Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Linn Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Linn 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): 1 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. £71,800 of this has been allocated to Linn. The following projects are options for the committee to consider taking forward.

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%.

1.3. It is noted that there are seasonal windows for certain projects involving planting and habitats, namely:

1.3.1. September and April - seasonal windows for delivery of meadow creation

1.3.2. November -February - seasonal window for delivery of woodland creation and/or woodland management works on the ground

2. Local Engagement

2.1. Officers from across the Council Family have been working with local communities months 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 3 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 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.

3. Suggested Projects for Area Partnership to Consider

3.1 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.

3.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£71,800**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Linn Park	White Cart Walkway works to address surface water, edge barrier and walkability of path	item	£12,250
2	Linn Park	Linn Castle Phase 2 (path works funding in 21/22)	item	£10,000
3	Kings Park	Re-dress golden gravel paths within Sensory Garden	item	£7,750
4	Kings Park	Kings Park-woodland management and creation of swales near park entrance at corner of Glencroft Road and Midcroft Avenue to address localised surface water issue highlighted by residents	item	£7,000
5	Castlemilk Park and Cathkin Braes Surface Water Management Actions to address silting up of Castlemilk Park Pond	Further phase of works (following repairs to the culverted section) to remove blockages upstream of the culvert and remove	item	£15,000

		silt from the pond		
6	Beech walk at SSSI	path works	item	£1800
7	Linn Park Adventure Playground	Link in with Glasgow Life who will engage with service users- upgrades to timber retaining structures and trim trail	item	£6000
8	Holmbyre Road	Supply and install additional item of play equipment	item	£12,000
9	Castlemilk Park Lighting	Contribution towards a wider project to bring forward lighting options which might link paths between Miller Primary School, Tormusk Drive and the Jeely Piece Community Hub. It is noted that other sources of funding will require to be identified and reviewed and it is envisaged that any capital project would be delivered over a multi-year programme. The scope of work may include species surveys, replacement of columns, ducting and pillars, and may include associated works to trees and park infrastructure.	Item	£71,800

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This paper outlines options for how investment identified as part of the 2022/23 budget process by Glasgow City Council can be allocated within Linn

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 could 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.