



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

**Item 3**

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**Report by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate,  
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**PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PBIP) – THE PLACE FUND  
2025/26**

**Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of the report is:

1. to accept the Scottish Government's 2025/26 Place Fund grant offer letter to the Council of £2,242,000;
2. to inform Committee on Council's proposed 2025/26 Place Fund programme and request approval of these allocations.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report;
2. Accepts the Scottish Government's Place Fund grant offer of £2,242,000 for 2025/26,
3. Notes the 2025/26 Place Fund programme and approves the proposed programme and allocations.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☒

consulted: Yes ☐ No ☒

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 In September 2020, the Scottish Government published its *Programme for Government*. This contained a commitment to establish a Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) which is intended to link and align place-based initiatives and establish a coherent local framework designed to implement the Place Principle. Within this programme, a key element is the Place Fund (TPF) which is delegated to local authorities to allocate and is expected to address key themes including:
- Development of 20-minute neighbourhoods;
  - Town Centre regeneration;
  - Community led regeneration and community wealth building;
  - Achieving net zero;
  - Promoting well-being and inclusive economic growth which tackles inequality and disadvantage.

## **2 Funding Award**

- 2.1 To date Glasgow City Council has received funding over three years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24), which has enabled a range of projects, both directly undertaken by the Council and through grants to external parties, to be delivered. Committee has been advised of progress in [December 2021](#), [February 2022](#) and [January 2023](#). No funding was made by Scottish Government to Council last year (2024-25).
- 2.2 Council received indication of a 2025/26 Place Fund grant award from Scottish Government on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and subsequently received an offer of grant for £2,242,000 on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Committee is requested to accept this award, noting that the funding will be issued in two tranches - £1,755,486 initially with £486,514 to be received later in 2025.
- 2.3 As per the conditions of the offer of grant, all funding must be spent or committed through a signed contract by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

## **3 Proposed Funding Themes**

- 3.1 Based on Scottish Government's stated themes at Section 1.1, as well as Council's key priorities, NRS officers have been developing a thematic programme of projects. These proposed funding themes and their allocations are outlined below.

### **3.2 Liveable Neighbourhoods (£1,100,000)**

- 3.2.1 An allocation will be made to enable the delivery of projects aimed at improving public realm/pedestrian environment, and sustainable travel choices, to proceed within the 2025/26 financial year. The projects have all emerged via the Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) approach and have accessibility

improvements embedded as a core aspect of the project deliverables. These are detailed below:

- 3.2.2 Letherby Triangle/ Battlefield Rest – An allocation of £800,000 will contribute towards construction at both sites and will be match funded with Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 2 to enable works to proceed this financial year. Works includes part pedestrianisation of Letherby Triangle, while at Battlefield Rest, pedestrianisation and public realm improvements will be undertaken.
- 3.2.3 Festival Park/ Lorne Street – Creation of additional entrance to the park with new path and tree management to increase visibility/safety and associated biodiversity enhancements. This allocation of £200,000 will be match funded with Feminist Action Fund to enable works to commence this financial year.
- 3.2.4 Shawlands/Strathbungo/Dennistoun - An allocation of £100,000 is made for improvement of pedestrian accessibility and permeability including creating direct crossings, improving pedestrian and cycling priority and improving localised public realm.

### **3.3 Carlton Place and South Portland Street Suspension Bridge (£482,000)**

- 3.3.1 This allocation will be made to undertake interventions that will stimulate local regeneration by making improvements to the south banking of the River Clyde, removing un-tended and wild vegetation, improving the soft landscaping of the riverbank, and make improvements to the Suspension Bridge such as replacing redundant feature lighting. These interventions will improve the quality of the natural landscape, improve sightlines and surveillance, and the improved lighting on the bridge will improve safety and security of this important pedestrian travel route.
- 3.3.2 This investment will complement the Sustrans-funded Avenues Plus project on South Portland Street that is in construction and is due to complete in Spring 2026, as well as the planned City Deal projects at Custom House Quay and Carlton Place, which are currently in design.

### **3.4 People Make Glasgow Communities (£400,000)**

- 3.4.1 In addition to the above, Council has existing assets which will be allocated funding to be administered through the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) process. PMGC is a mechanism by which local community groups, third sector organisations and others can have an active role in managing local venues or facilities. Investment will be allocated to identified properties which will bring them up to a satisfactory standard and allow local organisations to assume long-term leases for the properties. This will enable these organisations to continue to deliver key services to their local communities.

### **3.5 Food System Development (£260,000)**

- 3.5.1 As part of further development of Glasgow's Food System, an allocation of £200,000 will be made to a pilot project creating a community growing space

on vacant Council-owned land. Funding will be split between enabling infrastructure works (such as provision of access, services and remediation) with a small grant also made available to relevant community groups for final fit out costs. Priority will be given to community organisations who have already engaged through the PMGC process. It should be noted that £60,000 of this overall allocation will be for technical support and project delivery, particularly in relation to co-ordination of this pilot project and related Glasgow Food Plan priorities.

#### **4. Recommendations and Project Delivery**

- 4.1 Committee is asked to approve these funding allocations and to accept the award of £2,242,000 from Scottish Government for 2025/26, noting that £1,755,486 will be received initially with £486,514 to be received at a later date.
- 4.3 Updates on project selection and delivery on the progress of individual projects and the overall programme will be made to the Economy, Housing, Transport and Regeneration City Policy Committee as appropriate.
- 4.4 All projects will be subject to established Scottish Government and Council reporting, monitoring, legal agreement and grant claim requirements.

#### **5 Policy and Resource Implications**

##### **Resource Implications:**

*Financial:* Glasgow City Council has been allocated £2,242,000 additional investment from the Place Fund. This is being administered through GCC as the main partner, working with other partners to deliver on activities as appropriate.

*Legal:* GCC Legal Services will conduct due diligence on the process to provide partnership grants to organisations to help deliver on the key objectives of this project.

*Personnel:* Personnel resources required to assist in the delivery of the overall programme will be supported through existing and additional identified resources as noted in section 3.5.1.

*Procurement:* No specific procurement matters.

**Council Strategic Plan:** The following Strategic Plan outcomes are supported:  
**Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce Poverty and inequality in our communities** - Mission 3:

Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities and Mission 4: Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant

**Grand Challenge 2 – Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our citizens** - Mission 2: Support the growth of an innovative, resilient and net zero carbon economy

**Grand Challenge 3 – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow** – Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030

**Grand Challenge 4 – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities** - Mission 1: Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods

### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.*

Yes, Outcome 6- The importance of tackling social isolation and loneliness is recognised and prioritised.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?*

This will contribute to Equality Outcome 6. Public realm and accessibility improvements through Liveable Neighbourhood work will also contribute towards tackling social isolation and loneliness.

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.*

The Place Fund is targeted at areas of socio-economic disadvantage.

### Climate Impacts:

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:*

Projects will support the following Climate Plan actions:

51: *Deliver a comprehensive active travel network, incorporating the spaces for people measures (following consultation) and enabling 20-minute neighbourhoods through the liveable neighbourhoods plan*

56: *Reduce the need to own and use a car through measures in the City Development*

*Plan 2, Glasgow Transport Strategy and the Liveable Neighbourhoods*

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

Reduced carbon emissions as a result of a focus on 20 Minute neighbourhoods and local living; promotion of active travel; reduced food miles through local growing initiatives and potential improvements to energy efficiency of premises.

*Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?*

Yes – all projects will be assessed against how they contribute to meeting net zero.

**Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:**

None

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report  
Y/N

No

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

## **6 Recommendations**

**It is recommended that Committee:**

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