Item 6

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Glasgow City Council

Pollokshields Area Partnership

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

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Partnership with:

1. Options for investment of the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund within Pollokshields as set out within section 2 of this report

Recommendations:

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.

Ward No(s): 6	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 £49,800 of this has been allocated to Pollokshields. 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 over recent 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 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 Following the June meeting of the Partnership, Officers were requested to write to community groups requesting they submit suggested projects for consideration. The options listed below therefore include additional projects put forward by community partners.

3.3 It should be noted that Officers were contacted by the Friends of Maxwell Park in relation to a proposal for a water feature within the park. Officers would welcome opportunity to discuss this proposal in further detail with the Friends Group to allow for further considerations of a specification, which could potentially involve other Council Services. We would intend to provide an update to the Partnership in November.

3.2 Options have been costed as follows:

The following are a suite of projects for Area Partnership to consider. Please note, due to the level of feedback obtained from partners, the current list of projects is currently oversubscribed. Chosen projects should total: **£49,800**				
Option Number	Location	Proposal	Quantity	Potential Budget
1	Bellahouston Park- Play Area next to Glasgow Club Bellahouston	Supply and install new item of play equipment	item	£18,000
2	Maxwell Square Play Area	Suggestion received from Pollokshields Primary Parent Council- bring forward proposals for 3 items of outdoor gym- Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing	item	£11,800
3	Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment. It is noted that recommendations are also being brought forward to Area Partnerships for Wards 7 and 8, with potential for funding from	item	£20,000

		developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed. It is noted that this location is recommended for investment by the Queens Park Working Group, which has representation from a range of organisations both within the park and the surrounding communities.		
4	Bellahouston Park – Fencing Works	Allowance for additional fencing, in addition to the approved fencing works from 2021/22, where an existing 145m of fencing is to be installed.	Allowance	£13000
5	Minto Crescent – Craigton	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3no. benches.	Item	£9000
6	Pollokshields Bowling Green	Installation of composting toilets- timescales will be informed by need for SEPA consents and Building Warrant	Item	£13,000
7	Fleurs Avenue	Remove slabbed path and replace with tarmac surface. Crown lift adjacent trees.	Item	£4000
8	Mosspark Drive Play Area	Bring forward proposal for additional play equipment for younger children	Item	£1500
9	Bellahouston Park – Children's train play equipment	Repair of damage	Allowance	£500
10	Urrdale Road	Landscape enhancements to be developed in conjunction with	Allowance	£7000

		stakeholders		

5 Update on 2021/22

Option Number	Location	Proposal	Budget	Status
1	Bellahouston Park	Crown lifting and removal of epicormic growth, including thinning works	£1500	Preparing to tender
2	Bellahouston Park	Painting of park railings	£468	Awaiting lead test
3	Bellahouston Park	Fencing works (145m)	£17,400	Preparing to tender
4	Craigton Primary School Play Area	Replacement of goals and play equipment	£10,900	Preparing to tender
5	Road end planter/flower bed at the eastern end of McCulloch Street	Repair of wall. Supply of plants and materials to support planting activities by local residents	£750	Scope of works to be finalised following engagement between Pollokshields Space Force and Tramway
	Road end planter/flower bed on Darnley Road end planter/flower bed Street at Leslie Street	Repair of wall. Supply of plants and materials to Pollokshields Space Force to support planting activities by local residents	£750	Scope of works to be finalised following engagement between Pollokshields Space Force and Tramway
6	Greenspace at corner of Heriot St and Leslie St	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to installing social benches, thermoplastic ground coverings and variety of planting as part of the Beyond the Walls Project.	£4500	Scope of works to be finalised following engagement between Pollokshields Space Force and Tramway
7	Greenspace at corner of Leslie St and Kier St	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to installing social	£4500	Scope of works to be finalised following engagement between Pollokshields Space Force and Tramway

		benches, thermoplastic ground coverings and variety of planting as part of the Beyond the Walls Project.		
8	Greenspace at corner Leslie St and Forth St.	Working with Tramway Theatre and Pollok Open Space group with a view to installing social benches, thermoplastic ground coverings and variety of planting as part of the Beyond the Walls Project.	£4500	Scope of works to be finalised following engagement between Pollokshields Space Force and Tramway
9	Greenspace at corner of Waverley Gdns and Minard Rd	Various soft and hard landscaping works	£4500	Officers have met with community reps to advise on site ownership and next steps.

6 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 Pollokshields

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

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