



Item 5

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

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INTEGRATED GRANT FUND REVIEW: AREA BUDGET

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with an update on the Integrated Grant Fund Review Area Budget proposals and to facilitate discussion on the role of the Area Partnership in the implementation of recommendations agreed by the Council's Executive Committee in June 2015.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is requested to note

- (1) the approval of the Integrated Grant Fund Review Area Budget proposals by the Council's Executive Committee and the timetable for implementation;
- (2) the actions that will be undertaken by Corporate Services staff to support the implementation of the agreed recommendations; and
- (3) in particular the requirement for the Area Partnership to agree its key investment priorities for implementation from 1st April 2016.

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

- 1.1 This paper provides the Area Partnership with an update on the Integrated Grant Fund Review Area Budget proposals and seeks to facilitate discussion on the role of the Area Partnership in the implementation of recommendations agreed by the Council's Executive Committee in June 2015.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's Executive Committee on 25th June 2015 approved a report (**Appendix 1**) setting out proposals in relation to the Integrated Grant Fund Area Budget.
- 2.2 The approved report set out the following:
- (a) the consultation process undertaken;
 - (b) that the consultation was issued with a short SurveyMonkey questionnaire inviting Area and Sector Partnership members to provide their responses to the proposals, with the findings of the SurveyMonkey consultation provided in an appendix to the report (available [here](#));
 - (c) that the responses to the SurveyMonkey were discussed in detail at events held in in May 2015 in the North East, North West and South Sectors (a summary of the workshop discussions were provided in an appendix to the report available [here](#));
 - (d) that the original consultation proposals (provided in an appendix to the report available [here](#)) had been refined using the feedback provided in the SurveyMonkey and the discussion events;
 - (e) that the recommendations had been developed based on the majority views of those that participated in the consultation processes and related to:
 - the investment strategy
 - the eligibility criteria
 - minimum and maximum awards
 - the eligibility of public sector applications
 - the application process
 - delegated authority and
 - community budgeting

3. Approved Recommendations for Implementation

- 3.1 This paper provides below an extract of the approved recommendations set out in the report at Appendix 1.

3.2 Members are asked to note that the decisions are to be implemented from 1st April 2016 and that proposals for taking forward their implementation are set out in Section 4 below.

(a) Investment Strategy

- 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.

(b) Eligibility Criteria

- Area Partnerships should seek to allocate funding to applicants that will assist in the delivery of their locally agreed priorities.
- Area Partnerships will be able to discuss applications that do not fit with the investment priorities but that make a strong case for consideration. The Area Partnership will be required to agree an amendment to their investment priorities prior to agreeing any funding to such applicants. Area Partnerships should consider whether these changes should continue to be reflected in the annual review of investment priorities.

(c) Minimum and Maximum Awards

- A minimum award of £300 will be applied to the Area Partnership budgets from 1st April 2016.
- A maximum award of 10% of the Area Partnership's annual budget to any single organisation for one or more projects, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will also be applied from 1st April 2016.
- The proposed maximum awards for specific activity will be applied from 1st April 2016.

(d) Eligibility of Public Sector Applications

- Public sector organisations will be eligible to submit funding applications to the Area Partnerships where they have demonstrated;
 - Fit with local priorities
 - Involvement of local communities
 - Additionality to core remits.
- The application forms will be revised to facilitate this.
- A review of this approach will be undertaken towards the end of the financial year 2016/17.

(e) Application Process

- A shorter, simpler application form will be introduced from 1st April 2016.
- A report will be provided to Area Partnerships before the end of 2015/16 confirming the application and assessment process.
- A revised approach to publicising the Area Budget, including detail on criteria and application deadlines will be agreed and implemented.

(f) Delegated Authority

- A Scheme of Delegated Authority will be introduced for applications under £500.
- This will be piloted across Area Partnerships for 2016/17 with a review towards the end of 2016/17.
- The Area Partnership Chair will have the ability to direct specific applications to the Area Partnership meeting for a decision rather than use delegated authority.
- Delegated authority decisions will be taken by the Executive Director for Corporate Services.
- A full report on each funding decision approved under delegated authority will be provided to each Area Partnership at their next meeting.

(g) Community Budgeting

- The programme of training on community budgeting will be continued for Area Partnership members throughout 2015/16.
- The focus of this training will be to improve understanding of community budgeting, provide opportunities to consider how this might be delivered in Glasgow, and discuss processes and supports that will require to be developed.
- Support will continue to be provided to a small number of pilot community budgeting initiatives and lessons learnt will be reviewed.
- The training and evaluation of pilot initiatives will be used to develop a more detailed proposal on the introduction of community budgeting in Glasgow. This proposal will be 'co-produced' with local residents and submitted for consideration before 1st April 2016.

4. Implementation of Review Proposals

- 4.1 Staff from within the Council's Democratic Services section will undertake the necessary actions to implement the decisions set out above. This will ensure the effective implementation of this revised approach from April 2016.
- 4.2 A key early action for the Area Partnerships is to identify their investment priorities. These priorities will guide the use of the Area Budget from 2016/17. These will require to have been agreed in good time in order to publicise the

focus of each individual Area Partnership. It is proposed that the investment priorities should be finalised by the Area Partnership by February 2016 at the latest.

- 4.3 Staff from Democratic Services will have a pivotal role in supporting the Area Partnerships to undertake this process. Each Area Partnership will determine for itself how they wish to identify their priorities. There is an expectation that the process will be inclusive and demonstrate engagement with a wide range of stakeholders.
- 4.4 A short guidance note will be available for the next meeting providing a framework for developing investment priorities. This will ensure that there is a fit with the six Integrated Grant Fund Programmes:
- Alcohol and Health & Wellbeing
 - Youth Employment and Young People
 - Vulnerable People and Families
 - Safer Communities
 - Fairer Communities
 - Sustainable Communities
- 4.5 The Area Partnership in developing its investment priorities for 2016/17 will, at its next meeting, be provided with a guidance note and asked to consider its approach to stakeholder engagement in developing these priorities.

5. Recommendations

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