



Item 12

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Victoria Park 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 Victoria Park Area Budget in 2024/25

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2024 allocated £59,733 to the 2024/25 Victoria Park Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £58,314.71 (97.6%) 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 state 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 Victoria Park Area Budget 2024/25.

Victoria Park Area Partnership Budget 2024/25

Budget: £59,733 (100%)	Allocated: £58,314.71(97.6%)	Unallocated: £1,418.29 (2.4%)
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Total Number of Awards: 30	Awards under Delegated Authority: 10	Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 4
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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.
Buddies Clubs and Services (Glasgow West) Ltd. Project Title: Parties for children and Young People from age 6 weeks to 35+	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> We aim delivered Halloween and Christmas Parties for all the different service users we have in our different service. Each party accommodated different children not just by age range but complexity of their needs. We used additional sessional staff to assist the core staff in each service to run the individual parties due the levels high needed. We held large evening parties for the older service users of over 18 years old. We purchased catering including a range of buffets, soft drinks and snacks. Our service users come from a range of geographical areas throughout the city and wider afield. The parties were delivered as stated in the application: Nursery parties - sixty children. After School sessions - twelve children per day. This required two extra sessional staff per day for

		<p>support.</p> <p>The Sunday club sessions had six children in the morning and six children in the afternoon. This club caters for some of our most complex children and required two extra sessional staff for the day to assist with the parties.</p> <p>The evening young adult parties for Halloween and Christmas had forty service users and required twenty-five extra sessional staff. Even though the parties were held in our centre, a large number of this group have complex needs and still need 1:1 support. Despite this, they all love this combined evening especially the disco part as this of course their only Halloween and Christmas event. Santa, of course, also attended the events.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>Our services are exclusively for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Part of our targeted impacts is to support vulnerable people to engage in their community and their community to engage with them. Our priority is to continue to provide an innovative and critical service to our children, young people and their families. All our service users require high levels of support. Most come from areas of deprivation and poverty (SIMD Deciles 1-3) and our services help support them. The real differences are we can build self-esteem, wellbeing and improve the overall quality of life for all involved. We believe that we can do this for everyone in the community. Through our services, we can build more meaningful relationships and connections not only with those who use our services but also with other organisations and members of the local community.</p> <p>For the Buddies community we help build independence, self-confidence, and help make better decisions. We also help families see that what seems impossible can indeed be made possible with the right support. Our goal is to foster a sense of togetherness and collaboration to help maximise the full potential of our own 'Buddies' community'. This helps us make wider contact with other local communities.</p> <p>Many of our service users have grown up with us, starting as young children and now reaching their mid-thirties. If we can help more people in our community believe in themselves, we can continue to build on this progress and grow together. At Buddies, every voice is respected, including those who cannot communicate verbally. All our children, young people, families, and community members</p>
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		<p>fully participate in the development and evolution of our services because Buddies is a place that belongs to them all. For example, we help young people and adults' access education and through our work, we nurture meaningful relationships and connections, not only with those who use our services but also with other organisations and members of the local community. Local schools have not only done fundraising but the senior classes have volunteered to help and support our young people.</p> <p>Poverty is an ever-present concern for many of our families as they face rising costs while being unable to work. However, if we can continue offering our current services, which includes the funded project, and build new ones as planned, we can help carers and families actively participate in the social and economic life of Glasgow. With the support we provide, carers will be able to attend work or educational courses with confidence, knowing their young people are cared for in a safe environment. These skills, once gained, can be transferred to their home lives and even shared within their local communities, demonstrating that lives can improve despite difficult circumstances.</p> <p><u>Spend £5,956.80</u></p>
<p>In the Making Glasow</p> <p>Project Title: Whiteinch Cross Mural Project</p>	Yes	<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>After a series of workshops in both schools on place, belonging and civic space, utilising art making methods such as drawing, reimagining and screen printing, we designed a mural to be painted on a front facing wall at the Whiteinch Cross that would (literally) welcome people to Whiteinch. 55 people took part. This mural was installed by the end of March at the Whiteinch Cross by lead artists Jenny Olley and Lynsey Wells.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>The children loved having agency in their community, making a positive difference. They have so many amazing ideas for what they want their space to look and feel</p>

		<p>like. This project was yet another reminder to listen to their voice and act on it. It was great to involve local young people who can enjoy it for years to come. In the future it would be wonderful to include a multi generational approach so more adults could be consulted and also have their ideas included in any future murals.</p> <p><u>Spend £5,000</u></p>
<p>Annexe Communities</p> <p>Project Title: Ward 12 Community Music and Arts Festivals – Thornwood and at Glasgow Harbour</p>		<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>We applied to run two free community events, one in Thornwood Park and the other down at the harbour. We applied for £5430 and gratefully received £4000 so secured some match funding from Glasgow Wellbeing Fund through Partick Community Growing Project to cover drumming and planting-Meet the Gardner” workshops and painting exhibition hanging. These attached posters show you al the acvities we had on the days.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>We had over 250 local people attending each event and many commenting on it being free enabled their whole family to have a wonderful time together not worrying about money or affording the activities. We put up two Annexe Communities Facebook post including loads of great photos of everyone’s fun.</p> <p>Original post: “More free, fun and games were had at our Wee Thornwood fest last Thursday. Thanks again to all the usual suspects, you know who you are, and for everyone that came along and joined in the festivities this time around funded by Ward 12 Glasgow City Council Area Budget committee and Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector Glasgow Wellbeing Fund. Thank you! Thanks to Fareshare Glasgow and the West of Scotland for the juices and snacks! And The Great Thornwood Skipping challenge was up there as one of the best yet, so keep practicing and see you at our next free community event down at the harbour this coming Saturday!x Big thanks to Glasgow City Council Area Budget Ward 12 and Glasgow Council for the Voluntary SectorGlasgow Wellbeing Fund for funding our Annexe Communities free community fun day, this time, down at the Harbour. Fun, and loads of wellbeing, was had, kite were flying, plants were planted, pizza was eaten, drums were drumming, faces were painted,</p>

