



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership.

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2024/25 AREA BUDGET: EVALUATION REPORT.

Purpose of Report:

To inform the Area Partnership of the details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget in 2024/25

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2024 allocated £100,319.59 to the 2024/25 Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £100,319.59 (100%) of the allocation has been awarded for projects that were delivered by 31st March 2025.

Evaluation

3. Projects funded through the Area Budget are required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which states that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements.
4. 10% of projects funded during 2024/25 were identified and asked to complete an Evaluation Report. Details of the projects and of the evaluations are included in Appendix 1.

Recommendation

5. The Area Partnership is asked to note the report in relation to the Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget 2024/25.

Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership Budget 2024/25

Budget: £100,319.59	Allocated: £100,319.59	Unallocated: £0
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Total Number of Awards: 35	Awards under delegated authority: 9	Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 5
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Client/Project	Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N	Summary Findings (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments.
North Glasgow Community Food Initiative Community Van for Health and Wellbeing 546/23	YES	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>NGCFI needed a van to be able to address the health inequalities, improve well-being and make a positive impact on local people, young and old, in Springburn. Originally we were renting a van twice per week, which was financially unsustainable, diverting resources that could be more efficiently allocated to core project areas. This van hire arrangement was limiting and inflexible. Acquiring a dedicated van was crucial to enhancing operational flexibility, significantly improving the collection of food donations and responsiveness to community needs.</p> <p>Community involvement in the development of the Springburn Van acquisition project has been extensive and community led. The community-led steering food hub group met four times a year and plays a pivotal role in guiding the project's development. The group identified that purchasing a van is a top priority for the Springburn Food Hub to be able to continue the work that we do.</p>

		<p>The van will serve as a vital resource for meeting demands in Springburn such as fruit and veg barras, community meals, gardening sessions, cookery classes and events. The van will help facilitate the transportation of fresh produce, equipment and resources necessary for these activities. This increased operational capacity that directly benefits the Springburn community by providing more accessible and frequent access to healthy food options and community-focused events. Purchasing the van will enable us to develop our partnership working such as through connecting with more supermarkets for donations, community events with organizations such as Spirit of Springburn, BCDC, Tron St Mary's, NG Homes, where we would be able to transport equipment such as apple presses or smoothie bikes.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>Benefits include;</p> <p>Improved access to Fresh Produce; The van enables the development of proposed increase from 2 to 3 barras per week, serving 40 people per week. Increase collections for Springburn Hub Community Fridge and Royston Community Pantry, where 100 Springburn residents do their weekly shop. This enhances the accessibility of fresh fruits and vegetables for the Springburn community, reducing the need for residents to travel long distances for quality produce.</p> <p>Community meals and events; The van Facilities the transportation of resources for community meals (weekly) and various community events. This fosters social cohesion and community engagement, contributing to overall well-being</p> <p>The van's role in transporting equipment and collecting donations enhances the efficiency of these sessions. For young people initiatives like Teeny Greenies in our garden fosters a connection with nature. Additionally, the van facilities outreach to school and nurseries. For the older people, the van supports cookery courses, providing healthier eating and community engagement</p> <p>These barras are delivered by volunteers, with 4 volunteers engaged in delivering this service. Feedback from the community around two issues; cost and quantity. The services is vital as it is</p>
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		<p>supporting a healthy diet in a 'food desert' area, where fresh produce is only available at high costs and low quality in corner shops. In terms of quantity, customers have expressed how much they appreciate being able to just buy what they want/need, hence cutting down on food costs/wastage;</p> <p><i>'I just need 3 tomatoes, but they come in 6's in the supermarket. Then I need to buy 6 and throw 3 away; I hate it.'</i></p> <p>One of our regular barra volunteers is from Nigeria. She has shared how volunteering at the barra has supporting her integration in the community and helped her interaction's with her children's school. She explained how coins are not used in Nigeria; through working on the barra, she has learnt to recognise Scottish coins and their denominations, taking and giving change. In this way, she shared how she felt empowered to give her children correct change for the school as required.</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p> <p>The project was fully spent and delivered on time</p>
<p>Acredyke Nursery</p> <p>Partnership Working for Better Outcomes</p> <p>499/23</p>	YES	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>Acredyke Nursery is registered for 79 children at any one time between 2 years old and school age, and our total roll for the past year was 130 children. We work closely with families and our wider community. The focus of our work this past year has been community and family links; including family learning and support; alongside continued expansion of the quality and quantity of outdoor and nature-based play and learning, including risk play, sensory experiences, and the natural world.</p> <p>Most of that provision was through 'Stay and Play' sessions and 'Welcome In' events. The stay and plays included 'Mothers & Others', and 'Dads & Lads', to mark Mothers and Fathers Days respectively; 'Autumn Woodland Adventure', and 'Love & Wellbeing Week' at Valentine's Day.</p>

