Item 11

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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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2016/17 AREA BUDGET: MONITORING STATEMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Purpose of Report:
To provide the Partnership members with the current 2016/17 Calton Area Budget position and make recommendations on applications for funding.

Recommendations:
The Area Partnership is asked to

(1) note the budget position for 2016/17 as detailed in appendix 1;

(2) agree a process to utilise the ring-fenced community budgeting funding; and

(3) consider and agree Area Budget recommendations for applications, detailed in appendix 2.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:
Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

SOA | Alcohol	Yes / No ☐ / ☐	SOA | Principle *Early Intervention*	Yes / No ☐ / ☐
SOA | Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness	Yes / No ☐ / ☐	SOA | Principle *Equality*	Yes / No ☐ / ☐
SOA | Vulnerable People; In-Work Poverty	Yes / No ☐ / ☐	SOA | Principle *Sustainable Change*	Yes / No ☐ / ☐
SOA | Youth Employment	Yes / No ☐ / ☐	**If other priority, please provide details here:** The Area Budget supports all priorities	
SOA | *Thriving Places*	Yes / No ☐ / ☐		
Other Priority	Yes / No ☐ / ☐		

1. 2016/17 Area Budget Allocation

1.1 Glasgow City Council's Executive Committee on 14th April 2016 allocated £65,260 to the 2016/17 Calton Area Budget.

1.2 This report provides details on the funding allocated to date and makes recommendations on Area Budget funding applications.

2. Area Budget Expenditure to Date

2.1 To date, Calton Area Partnership has committed a total of £40,228 (61.64% of the budget) to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £25,032 (38.36%) unallocated.

2.2 Appendix 1 provides further details of the funding allocated to date.

3. Community Budgeting

3.1 Following the Community Budgeting events in April 2016, jointly funded by the Area Partnerships and the Scottish Government, Area Partnerships were asked to consider ring fencing further funding for this purpose; ie at least 10% of their remaining budget for 2016/17. At its meeting on 18th May 2016, this Area Partnership agreed to ring fence £3,241 and noted that applications had been invited for the Scottish Government's Community Choices grant stream, for the purpose of supporting community budgeting in 2016/17, and that the Council would again consider applying for funding.

3.2 An application was submitted in July 2016 by the Council to the Scottish Government for funding from the Community Choices Fund to support the roll out of community budgeting in Glasgow. However, it was unsuccessful. With only 2 Area Partnership meeting cycles remaining in 2016/17, the Area Partnership requires to consider how best to use the £3,241 it had previously ring fenced for community budgeting. Members are asked to consider the following options:

(a) To proceed with a community budgeting event using Area Partnership funds. Members should consider whether the funds already ring-fenced are sufficient, or whether further funding should be allocated for community budgeting. To allow enough time for a community budgeting event to be organised and to ensure successful applicants have enough time to deliver their project and fully spend the grant funding before the end of the financial year, such an event would need to be held in early 2017, preferably in mid to late January. Members are reminded that Area Budget awards must be fully spent and projects delivered by 31st March 2017.

(b) To seek match funding for a community budgeting event. This may be difficult if a viable community budgeting event (ie. with sufficient funds to be considered as offering value for money and to appeal to potential applicants) is **dependent** on securing other funding to match the Area Budget contribution. There would not be time for the Area Partnership to revisit its decision (with only one remaining meeting in 2016/17 following the October/November round of meetings) and ensure that funding awarded would be fully spent by the end of the financial year.

(c) To postpone a further community budgeting event until 2017/18 and return the ring fenced funding to the Area Budget to be allocated under the usual arrangements at the remaining Area Partnership meetings.

4. Area Budget Funding Applications

4.1 Appendix 2 provides a summary of the applications that require consideration by the Area Partnership. Each application has been assessed using the process outlined previously in a report to the Area Partnership. 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 that have been assessed as required.

4.2 The Appendix attached to this report provides a summary of each application in a standard format that describes the aims of the proposed project and the nature of any activities or services that would be provided by grant funding. It also provides a brief description of how funding will be spent (e.g. to purchase equipment).

5. Recommendations

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