



Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields Area Partnership

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Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund – Update Report

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Fund.

Recommendations:

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

1. Introduction

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. Summary

2.1 The following table provides an update on outstanding projects allocated within the ward for each year:

2.2 2021/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS
Bellahouston Park	Crown lifting, thinning and epicormic growth removal- trees to perimeter of park locations	£1,500	Complete
Bellahouston Park	Park railings	£500	Complete
Bellahouston Park	Replacement of 145 linear metres of fencing	£17,900	Complete
Children's Play Area adjacent to Craigton Primary School	Replace damaged goals and equipment	£10,900	Complete
Road end planter/flower bed on Darnley Road end planter/flower	Repair of wall and provide funding for plants and materials to community	£750	Complete

bed Street at Leslie Street	organisations to support planting activities by local residents		
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street at Heriot Street	Crown lifting of the perimeter trees and removal of epicormic growth to improve both light and visibility for users, planting and support healthy tree growth. The planting of bulbs for biodiversity and colour. Remove weeds from slab joints and seal joints to slow weed regrowth. One additional bench and fix existing timber benches to the ground.	£4,500	Complete
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Keir Street	The addition of two or three raised beds for the use of pupils from the adjacent Pollokshields Primary as part of their growing projects. Apply a topcoat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow.	£4,500	Complete

	<p>Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar- input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected e.g., hopscotch or wildlife images. 2 new benches.</p> <p>Timber 'stepping stones'.</p> <p>Tramway</p>		
Greenspace at corner of Leslie Street and Forth Street	<p>Apply a topcoat to the existing tar surfacing to remove 'joins' where weeds grow.</p> <p>Thermoplastic markings to be apply to the tar- input to be sought from Pollokshields Primary as to the patterns selected- e.g., hopscotch or wildlife images. Bulb and plug planting.</p>	£4,500	Complete
Greenspace at corner of Waverley Gardens and Minard Road	<p>Move existing gate so that it exits onto a footpath, rather than onto the road.</p> <p>Create a short section of hard surfaced path from this gate to reduce muddiness at</p>	£1,500	<p>These funds have been reallocated to upgrades to the train play facility in Bellahouston park.</p> <p>Works Programmed – Early 2026</p>

	entrance. Timber log/bench feature for seating and biodiversity. Bird boxes, bulb planting and plug planting		
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2.3 2022/23

Location	Proposal	Budget Allocated	Anticipated timescales for any remaining works by NRS
Maxwell Square Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding which includes Children's Play Equipment and Surfacing	£11,800	Additional funds have become available through Scottish Government Play Renewal Program and will be programmed in accordance with the delivery program. The Service is currently engaging with the Friends of Maxwell Square Park on further development of the park and play area, with a view to completing tender documents June 2026. Project timescales will be available following the appointment of a contractor.
Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment.	£11,500	Additional funds have become available through Scottish Government Play Renewal Program and developer contributions and will be programmed in accordance with the delivery program. Local consultations have informed design brief, with tender documents to be complete February 2026. Project timescales will be available following the appointment of a contractor.
Bellahouston Park	Fencing Works	£13,000	Complete

Fleurs Avenue	Towards the cost of removing concrete slabs replacing it with a tarmac surface and associated works at Fleurs Avenue	£4,000	Works programmed for Winter 2025/26
Bellahouston Park	Repair of train play equipment	£500	Additional funding has been secured through reallocations. Update on timescales to follow.
Minto Crescent	Soft landscaping works to include bulb planting, tree planting and improvements to central planter. Installation of 3no. benches.	£9,000	Works complete include; tree & bulb planting, bench installations and planter removal. Final phase of works to include removal of concrete structure within central planter.

3 Recommendations

3.1 The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of this report