



Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

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AREA PARTNERSHIP BUDGET

Purpose of Report:

To inform Members of the Area Budget allocation and the context for the award of these funds by the Area Partnership.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Area Partnership notes:

- this report
- that in addition to a budget update at each meeting, the Area Partnership will receive a mid-year progress report on funds allocated
- that a further report will be presented to the Council's Executive Committee at a later date on the future design and governance of the Integrated Grant Fund local programmes

Ward No(s):

9

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised:

Yes

No

Yes

Consulted:

N

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1. Background

- 1.1 On 13 December 2012, the Executive Committee approved Area Grants Budget allocations for the 21 Council Wards totaling £1,352,359 in each of the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years.
- 1.2 This paper outlines the role of the Area Partnership in relation to the Area Budget and the context for the award of these funds by the Area Partnership.

2. Area Partnership

- 2.1 The role of the Area Partnership in relation to the Area Budget is outlined within the Governance Framework as:

To oversee an area grants process, as part of the Integrated Grants Fund, ensuring that it is consistent with the priorities of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership, Glasgow City Council, Sector implementation plan and Sector investment strategy.

- 2.2 The Area Partnership is informed that work will be progressed in the year ahead to develop a Sector implementation plan and Sector investment strategy. Further information on this process will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Partnership.
- 2.3 A further report will be presented to the Council's Executive Committee at a later date on the future design and governance of the Integrated Grant Fund local programmes.
- 2.4 This paper sets out below the arrangements in relation to allocation of the Area Budget.

3. Application and Assessment Process

- 3.1 In a separate report, the Area Partnership is asked to consider applications for funding from the Area Budget 2013/14.
- 3.2 Members are informed that all recommendations have been made following an assessment of each application and that the process will continue to be that:
 - Organisations will make application for grants for projects
 - Council Officers will assess and make recommendations
 - The Area Partnership will make decisions on which projects to fund
- 3.3 In respect of Area Budgets, application forms are assessed against a range of criteria that includes the suitability of the organisation to receive funding (e.g. governance arrangements, financial management etc.) and how well the proposal fits with the funding criteria.

- 3.4 Members are informed that a number of measures were introduced in 2012 to improve the efficiency of the grants process. These measures focused on removing some administrative steps associated with the Area Budget and making it an easier process for local groups applying for funding. In the coming period, further work will be done to ensure that the time spent on processing grants applications is proportionate to the level of funding being requested.
- 3.5 Given the enhanced remit of the Area Partnerships as key structures within the Community Planning Partnership, Members are reminded that the allocation of the Area Budget, whilst an important role, should not dominate the agenda. It therefore follows that the level of discussion should be in proportion to the amount of funds being allocated.

4. Monitoring

- 4.1 Members are informed that the Area Budget for each Area Partnership has to be fully allocated within the financial year and all projects are to be funded and delivered in the current financial year.
- 4.2 The Area Partnership will receive a budget update at each meeting and a mid-year progress report on funds allocated.

5. Service Implications

<i>Economic Impact:</i>	None
<i>Sustainability:</i>	None
<i>Financial:</i>	Funds to be allocated in accordance with Executive Committee's decision of 13 December 2012.
<i>Legal:</i>	None
<i>Personnel:</i>	None
<i>Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:</i>	None

6. Recommendations

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