		<p>The welcome in events included hosting Health Visitors, Money Advisors, Wellbeing professionals, Wildlife Experts, and Menu Tasting. These all involved either children with their families, or was support offered to parents/carers. For example, there was a large uptake of parents over a 2-week period staying in the nursery for extended periods to help their child(ren) care for the ducklings. Conversely, the support from money advisors aimed at parents alone was well received.</p> <p>We were also able to support our children with significant ASN, and their parents, throughout the year with visits to the Sensory Hub and a bespoke graduation ceremony in that venue that best met the needs of those children and supported the families to engage and celebrate their children in a meaningful way.</p> <p>We also continued to develop the natural outdoor spaces of the nursery, with planting, growing, harvesting, cooking, and composting taking place. Fruit trees, fruit shrubs, planters, a fire pit, seating, and tools/utensils, all supported the development of a nursery kitchen garden at its infancy; to be further developed in the years to come. Our families engaged in opportunities such as fruit picking, fire pit cooking, litter picking, and planting, and supported the children in their learning, whilst developing their own skills. We also hosted professional horticulturists for advice to staff and families on all things green fingered.</p> <p>The scope of experiences in our outdoors spaces were recognised by the Care Inspectorate at our inspection in March 2025 who noted 'A variety of large, outdoor space available to the children provided very good opportunities to enjoy active play. The spaces provided wide-ranging opportunities to develop their problem solving, investigation, and enquiry skills'. They went on, 'The outdoor environment offered resources and spaces appropriate for the children's stage of development and learning. Children explored nature and wildlife, and played with a wide variety of natural, open-ended resources. There was a mix of surfaces and textures to provide sensory opportunities and to enable children to run and climb or sit to read. Children had opportunities to rest and relax in safe, cosy areas outdoors in all weathers. The range of rich, stimulating areas and resources helped to support children's learning'.</p>
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<p>Present Community</p> <p>The Cowliars Monument</p> <p>018/24</p>	YES	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>I created a partnership between Springburn Unity Network, the Imperial War Museum and The Hunterian Museum to focus collectively on the repair of The Cowliars Cooperative Monument as a form of social re-activation and to redignify the broken artefact. This is a key landmark in Springburn, in situ since 1902 and the project aimed to repair and celebrate the symbolism. I led workshops at Springburn Unity Network which drew multi-cultural attention to the values of unity and friendship that the monument signifies. We celebrated the repair with an event on the 14th of December where we brought together The Springburn Auditorium, Springburn Unity Network, Glasgow Folk Music Workshop, Musicians in Exile, members of bagpipe bands and other multi cultural musicians, including Sikh drummers and Indian Tabla players. We also shared food, dance and song and everyone received a souvenir tea towel depicting the hands of the monument. The event was attended by 200 people and there was multiple press.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p>

		<p>The impact of the project directly on workshop participants was the understanding that the Cowlares monument also related to them and their experiences, that they could feel part of this social history. The workshops created friendships and connections and generated drawings and banners which still hang in the Springburn Unity Network offices. This also impacted local people to create understanding that history is multi-cultural and people from elsewhere can bring new perspectives on existing social history. For the wider community, the monument has a new standing, a footprint and a better sense of being in the “right” place, especially after being moved in the 1980s. It instilled new pride in place, there is less rubbish, food and litter being dumped at the fountain and the general area feels tidier and in better condition.</p> <p>In this sense then the priorities have been met in terms of well-being, creating a sense of belonging and access points for other cultures to engage with local history. Demonstrating that repair can and does happen and can be managed at a grass roots level is empowering and enhances well-being, generating hope and aspiration locally that positive change can manifest. The practical repairs and improvement of the site impacts environmental issues and degradations of place historically are thus addressed also. Older people engaged with the monument and shared memories of it and to see it repaired enhances well-being among the older community who might feel strong connections to social histories they have lived through.</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p> <p>The project was fully spent and delivered on time with match funding of £11,000</p>
Robroyston Church of Scotland Community and Creative Café	YES	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>We ran a series of Community Café each Friday and a Creative Café twice monthly. The purpose of the community café is to encourage elderly, including physically and mentally impaired members of our community to socialize and enjoy conversation, music and discuss current topics relevant to their lives. The café is open to all people over the 16 years of age. The Creative Café provided a wide range of crafts and activities throughout the 6 month period. The activities included knitting, sewing,</p>

