastoral care staff and school councilors there was an identified need to continue the programme. Young people's progress will be measured in terms of their improved emotional wellbeing and their positive academic engagement. The sessions will be delivered 1 day per week during Autumn/Winter term from 9 – 5pm. The programme will benefit Young People from Govan (10), Cardonald (7) and Greater Pollok (4)	(i) Youth Employment/Services; (ii) Vulnerable People;	£4,795 Match Funding; £2,000 – school PEF (confirmed)	£2,795	Approve - £1,285 Funding request is pro rata with Cardonald AP £950; and Greater Pollok AP to consider award of £560.

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