		<p>music was playing, skipping challenge was challenging, volunteers were ran of their feet, community police were juggling, exhibition was painted, bubbles were blown, gods eyes were woven, flowers were handed out with love, “best friends for ever” metal jewellery was bashed into shape, backs were massaged and snacks were appreciated thank to FareShare Glasgow and the West of Scotland Let Partick Flourish, Let Thornwood Flourish, Let the Harbour Flourish....@ The National Lottery Community Fund Scotlandx</p> <p>Comments: “My grandkids had the best day flying kites, having their faces painted, drumming and painting!!! Thank you so much”</p>
<p>The DRC Youth Project (SCIO)</p> <p>Project Title: DRCYP Extra Streetwork and a boost to diversionary services for Whiteinch/Victoria Park</p>		<p><u>Summary of Project</u></p> <p>The DRC Youth Project has continued to build on its strong base in the Whiteinch area throughout the year, using the Whiteinch Centre as a hub for office work, training, and youth work activities, mirroring our well-established facilities in Yoker.</p> <p>We expanded our outreach and engagement, particularly through our successful intensive street work sessions. These have taken place primarily in the Whiteinch and Victoria Park areas, targeting young people aged 11—19. The street work sessions were carried out on evenings when no other youth activities were available locally, offering a vital alternative to young people who might otherwise be gathering on the streets.</p> <p>In total, approximately 60—80 young people have been engaged through these street work sessions, with regular weekly contact established with around 30 YP.</p> <p>Alongside street work, we delivered indoor youth club sessions at the Whiteinch Centre, which included personal development workshops, creative activities, and recreational opportunities. These sessions took place on selected weekday evenings based on feedback from the young people themselves.</p> <p>Further activities included community-focused projects such as work at our allotments and BMX sessions. We have put in place opportunities for young Whiteinch Additionally, 1 young person has volunteered at</p>

		<p>the Pantry, gaining valuable experience that supports their personal development and employability prospects. This young person was also supported to get recognised identification and further training towards employment.</p> <p>These activities have successfully provided young people with structured, meaningful alternatives to street-based socialising, contributed to community safety and wellbeing, and created clear pathways for young people to access further support and opportunities through our wider services.</p> <p>Outward bound trips for Whiteinch young people have been delivered along with the Scotstoun and Yoker clubs over the Christmas periods and were planned collaboratively with the young people themselves with support from DRCYP staff, to ensure their active involvement and ownership of the process. We also had some partnership planning Activities with the Friends of Victoria park committee who planned to host an information Gathering session for young people about what they would like to see at the park for young people. (The actual fun day event was delivered after the 31st March)</p> <p>Overall, our work in Whiteinch and Victoria Park has strengthened community connections, empowered young people, and enhanced local confidence in youth provision. We have also helped keep a check on ASB in the area by patrolling various hotspots identified by the Police and local community safety services and by the team out on the streets themselves. The Street work also helped us lay the foundations of a busy club for young people at the Whiteinch centre that is going from strength to strength and gaining popularity by the week.</p> <p>Case Study 1</p> <p>C is a young person who comes from a disadvantaged family and recently moved to the Whiteinch area, where she had no existing connections or support networks. She was referred to DRC Youth Project by Whiteinch Housing Association (WHA) due to her extreme withdrawal and lack of confidence.</p> <p><u>Impact of Project</u></p> <p>When C first engaged with us, she was very quiet, hesitant to participate, and found it difficult to communicate during both youth club sessions and street work encounters. Recognising her vulnerability,</p>
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		<p>our team took a patient and person-centred approach, working at her pace, allowing her space to be herself, and slowly building trust through consistent, gentle engagement.</p> <p>Over time, C began to open up. Each week she made small but significant steps forward, gradually joining in with games and activities at the Whiteinch youth club. As her confidence grew, she started to actively participate in team activities and interact positively with other young people.</p> <p>C's progress has been so significant that she now also attends our Scotstoun youth sessions, further broadening her social circle and deepening her connection with the DRC Youth Project team. She has built strong, supportive relationships with staff and peers alike.</p> <p>We continue to support C on this journey, and it has been a privilege to witness her transformation from a withdrawn and isolated young person to a vibrant, confident, and engaged participant. Watching her come out of her shell and embrace her potential highlights the real and lasting impact of our work in the community.</p>