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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Partick East/ Kelvindale Area Partnership

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Options for use of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale

Purpose of Report:

To provide committee with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Partick East/ Kelvindale as set out within section 3 of this report
2. Advise as to next steps

Recommendations:

It is recommended that committee note this report and advise of their preferred options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund to allow for early action and delivery of projects.

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. £42,800 of this has been allocated to Partick East/ Kelvindale. 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%.

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

3.1 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Chosen projects should total: **£42,800**			
Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
Dyce Park	Supply and install Cabinet noticeboard	item	£3200
Dorchester Avenue Greenspace	Phase 2- ask Baligh and John what we should do next	allowance	£15,100
Old Station Park	Bring forward options to improve basketball court	allowance	£2000
Mansfield Park	Bring forward options to improve basketball court	allowance	£2000
Greenspace accessed via pend located between 6 Walker Street and 12 Walker Court	Engage with stakeholders and bring forward proposals	item	£2900
Street Trees within Planters	Locations to be identified via site visits	each	£6000
Dowanhill Park	Bring forward options to respond to reports of muddiness to the grass under trees- options could include replacing section of the grass woodland bulbs and understory planting, with a winding footpath through this area	allowance	£11,600

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 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 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:

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.