



Item 9

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Linn 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 Linn Ward Area Budget in 2024/25.

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2024 allocated £80,437 to the 2024/25 Linn Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £80,437 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 Linn Area Budget 2024/25.

Budget: £80,437	Allocated: £80,337	Unallocated: £100

Total Number of Awards: 37	Awards under delegated authority: 4	Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 4

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.
Castlemilk Football	Y	Summary of project
Trust/Friday night football		Friday night free football programme for young people (12- 18 year olds) in the community 6pm - 8pm on a weekly basis - 45 weeks of the year.
		Numbers ranged between $10-60$ young people each night. And although initially targetting yp $12-18$ year olds – we did see children $10+$ and allowed them to take part. Sometimes its been hard to count the participants as many come and go throughout the 2 hours .
		May – 143
		June – 124 July – 134
		Aug – 153 Sept – 96 Oct – 103

Nov - 87

Dec - 56

Jan – 54

Feb - 130

March - 139

Providing an opportunity for barlia staff/ coaches to engage with young people. We allowed access to the meeting space in the pavilion – this was supported by streetwise staff. We had to move into clubhouse from december to macrch due to the pavilion refurbishment. We provided hot chocolate and refreshments to participants.

Lots of the young people attending are young people who are on the edge and or far removed from other services in the community.

Young people were able to choose to join in the organised games and or sort themselves into teams and play as it suited them on any given evening.

We also allowed the young people to access the other pitches at the facility when no official matches were taking place.

Provding access to the facility has proved very positive and young people are respecting the facility and showing positive behaviour within the facility.

Having the pitches accessible offers a safe space for many young people in community and is source of comfort to parents that their children have somewhere to go and something (positive) to do on a friday night.

Streetwise staff were on hand to further engage the young people and provide health related and other information.

We have complimented this project by proding free access to the pitches whenever possible for young people when there is free space.

Impact of project

The facility at barlia remains a hub/ meeting point for young people. Making the facility freely accessible has resulted in little to no vanadalism and or anti social behaviour at the facility. Due to this project and other activity, we think yp now feel a sense of ownership at barlia and hopefully this continues following the refurbishment of the pavilion.

The health of yp will have improved with an opportunity for regular physical activity and also the opportunity to have a diversion away from less positive / risk taking behaviours. Streetwise staff have also engaged with young people on a variety of health topics and signposting to other services.

Having a staffed activity / opened staffed facility meant parents felt their children and young people were safe on a friday evening. There is definitely an increased show of respect to staff and the facility by local young people – something thast often isnt evident elsewhere in the community. They tidy up after themselves and use the bins as is ecxpected when using the facility. They know whats expected of them.

Anti social behaviour will also have reduced elsewhere when the young people are entertained and have a diversionary activity to attend. Territorialism is also reduced in the community as young people get to know each other through attending the friday football.

Barlia (currently) remains untouched / untagged which again is in stark contrast to the rest of the community. We feel the mutual respect for our facility / access has contributed to this.

There is next to nothing in the community for young people to do evening/ weekends. We offer access where possibel but is unsustainable for our organisation.

Community police has indicated that the community is quieter and less for them to do when the football is on.

<u>Spend</u>

£8044

Castlemilk
Youth
Complex

Streetwise Outreach and Engagement

Summary of project

The programme aimed to engage young people aged 11–18 who were not currently involved in youth work and met one or more of the following priority criteria:

- On the fringes of anti-social behaviour
- Experiencing mental health issues
- Educationally underachieving
 - At key transition points in their educational journey

The programme provided year-round outreach and detached youth work services, with increased provision during key times. The approach focused on street-based engagement and flexible delivery to reach disengaged youth directly in their communities.

Primary locations: Castlemilk

Streetwise coordinated the programme in partnership with local organisations including:

- YCSA
- Community Renewal
- Glasgow Life
- Toryglen Hall

A total of 42 sessions of streetwork were delivered across the core community. Additional sessions in Kings Park served to identify unmet needs and encourage wider participation in local services. Youth workers offered one-to-one support, guidance, and advice to young people. Where appropriate, young people were referred to other organisations for structured learning or participation in accredited youth work programmes.

