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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 £27,103 (27% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward, leaving a balance of £73,216.59 (73%) yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

17. Three applications 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	Decision	Condition/ Comment of Grant	Local Investment Priority
Spring Summer Outings	Barmulloch Senior Citizens Coffee Club	Small grant to contribute towards costs for this year's Spring/Summer trips. This will include an afternoon tea, a barge trip and lunch for local elderly people	Award £500	N/A	Improve Health and Wellbeing Activities for the Elderly
Residential Trip	Education Services: All	Residential trip grant for an	Award £500	N/A	Services for Young People

	Saints RC Secondary School	Educational and Cultural Exchange trip to a partner school in Germany 20-24th June 2022. Funds will contribute towards meals and cultural visits for participants			
Springburn Parish Church Jubilee Party	Springburn Parish Church	Purchase of a range of food and refreshments for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A street party is planned for the church car park for the community event.	Award £500	N/A	Improve Health and Wellbeing Activities for the Elderly

Area Budget funding applications.

18. 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

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Appendix 1

Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget: Applications for Consideration

Client / Project Title and PRN	Purpose of award	Local Investment Priority	Total project costs (including match funding)	Amount requested	Recommendation including specific conditions
1. Beatroute Arts **Renew** **PRN: 033/22**	Short term project funding for a summer activity programme called Renew. Developed by local young people, Renew will focus upon the renewal and rebuilding of the community post pandemic, with an emphasis on services and support for young people. The project will run for three consecutive weeks in July and August, three days per week with young people taking part in creative activities such as music, visual art and woodcraft plus day trips to local parks. The project will be offered to approximately 30 young people in total, aged between 8-18. In addition, 5 young people from Beatroute Arts will engage with the project as volunteers. **Project Costs:** • Senior Youth Worker (7 weeks at £236 per week) - £1,652 • Additional youth work support - £1,266 • Facilitator Costs - £3,765 • Materials and Transport - £540 • Food - £1,000 **Total Project Costs: £8,223**	Improve Health and Wellbeing Services for Young People	£8,223 Match Funding: • The National Lottery Community Fund - £2,000 confirmed • Grow Wild/Glasgow Care Foundation - £1,496	£4,527	Award £4,527

2. Education Services: Acredyke Nursery **Improving Health & Wellbeing For Children Using the Outdoor Environment** **PRN: 025/22**	Equipment and materials grant to improve outdoor learning at the nursery's Wallacewell Primary Campus location. The bid outlines that the space currently lacks natural features and any protection for the children for shade and shelter, limiting safe outdoor learning opportunities. The proposal will address these issues and create a safer and more nurturing environment for outdoor learning. **Project Costs:** • Pergola x 2 Gazebo x 2 - £1,128.70 • Outdoor rainbow den - £4,900 • Large sheltered sandpit; Bridge - super wide; Willow Hut Large, outdoor numeracy - £1,510 • Kendray Super Sized Cube & pipe; climbing crest; Grass tyre tops x 2; canopies x 3 - £1,046 • Artificial Grass; balance bikes x 4 - £1,400 **Total Project Costs: £9,984.70**	Services for Young People Improving Health and Wellbeing	£9,984.70	£9,984.70	Award £9,984.70

3. Spirit of Springburn SCIO **Spirit of Springburn Community Pantry** **PRN: 209/21**	Purchase of food pantry supplies and emergency gas and electricity top ups for local people via the Community Fridge. The grant will purchase tinned produce to add to the fresh produce that the project receives from North Glasgow Community Food Initiative (via Fareshare). In addition, emergency fuel top-up will be offered in partnership with local community organisations familiar the tenant's circumstances. **Project Costs:** • Tinned produce (meals in a can, soups, UHT milk) - £1,500 • Gas/Electricity top-ups - £500 **Total Project Costs: £2,000**	Improve Health and Wellbeing	£2,000 Ongoing support from North Glasgow Community Food Initiative and volunteers	£2,000	Award £2,000