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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership

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Springburn/Robroyston 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 Springburn/Robroyston 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 1.

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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership for 2022/23 is **£100,319.59**.

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, Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership has committed a total of £66,107 to various projects providing a service in the Ward. A Further £10,000 was committed to additional Festive lighting in the ward. leaving a balance of £34,212.59 (34%) yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

17. An application 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	Recommendation	Conditions/ Comments	Investment Priority
Springburn Auditorium- Ventilator Project PRN- 060/22	Piano Project- Community Interest Group	The organisation is applying for costs related to the procurement of concrete to protect the auditorium from winter weather.	Award- £500	N/A	Improve Health and Wellbeing Services for young people Environmental Issues

Ineligible Applications

18. An Application has been received from: Alive and Kicking- Unfortunately the applicant requested core running costs, which are ineligible for the area budget.

Area Budget funding applications.

19. Appendix 1 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

20. Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership is asked to:

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    c. note the current budget position for 2022/23; and
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Appendix 1

Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget: Applications for Consideration

Annual Budget £100,319.59

Allocations to date £66,107

Balance Available- £34,212.50

Recommendations- £24,620.56 (Does not include for application that is for consideration)

Client / Project Title and RN	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation including specific conditions
1.Springburn Men's Shed- Springburn Men's Shed Accessible Allotment PRN- 351/18	Organisation is looking for funding to expand existing facilities to cope with rising demand. These facilities include for gardening equipment and machinery. They are also seeking funding for a new shed to store equipment and are also looking to develop a new allotment in time for the next growing season. This would be and accessible allotment in order to meet the needs of current and potential future members. This will also accessible to those who attend the men's shed who cannot operate the heavy machinery in the existing shed. Project costs: • Concrete Beds- £2,555.88 • Shelter, Storage and Decking- £2414.69 • Fencing-£794.80 • Accessible Potting Tables- £269.98 • Accessible Raised Planters- £1,787.70 • Water Storage-£623.66 • Paving-£1,601.99 Total- £10,048.70 Group will cover extra costs on materials	Improve Health and Wellbeing Activities for the Elderly Environmental Issues	£3,000 Match Funding- Asda Foundation £1,000 NG Homes £2,000 Match funding will contribute towards equipment, tools and construction costs.	**£10,000**	**Award- £10,000**

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2. All Saints Secondary- School Pantomime PRN 326/16	The school is looking for funding for costs relating to organising a pantomime as an after-school activity for pupils to take part in. The application details that 25 people for the Springburn/Robroyston ward will attend and the other 25 from The North East Ward. The Pantomime aims to improve confidence of young people through expressive arts. Involvement in the pantomime will include performance and backstage involvement. Project costs: • Staffing Costs £1,892 • Costumes for Cast- £750 • Printing and Publicity £60 • Set and Prop Materials- £250 Total Project Costs £3,952	Services for young people	£3,952 **Match Funding-** School Fund-£100 School Budget (Staff Costs)- £602 Both Match funding proposals are confirmed	Amount Requested-£2,952	Recommend Award-£530 Recommendation to meet costs for: Costumes for cast Printing and Publicity Set and Prop materials Not recommending an award for staffing cost following officer assessment from Education services

Client / Project Title and RN	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation including specific conditions
3. Present Community/ Mandy Mcintosh: Musical Statues: Fixing the Water Fountain PRN-121/22	Applicants are applying for funds which will go towards the cost of restoring a water fountain. The fountain has previously been repaired but incorrectly. It is now situated in front of Springburn Shopping Centre. The fountain possesses a cultural significance to the area's history. The plans also include a mapping exercise and walking tours of the area. The fountain was gifted to GCC in 1902 Total Project Costs- • Stone repair- £11,920 • Design of Map- £800 • Print costs- £900 • New planting for Artefact - £600 • Mosaic Materials on walls- £750	Environmental Issues	Total Cost of Proposal- £14.970 **Match Funding-** • **£10,000 from Glasgow City Heritage**	£4,970	For Consideration- Confirmation of a range of permissions are still pending. Any award made should be subject to the condition. 'Award subject to confirmation of relevant permissions and positive officer assessment from NRS'

