



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

Report by Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council

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CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2018/19

Purpose of Report:

To inform members of the current position in relation to the Calton Area Partnership Budget 2018/19.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Area Partnership:

- (1) notes
 - (a) the current Glasgow City Council budget position in regards to Area Budget allocations;
 - (b) the current position with regard to awarding funds from the 2018/19 allocation;
 - (c) that time critical awards for up to £500 can also be allocated from the 2018/2019 budget under existing Delegated Authority arrangements;
- (2) ensures
 - (a) that the area budgets are used in ways which reflect the Council's key objectives;
 - (b) that 2018/19 funds recommended are, wherever possible, proportionate to the overall budget available for the full year and time critical; and
- (3) approves the proposal for Playschemes, and the provision, in principle, of travel passes to Out of School Care organisations, subject to Glasgow City Council's budget in 2018/19; receipt of the standard application materials and any outstanding information.

1. Background

- 1.1 In June 2017, the Executive Committee approved budget allocations for 2017/18 to the 23 Area Partnerships totalling £1,352,359. The allocation for this Area Partnership is £60,351.
- 1.2 Glasgow City Council is, following consultation, expected to set its 2018/19 Budget in February 2018. The IGF budget for 2018/19 is part of the Council Budget and is therefore still to be agreed. Any revisions to IGF Area Budget allocations for 2018/19 will be detailed in a future report.

2. Allocation arrangements

- 2.1 Some Area Partnerships have proposals coming before them in the January/February 2018 cycle of meetings for projects/services to take place early in financial year 2018/19.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note recommendations within this paper for interim arrangements enabling the allocation of a portion of funds from the 2018/19 IGF Area Budget in the January/February cycle of the 23 Area Partnerships (e.g. for time critical projects).
- 2.3 Following advice from Council Financial Services, the budget available for allocation by the 23 Area Partnerships in January/February 2018 should be proportionate to the number of anticipated Area Partnership meetings in 2018/19 and in line with the notional Area Partnership budget allocation for 2018/19.
- 2.4 Furthermore, any applications submitted should be time critical – for example, where a funding request has been made for an event/residential trip that will take place before the scheduled first meeting of the 23 Area Partnerships in the new financial year or where the activity takes place very soon after the first meeting.

3. Proposals for 2018/19

- 3.1 Applications that are received up to the value of £500 for funding in 2018/19, and that are time critical, can be approved through existing delegated authority arrangements. Any awards made through delegated authority for 2018/19 will then be submitted for noting to the next meeting of the Area Partnership.
- 3.2 All funding awards made in the January/February 2018 cycle of meetings and via Delegated Authority from the 2018/19 budget will be subject to available finances.
- 3.3 Applications for holiday playschemes, are dealt with in paragraph 4 of this report.

- 3.4 In conjunction with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, the Council also provides travel passes to qualifying Out of School Care organisations which allows them to travel free of charge with many public transport operators throughout the school holiday periods. Funding for this scheme is provided centrally, however, the Area Partnership is asked to approve the provision of passes to organisations within the Ward. Please note that the list of organisations to be awarded travel passes will not be available until February 2018. In order that travel passes can be awarded in time for the Spring school break, the Area Partnership is asked to approve the allocation of these travel passes to eligible organisations following consultation with the Chair. Details of the travel passes provided in the Ward will be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Partnership.

4. Playschemes

- 4.1 Funding to support Playschemes operating during the school holiday periods of Spring, Summer and October 2018 is included in the Area Partnership's budget for 2018/19. In previous years, one award was made to cover the three holiday periods and funding released to the grant recipients in three instalments. For 2018/19, to take account of the rescheduling of Area Partnership meetings (from February/March to January/February) it is proposed that awards for the Spring 2018 holiday period, which begins on 2nd April 2018, are considered in March under Delegated Functions and that awards for Summer and October holiday periods are considered at the Area Partnership meeting in April 2018. This approach would allow applications to be completed, returned and assessed and funding released in time for the Spring holiday period and would allow the Area Partnership the opportunity to consider funding for the remaining holiday periods at its first meeting in 2018/19. It is expected that this approach would only be required for 2018/19 as the entire Playscheme application process for subsequent years would be brought forward (subject to any changes which may be agreed for allocation of IGF funding).

5. Recommendations

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