



**Glasgow City Council**

**City Administration Committee**

**Report by Councillor Ruairi Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use**

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**Item 4**

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**GLASGOW'S REGENERATION CAPITAL GRANT FUND AWARDS –  
ACCEPTANCE OF 2026/27 FUNDING AWARD AND PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of the report is:

- To accept Scottish Government's 'Regeneration Capital Grant Fund' award for one new project; and
- To update members on current programme delivery progress.

**Recommendations:**

The Committee is requested to:

1. note the contents of the report;
2. approve the acceptance of a 'Regeneration Capital Grant Fund' award for £1,129,059, for the regeneration of Springburn Winter Gardens.

Ward No(s):17-Springburn/ Robroyston Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) is a Scottish Government (SG) budget, developed in partnership with COSLA and local authorities. The fund aims to provide financial support to projects that will help to deliver large-scale improvements to deprived areas. It focuses on projects that engage and involve local communities and those that can demonstrate the ability to deliver sustainable regeneration. Projects can be developed by community organisations but are submitted to SG by local authorities or Clyde Gateway.
- 1.2 The Fund operates as a bidding process, with Glasgow in competition with local authorities across Scotland. There is no set financial allocation for Glasgow or prescribed number of projects to be approved. The bidding process operates in two stages, with an open call for submissions, and then projects being shortlisted for Stage 2 consideration and asked to make a more detailed submission.
- 1.3 Further details are published on the Scottish Government website at: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/regeneration/capital-investment/>

## **2. 2026/27 FUNDING AWARD**

- 2.1 On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 SG notified Council that one application to the 2026/27 round, for the regeneration of Springburn Winter Gardens, has been successful. A grant offer letter from SG to the Council, for £1,129,059, was subsequently received on 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2.2 The project, formally known as ‘Springburn Winter Gardens Testing Space: Community Climate Action Laboratory’, will be taken forward by Community-led Springburn Winter Gardens Trust (SWGT). It will regenerate the A-listed Gardens from a derelict ruin, stabilising and partially restoring the building through structural repairs and conservation works. The outcome will be a ‘living ruin’ and vibrant community asset, including an ‘urban croft’ offering community growing areas and heritage learning. The Winter Gardens will be transformed into a site of social, environmental, and economic renewal. It is programmed to complete in March 2027.
- 2.3 SG, in their notification of 19<sup>th</sup> March, asked Council and SWGT to provide further details on the project’s delivery. This will be submitted to SG ahead of their deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2.4 Committee is asked to accept the SG RCGF offer of grant, £1,129,059.

## **3. DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS**

- 3.1 Project delivery arrangements and responsibilities are defined by legal agreements between the Council and external project partner. Following grant acceptance, GCC officers from NRS and Legal Services will work with SWGT

to execute the agreement. Council Services and ALEOs provide local partners with technical support to deliver projects where appropriate.

- 3.2 Grant claims will be submitted by SWGT and scrutinised by officers within NRS. No grant can be claimed ahead of works or related services being carried out. Approved claims, and monitoring updates, are then submitted to Scottish Government to allow funding to be drawn down by NRS, who will then disburse funding to SWGT.

#### **4. PROGRAMME UPDATE**

- 4.1 Two other Council applications were shortlisted but unsuccessful; one received positive feedback and encouragement to resubmit; the other received less positive feedback. Council officers and project partners are engaged with SG and will hope to receive further, more detailed feedback.
- 4.2 Additionally, several RCGF-supported projects previously presented to CAC are now nearing completion or will hit significant milestones this calendar year. These include Govan Old Church, Possilpoint, the Meat Market Sheds, the Pipe Factory, Social Entrepreneur Centre Possilpark, and the Glue Factory.
- 4.3 It is expected that SG will open a 2027/28 funding round after next month's Scottish Parliament elections. NRS anticipates making several strong applications to this round, and will update Committee of the outcome in due course.

#### **5 Policy and Resource Implications**

##### **Resource Implications:**

*Financial:* Funding of £1,129,059 will be received by the Council from Scottish Government, for disbursement to a third party.

*Legal:* GCC Legal Services will conduct due diligence on the process to provide support where required.

*Personnel:* Personnel resources required to assist in the delivery of the overall programme will be supported through existing project resources.

*Procurement:* No specific procurement matters.

**Council Strategic Plan:** The following Strategic Plan outcomes are supported:

**Grand Challenge 1 – Reduce Poverty and inequality in our communities.**

Mission 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities and Mission 4: Support Glasgow to be a city that is active and culturally vibrant.

**Grand Challenge 2 – Increase opportunity and prosperity for all our citizens.**

Mission 1: Support Glasgow residents into sustainable and fair work.

Mission 2: Support the growth of an innovative, resilient and net zero carbon economy.

Mission 3: Raise attainment amongst Glasgow's children and young people.

**Grand Challenge 3 – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow.**

Mission 2: Become a net zero carbon city by 2030.

**Grand Challenge 4 – Enable staff to deliver essential services in a sustainable, innovative and efficient way for our communities.**

Mission1: Create safe, clean and thriving neighbourhoods.

**Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.*

This proposal supports the outcomes through:

Outcome 1- An increased proportion of women, black and minority ethnic people, younger people, disabled people and LGBTI+ are supported to enter employment or training.

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?*

The proposal is expected to generate a positive equality impact, strengthening access to employment and training for historically marginalized groups. By addressing disparities in participation, it helps create a more inclusive and diverse workforce, aligning with the Council's broader equality objectives.

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.*

The Fund is targeted at areas of socio-economic disadvantage. Projects will improve the physical environment, address social issues, and increase economic activity.

### **Climate Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:*

Yes. By refurbishing and improving an example of Glasgow's built heritage.

Outcome 29- Ensure that historic buildings are resilient to the impacts of climate change, protecting Glasgow's rich heritage.

Projects will support the following Climate Plan Themes:

Theme 2: Just and Inclusive Place.

Theme 3: Well Connected and Thriving City

Theme 4: Health and Wellbeing.

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

Capital investment proposals are likely to have a beneficial impact on climate as a result of improving or augmenting existing buildings to the most modern standards.

*Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?*

Yes, through more sustainable buildings.

### **Privacy and Data Protection impacts:**

None.

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report  
Y/N

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

## **6 Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Committee:

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