4. Stronger Together Enterprise- Exercise Classes PRN- 525/19	The project aims to provide exercise classes for elderly people from ethnic minority communities. The organisation aims to run these sessions for 24 weeks for 2 hours per session in Tron St. Mary's Church Hall .1 hour will be dedicated to the exercise class. The second hour will allow the attendees to enjoy a refreshment and socialise with other, this is part of the aim of the project to reduce isolation. Transport will be provided by Community Transport and Taxis for those who stay further away. The reason for this is to ensure accessibility as this will take place in part during winter months. This would reduce the issue of potential participants not attending due to weather. Breakdown- Venue (Tron- St. Mary's Church)- £840 Refreshment for Participants- £970 Volunteers expenses- 5 volunteers £5 per week 24 weeks Total- £600 Staff Costs- £960 Transport for participants- £590	Health and Wellbeing Activities for the elderly	£4,960 **Match Funding-** NG Homes £1,000 Confirmed	£3,960 Joint Bid with Pro-rata split with Dennistoun	Recommend award- £2,736.56 Dennistoun to consider pro rata amount.

Client / Project Title and RN	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation including specific conditions
5. Citywise Mentoring LTD- Character Mentoring in Barmulloch PRN- 258/21	City wise Mentoring aim to provide mentoring to disadvantaged children in Glasgow. This project will take place in Balornock Primary school for people in the Barmulloch and Balornock areas. The programme aims to involve mentors, mentees, teachers and parents. This will be targeted at older primary school children ranging from ages 9-11 This mentor programme will use mentors working in partnership with Strathclyde University Students who will be trained prior to the mentoring service beginning. Project Costs • Project Leader Salary (2 days x 22 weeks)- £3,049.20 • Project materials £800 • Food and Refreshments £600 • Volunteer Safe Recruitment- £150 • Volunteer Clothing and Travel- £450 • Contribution to overheads- £1,764	Improve Health and Wellbeing Services for Young People	£6,813.20 Match Funding- Community Fund for Ireland - £500	£6,313.00	Award- £5,049 Award will not include contribution to overheads

6. Piano Project CIC – Springburn Auditorium Ventilation 060/22	The organisation is applying for funding for cost related to installing ventilation at the Springburn Auditorium in Springburn Park. The Site is currently being used under a permission to use (PTU). The funding would be used split between paying for the delivery of materials, Labour costs and project coordinator fees. The installation of the ventilator will aim to preserve the building throughout winter conditions and make the auditorium more comfortable for those visiting. Project Costs • 2/3 days labour costs for two-man team- £980 • Material Delivery- £50 • Project Coordinator Fees- £125 a day for 2 Days.	Improve Health and Wellbeing Services for Young People Environmental Issues	Total Cost of Application- £1,280 No match Funding Breakdown- 2/3 days labour costs for two-man team- £980 Material Delivery- £50 Project Coordinator Fees- £125 a day for 2 Days.	Amount Requested- £1,280	Recommendation - Award- £1,280

New Rhythms for Glasgow Halloween in the community cinema PRN- 412/16	The organisation is looking for funding for costs relating to facilitating 6 workshops in which the participants will design props to be used in Halloween cinema show in Springburn auditorium. The workshops will allow for the participants to design and develop a range of ideas for shows suitable for both younger and older age groups. Project Costs • Sessional Artist- £525 • Materials- £500 • Management Costs- £1,000 • Advertising- £50 • Match Funding- £1,050 from Scot Gov ICF	Services for young people.	Total Amount – £2,075 Breakdown Sessional Artist- £525 Materials- £500 Management Costs- £1,000 Advertising- £50 Match Funding- £1,050 from Scot Gov ICF	Amount requested- £1,025	Recommend Award- £1,025

Early Years Scotland Stay, Play and Learn PRN- 131/22	Early Years Scotland is applying for Area budget funding for costs to run sessions for children with eligible 2-year-old nursery places. These sessions are for children who are not ready to be left in a nursery setting alone for a full day and therefore allows the carer to stay with the child in a ' less formal' setting but will allow for a few hours where parents can attend appointments and other perform other daily tasks. The organisation is seeking contribution to costs to hire halls in each ward to run these sessions. The organisation is seeking to split costs 50/50 with Calton (Ward 9) as 25 participants will attend from The Calton Ward Project Costs- • Contribution to hall hire -£8000	Services for young people Activities in community facilities	£20,000 Match Funding- Barmulloch Community Development Company- £5,000 Confirmed Bridgeton Community Learning Campus- £5,000 Confirmed Early Years Scotland- £2,000	£8,000 Pro rata split £4,000 per ward.	Award Full Amount- £4,000 Remaining amount to be considered by Calton Area Partnership