



## **Item 8**

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### **Glasgow Community Planning Partnership**

#### **Hillhead Area Partnership**

**Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability**

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#### **Local Parks & Open Space – Progress Update**

##### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund and to recommend use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

##### **Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report and approve the recommendations.

## 1. Introduction and progress to date

- 1.1 Glasgow City Council allocated £3 million to Area Partnerships across the city for investment in Parks and Open Spaces over 2021/22 & 2022/23. This report is to provide members an update on each allocated project within the ward and to advise on any further steps to be taken.
- 1.2 It should be noted that 328 projects have been approved on an ongoing basis since year 1 of this fund. Whilst the Service is placing focus on delivering these within desired timescales, these will be subject to resource pressures within the Service, alongside daily operational requirements. Where possible, the Service has been engaging with partners to grant award monies for project delivery where appropriate, to support community empowerment and local capacity building.

## 2. Progress Update of Projects

- 2.1 The following table provides updates to approved projects from 21/22 and 22/23:

### 2021/22

Location	Previous Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & next steps	Anticipated timescales
Kelvin Walkway	Restoration Works to Site of Flint Mill	£27,458	Pursuing complex statutory consents from Historic Environment Scotland.	The Friends of the Botanic Gardens have assisted with the provision of a Conservation Pre Start Survey. Due to further assessment of the site, the scope of works has increased since this allocation was made, therefore funds will be used as a first phase of works. The Service will continue to pursue funds for further phases of works as and when they become available. We anticipate first phase of works to commence in

				Winter 24 subject to relevant consent being granted from Historic Environment Scotland.
Kelvin Walkway	The installation of 200 metres of new hardwood timber fencing, including fence posts, from Lade to Flintmill.	£18,500	Complete	N/A
Kelvin Walkway	Surface water management at Gibson Street stairs	£3000	Complete	N/A

## 2022/23

Location	Previous Proposal	Budget Allocated	Status & next steps	Anticipated timescales
Kelvingrove Park	Contribution towards Kelvingrove Park Play Area	£45,400	Works Complete	N/A
Kelvingrove Park	Contribution towards the Stewart Memorial Fountain	£2,300	Funds not utilised on previous works. Fountain currently not operational. Service currently exploring repair works, these potentially may be considerable.	N/A

Woodlands	Surface water management at Eldon Street	£1,300	Complete. Further assessment of drainage options required for longer term solution, an allocation of £5K from NIIF would be recommended with Surface Water Management works for sustainable solution.	N/A
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### 3. Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Napiershall Street

- 3.1 Following the Connecting Woodside project, the Service has been engaging with stakeholders in relation to environmental improvements within the greenspace at Napiershall Street.
- 3.2 Entrance signage was noted as desirable for the greenspace, similar to that recently installed in Milton Park in the north of the city (see appendix 1). **The Service would therefore recommend an allocation of £6K from the NIIF** for two entrance signs.
- 3.3 The Service will also be undertaking other environmental works in November through Green Connectors budget. This includes planting of 11no. trees and planting of bulbs. We would welcome the input of the local community to assist in the planting of bulbs.
- 3.4 Works to improve sightlines and feelings of safety for parks users will also be undertaken through thinning works to shrubs and crown raising of trees.
- 3.5 Works to repaint the trip rails will also be requested through the Community Payback Service.

### 4. Parks Lighting Update

- 4.1 Following the Parks Lighting review undertaken by [Greenspace Scotland](#), suggested lighting routes within Kelvingrove Park remain under consideration. It is noted that should capital funding become available, a full Lighting Impact Assessment would require to be undertaken to allow the relative benefits and impacts of any proposal to be formally considered. This would include relevant ecological surveys and necessary mitigations to minimise impacts on wildlife.

- 4.2 The Service is willing to engage with local stakeholders in further consideration of lighting routes within the park and thereafter bring a recommendation of funding to a future meeting.
- 4.3 Solar way-finders have been implemented from Royal Terrace to Eldon Street. Feedback has been noted, including positive findings that they are not impacting on wildlife such as Bats. These measures will continue to be monitored.
- 4.4 Two off-grid lighting trials have now been complete in Queens Park and Kelvingrove Park, which have been reviewed by officers and continued to be considered for lighting schemes in park and greenspace settings.
- 4.5 It is noted that there are no energy costs associated with off-grid lighting columns, compared with grid-connected columns which incur an estimated £19.37 per annum cost. Maintenance costs for both lighting columns are similar, ranging from £79-120 per annum. A suitable timed lighting column consumes an estimated 158kW per annum. Using this consumption figure, an annual saving of 0.0489 Co2 tonnes is achieved by use of off-grid lighting columns, with reduced cabling and trenching reducing the impact on species and habitats. Batteries will need intermittently replaced and have a lifespan of 8-20 years.
- 4.6 Information on Off-Grid Columns
- Both examples use optics which can allow for minimal light spill into green areas.
  - A 2700k warmth light would be used for reduced impact on wildlife.
  - Spacing between columns could be flexible
  - Lights can be set to a timer, and can use a sensor to activate when someone walks by
  - Lighting can be adjusted, according to feedback

## **5. Recommendations**

The Area Partnership is asked to note this report and approve the recommendations.