



Item 5
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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

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INTEGRATED GRANT FUND REVIEW: AREA BUDGET INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Purpose of Report:
To invite the Area Partnership to review the Area Partnership Profile and agree to Area Budget investment priorities for 2016/17.

Recommendations:
The Area Partnership is invited to
(1) consider the Area Partnership Profile provided at Appendix 1;
(2) agree its Investment Priorities; and
(3) note the timetable for consultation and implementation during 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 Alcohol	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 Vulnerable People; <i>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 Vulnerable People; <i>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 Youth Employment	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	If other priority, please provide details here:	
SOA Thriving Places	Yes / No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>		
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1. Introduction

1.1 The Area Partnership at its last meeting agreed its approach to engaging stakeholders in developing its Investment Plan for use of its IGF Area Budget for implementation in 2016/17.

1.2 This paper:

- Provides, for discussion, an Area Partnership Profile including statistical information, an update on wider stakeholder engagement and suggested priority areas for the Area Partnership's IGF Area Budget; and
- Provides, for consideration, draft proposed investment priorities for the Area Partnership.

2. Background

2.1 Members are reminded of the Executive Committee report (June 2015) which stated 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 A template was provided for summarising the Area Partnership Investment Plan. 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; and

- 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 undertook wider stakeholder engagement.
- 3.2 Members will recall that a survey monkey questionnaire was sent to all Area Partnership Members across the City, all applicants for IGF Area Budget during 2014/15 and the Third Sector Forum seeking their views on the potential investment priorities for each Area Partnership.
- 3.3 The results of the survey monkey were submitted to the last meeting of the Area Partnership.
- 3.4 Following agreement by this Area Partnership (as well as the other Area Partnerships in the North East), a further electronic survey monkey questionnaire opened for responses from residents of the north east on, 3rd December 2015 and closed on 29th January 2016 (a total of 8 weeks). A printable version of the survey was also made available and copies were placed in various local venues with residents able to return the completed surveys free of charge via FREEPOST.
- 3.5 Details on the responses to the North East survey, since the last meeting are included within **appendix 1**.
- 3.6 It was noted at the last meeting 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. Any comments will be reported to the Area Partnership meeting.

4. Area Partnership Profile

- 4.1 An Area Partnership Profile has been developed for the Area Partnership (**Appendix 1**) to assist in the development of its investment priorities.
- 4.2 The Area Partnership Profile provides factual and contextual information which may be of use in determining the Area Partnership investment priorities. It provides:
 - Statistical information about the Area Partnership population.
 - Details of how the Single Outcome Agreement priorities are being addressed.
 - Statistical information about funding from the Integrated Grant Fund.
 - Feedback on consultation undertaken at a city level and by the Area Partnership.

- Summary information which informs the draft outline proposed potential investment priorities for the Area Partnership (**Appendix 2**).

4.3 Members are asked to consider this Area Partnership Profile in determining an upper limit of approximately 5 investment priorities.

4.4 Drawing on the information provided within the Area Partnership Profile and the stakeholder engagement undertaken, the Area Partnership is invited to consider a draft outline of the potential investment priorities for the Area Partnership (**Appendix 2**).

5. Timetable, Consultation and Implementation

5.1 The Area Partnership is asked to agree its investment priorities so that these can be communicated to potential applicants.

5.2 In recognition that applications for funding increase to Area Partnership's year end (i.e. 31 March 2016), the new investment priorities will be communicated to potential applications following the first cycle of Area Partnerships meeting in May/June 2016 with the Area Partnerships' investment priorities having a role in determining Area Budget funding decision from August 2016 onwards. This approach would ensure that existing or potential applicants would not be disadvantaged.

5.3 This will also allow for revised application documentation to be developed and tested prior to full rollout alongside a systematic phasing out of the existing documentation and processing of remaining applications.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Area Partnership is invited to

(1) consider the Area Partnership Profile provided at Appendix 1;

(2) agree its Investment Priorities; and

(3) note the timetable for consultation and implementation during 2016/17.