Item 4

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Glasgow City Council

Govan Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Govan

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Govan 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;
(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): 5 Citywide:

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

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 £76,200 of this has been allocated to Govan.

1.2. 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 2022/23, 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. Chosen projects should total: £76,200				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Elder Park- greenspace near Elder Farmhouse	Support to the Friends of Elder Park for first phase of works to a community garden at this location – within a linear strip of land between gates and road- detailed proposals to be brought forward in discussion with the Friends	item	£3000
2	Land at Govan Cross	Support for first phase of works to a community garden at this location- detailed proposals to be brought forward in discussion with the group planning to utilise this space	item	£3000
4	Harmony Row Play Area	Invest in play equipment and surfacing	item	£26,000
5	Galgael Boatyard	Preliminary works to support food growing project at this location	item	£600
6	Tunnel Gardens	Support for further phase of investment at this location detailed proposals to be brought forward in discussion with the group utilising this space	item	£3000
7	Plantation Park	Invest in play equipment and surfacing, tree	item	£40,150

		planting, bulb planting and surfacing of active travel routes within the park		
9	Ibrox Library grounds	New tree - conifer at 2.5m tall	Item	£450

3 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 Govan

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:

5. Recommendations

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