Staff utilised a toolbox of workshops and interventions built up over years of practice. These included topics such as:

- Drugs and alcohol
- Gang-fighting and territorialism
- Youth health and mental wellbeing
- Sectarianism and bullying (including cyberbullying)
- Knife crime
- Young parenting
- Sexual health and relationships

		Peer pressure and resilience
		Impact of services
		The programme:
		 Supported Glasgow City Council's strategic objective of improving health and wellbeing
		 Addressed local priorities around anti-social behaviour, mental health, and educational
		underachievement
		 Improved coordination and effectiveness of youth services in the target communities
		This programme demonstrated the value of responsive, youth-led, and partnership-based approaches to engaging young people. By embedding consultation, flexibility, and targeted intervention, the initiative met both immediate needs and contributed to longer-term youth development outcomes in Castlemilk.
		<u>Spend</u>
		£5280
Carmunnock	Υ	Summary of project
Gala		
Committee		Over 800 people took part in Carmunnock gala day. The community turned out in numbers with all activities taking place in the local park.
Gala Day 20204		Activities included, a crowning ceremony with local children taking part, entertainment by various people, including music and magic. Demonstration of cheerleading and display of ancient Scottish weaponry. Tables and chair allowing folks to get together and enjoy the benefit of meeting together. A display by an outdoors expert who had been working with the children in the school teaching them about the origins of their food and how to eat and be active sustainably.
		The gala gave opportunity for many volunteers to come forward and help and we were encouraged to see them from all age groups. A special quite zone was introduced to gala and meant that children on the autistic spectrum had an area where thing were quieter with calming music and soft furnishing. Children were also learning about dinosaurs in the children's tent and digging for fossils! There was a chance to learn some circus skills and local charities had stalls selling various things to raise money

for their organisations. Local crafts people were also selling and we had a pet show to ensure our 4 legged friends were also catered for.

Impact of Project

At our Community Gala Day, we aimed to create a joyful and inclusive experience for all attendees, and the impact has truly been heartwarming. This event, which brought together our whole community, served not merely as an occasion for celebration, but as a crucial platform for fostering connections, promoting well-being, and providing support for our local groups and initiatives.

Firstly, the Gala Day allowed us to showcase the talents and achievements of those taking part. From local artists exhibiting their work to skilled bakers selling their delicious treats, it was a brilliant opportunity for individuals to share their passions and skills. This empowerment led to a wonderful sense of pride among participants. Many expressed how being able to contribute to the day increased their confidence and strengthened their sense of belonging within the community.

Moreover, the range of activities we offered — from live music to interactive workshops — ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy. Families and individuals alike engaged in a variety of experiences, which not only entertained them but also helped forge new friendships and strengthen existing relationships. Many attendees reported feeling a renewed sense of camaraderie and support, essential components of a thriving community.

An astonishing number of local organisations participated in the event, which helped reinforce the importance of collaboration and collective strength. The presence of these groups not only informed our service users about the resources available to them but also enhanced their networks of support. Many participants mentioned how they discovered services they were previously unaware of, which could assist them in achieving their personal goals and aspirations.

The feedback we received after the day itself was overwhelmingly positive. Many attendees expressed how the event brought joy and laughter into their lives, especially for those facing challenges in their

day-to-day circumstances. Several service users noted the mental health benefits of such a communal gathering, highlighting feelings of happiness, lower anxiety levels, and an increased sense of community spirit.

In addition to the immediate impact, we are keenly aware of the long-term benefits of fostering relationships within our community. We believe that the connections made during the Gala Day will lead to ongoing support networks, potentially resulting in collaborative projects and initiatives that continue to uplift our service users long after the event.

By prioritising the safety and well-being of our attendees, we are proud to have created an environment that promotes trust and transparency, essential values in community work.

In summary, the impact of our Community Gala Day on our service users has been profound and farreaching. From boosting individual confidence and promoting mental well-being to strengthening community ties and awareness of local resources. Our our commitment to continuing this vital work within our community remains unwavering. We look forward to the next event, where we can once again come together, share in camaraderie, and help lift each other up along the journey of community growth and support.

The area partnership priorities we addressed included Services for Young People, the young people on the committee worked hard before and during the event, with Sonny, one of our young volunteers using the experience to help him gain his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award..

Under the priority of Cleansing and Environment, our volunteers left the park cleaner and tidier than it had been when we arrived. Our outdoor specialist work with the children in the school to show them the importance of working to protect the environment and assure it for future generations

Looking at the priority of Health: Gala day again brought the community together emphasising the need to meet and work together as a community thereby affecting positive mental health goals.

		The gala really helped to bring the members of the new housing scheme to a place where they could meet other villagers and in fact we have since gained some new members for various community organisations and clubs in the village.
		The main impact was increasing community and interpersonal relationships whilst raising awareness of the need to look after our world.
		<u>Spend</u> <u>£5000</u>
Waves	No Return	Spend £2900