

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

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INTEGRATED GRANT FUND REVIEW: AREA BUDGET

Purpose of Report:

To provide a framework for the development of an Investment Plan for the IGF Area Budget 2016/17 and invite the Area Partnership to consider its approach to engaging stakeholders in the development of its investment priorities.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is invited to:

- note the framework at Appendix 1 and Investment Plan template at Appendix 2 to this report
- consider the results of the survey at Appendix 3 to this report
- consider how it wishes to identify its investment priorities to guide the use of the IGF Area Budget from 2016/17
- discuss and advise on its preferred method of engagement with stakeholders
- note the timetable for agreeing an Area Partnership Investment Plan for the IGF Area Budget 2016/17

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:

Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

SOA <i>Alcohol</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA Principle <i>Early Intervention</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA <i>Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA Principle <i>Equality</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA <i>Vulnerable People; In-Work Poverty</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA Principle <i>Sustainable Change</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA <i>Youth Employment</i>	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	If other priority, please provide details here:	
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Area Partnership at its last meeting noted the decisions of the Council's Executive Committee in June 2015 in relation to the review of the Integrated Grant Fund (IGF) Area Budget. The report approved by the Executive Committee set out proposals that had been developed following consultation with a range of stakeholders.
- 1.2 A key element of the review of the IGF Area Budget is for each Area Partnership to develop, following engagement with relevant stakeholders, an Investment Plan for use of its IGF Area Budget for implementation from 2016/17.
- 1.3 This paper:
 - provides a framework for the development of the Area Partnership Investment Plan for 2016/17 and
 - invites the Area Partnership to consider its approach to engaging stakeholders in the development of its priorities for investment.

2. Background

- 2.1 Below is an extract of the Executive Committee report in relation to the development of an Investment Strategy:

There was clear support for this approach. This was considered an opportunity to better target the available resources. It would also demonstrate clearer connections to the local area and benefit to local residents. A number of suggestions were made regarding the process of determining such a Strategy. There were some concerns that this had the potential to become an overly complicated exercise for the level of funding involved at each Area Partnership and that the terminology was too formal. In recognition of this, it will be important to make clear that the investment Strategy is primarily a document which sets out agreed local priorities of the Area Partnership.

Recommendations

- *Area Partnerships are required to agree their overarching approach for the use of their funds by 1st April 2016.*
 - *This statement should detail the locally agreed investment priorities for their area which will be used as the basis for targeting Area Partnership funding.*
 - *The investment priorities should be updated on an annual basis.*
- 2.2 In recognition of the points made during the consultation undertaken, the Area Partnership is invited to develop an Investment Plan which sets out its priorities for the IGF Area Budget 2016/17. It is recommended that the Area Partnership focuses on an upper limit of approximately 5 priorities.

- 2.3 The framework at **Appendix 1** has been developed to assist the Area Partnership in working through the process of developing its Investment Plan.

A template for the Investment Plan is provided at **Appendix 2**. The approach takes into account the need to:

- balance targeting the IGF Area Budget investment with the flexibility to remain responsive to local needs and encourage creativity and innovation
- develop an Investment Plan which, whilst aligning the Area Budget to IGF priorities, reflects the level of funds involved

3. Stakeholder Engagement

- 3.1 In order that the Investment Plan is informed by, and responds to, local needs, the Area Partnership is asked to develop plans for wider stakeholder engagement.

- 3.2 Members will recall that there has already been stakeholder engagement to shape the proposals approved by the Council's Executive Committee in June 2015.

- 3.3 In order to support the Area Partnership in taking forward this work, a Survey Monkey questionnaire was sent to the following stakeholders seeking their views on the potential investment priorities for each Area Partnership:

- All Area Partnership Members
- All applicants for IGF Area Budget during 2014/15
- Third Sector Forum

- 3.4 The results of the survey, which was conducted from 2nd to 16th October 2015, are provided to the Area Partnership for consideration (**Appendix 3**) in helping it to shape its investment priorities.

- 3.5 In considering its approach to wider engagement on developing investment priorities the Area Partnership is asked to consider:

- who it wishes to consult beyond the immediate membership of the Area Partnership
- how it wishes to engage with wider stakeholders – e.g. a separate session outwith the Area Partnership cycle, focus groups, consultation at local events, etc.

- 3.6 The Area Partnership is invited to:

- note the results of the survey for further discussion with stakeholders (**Appendix 3**)
- advise on who it wishes to consult beyond the immediate membership of the Area Partnership
- discuss and advise on its preferred method of consultation and

- propose consultation methodologies that it considers appropriate.

3.7 It is expected that the Area Partnership's Investment Plan would be circulated to the Sector CPP for any final comments before it is approved by the Area Partnership. The Plan will have to be agreed by the Area Partnership by February 2016 in order that the priorities of each individual Area Partnership can be publicised.

4. Timetable

4.1 To ensure that the Investment Plan is approved by the Area Partnership by February 2016 the following timetable is proposed:

Stakeholder Consultation	November – December 2015
Final Investment Plan submitted to Area Partnership	February 2016
Publicise investment priorities	March 2016

5. Recommendations

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