546/23		<p>cross stitch, jewelry making, drawing, painting, card making, felting, glass mats & macrame. The main purpose was to introduce and encourage people to learn/share new skills and to improve the mental health of people who other wise would be socially isolated.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>This improved the mental health and wellbeing of the elderly, disabled and socially isolated. The key focus was for improving social relationships and reducing isolation in the community. Working with in conjunction with other events to also help achieve the aim of reducing loneliness and improving social cohesion.</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p> <p>The funding was fully spent and the project was delivered on time.</p>
<p>Springburn Park Men's Shed</p> <p>Refurbishment of Toilet Block</p> <p>609/23</p>	YES	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>The refurbishment of the toilets will allow better access to the facilities at the men shed across the seasons.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>Refurbished toilet facilities enable us to include wheelchairs users to join in all the activities available to others at the site. The new mains water supply and insulated pipework will ensure the toilets block will be open all year round as in the past the site has occasionally had to close due to frozen water pipes at the toilet block. Springburn Auditorium and disk golf now use the toilet block during events at the park, saving extra costs of hiring portable toilets.</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p>

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Rockfield Nursery Outdoor Equipment 068/12	YES	<u>Summary of Project</u> The funding was used to develop our outdoor space, this has allowed us to create an inviting environment for all of our service users. We have been able to have family and community events each month to support our family engagement and links with our local community. We have used this to support our literacy and numeracy for our learners. <u>Impact of Project</u> This Benefited our outdoor space allowing our learners to access the outdoor space in all weather as we now have some shelter space. Children now have space to explore risky play and have a space where they can eat outdoors, this means that children can have free flow curriculum. We have utilised our outdoor space to host our events for our community. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the project was delivered on time
Democratic Republic Congolese Dispora in Scotland Happy New Scot 245/24	YES	<u>Summary of Project</u> Happy New Scot was a Christmas/New Year event hosted at Barmulloch Community Centre. This event allowed participants to come together, share and discover cultural differences. The activities included comedy, poems and music were element of entertainments, providing fun, happiness and relaxation. There was professional cooking, which allowed for the savouring of African dishes. The event <u>Impact of Project</u> The impact of the Happy New Scot event was that people had the opportunity of meeting others and learned news things they had never experienced before. There was a guest speaker that gave a

		<p>positive talk and raising awareness of the importance of Christmas and New Year around the world. Local residents appreciated the event because it focused on unity and mutual support within the community. This project had a positive impact in the Springburn/Robroyston areas, as it brought the community together and generated a lot of interest. The event was attended by 86 participants</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p> <p>The funding was fully spent and project delivered on time</p>
C7 City Reach	No	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>We delivered a schedule of 3x mental wellbeing women's programmes and 2 men's programmes impacting individuals from North Glasgow, specifically targeting the Springburn and Canal areas of Glasgow. The women's programmes were ran one per Quarter over Q2–Q4 2024/25 and the men's programmes in Q3 and Q4 of 2024.</p> <p>The programmes delivered a combination of discussions around mental and practical wellbeing and practical life-skills that can be adopted to help aid wellbeing (e.g. financial management, health and wellbeing choices such as activity and positive relationship building) and also fostered supportive and positive friendships and connections. Many of the participants experienced isolation and found the opportunity to make friends helpful.</p> <p>Throughout the programmes we impacted a total of 156 individuals. 68 of these were through the Flourish Programme – taking place at the C7 Conference Centre in Canal, 100 High Craighall Road. 98 through the men's programmes including the work with NG homes supporting ex-offenders through their NG2 work team taking place at NG Homes facility in Springburn and at the C7 Conference Centre in Canal, 100 High Craighall Road</p> <p><u>Impact of Spend</u></p>

		<p>Results from the women's programme indicated a 72% of participants experienced a "meaningful and positive change" around their mental wellbeing – this was measured using the Warwick and Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing score which was independently assessed by a local GP in Possilpark. Through qualitative evaluations in both programmes, we had positive feedback as to the impact of sessions, participants highlighting they felt more equipped to take practical steps to improve their wellbeing. We gather feedback forms from all of the service users; every one detailed the positive impact they found of the groups in their personal lives – the main point of positive feedback being the opportunity to make new connections and discuss personal issues in a safe supportive environment.</p> <p><u>Spend</u></p> <p>The funding was fully spent and the project delivered on time</p>