Item 6

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Baillieston Area Partnership.

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2025/26 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 Baillieston Area Budget in 2025/26

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2025 allocated £63,838 to the 2025/26 Baillieston Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £63,838 (100%) 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 2025/26 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 Baillieston Area Budget 2025/26.

Appendix 1

Baillieston Area Partnership Budget 2025/26

Budget: £63,838	**Allocated: £63,838**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 39	**Awards under delegated authority: 16**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 9**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings**
Loop Theatre Theatre at Bealach House	Yes	<u>Summary of Project</u> Loop Theatre delivered a creative theatre programme at Bealach House for older adults living with dementia. Weekly sessions took place on Friday afternoons and used movement, music, storytelling, sensory exploration, object work and creative play to encourage participation and wellbeing. Sessions were designed to be fully inclusive and adapted to each participant's individual needs and abilities. Activities encouraged communication, imagination, reminiscence, gentle physical movement and social interaction in a supportive environment. The programme was delivered in partnership with Bealach House staff, who actively supported participants throughout the sessions. The project concluded with opportunities to share participants' achievements and celebrate their creative work. The programme engaged approximately 10–15 Bealach House service users throughout the project.

		Impact of Project. The project successfully met the Area Partnership priorities of improving health and wellbeing and supporting older people. Participants demonstrated increased confidence, engagement and social interaction over the course of the programme. The creative sessions provided meaningful opportunities for self-expression, communication and enjoyment, with many participants becoming increasingly willing to contribute ideas and engage with both artists and fellow service users. Staff observed improvements in mood, confidence and participation, with the regular sessions providing structure, stimulation and opportunities to build positive relationships. The programme also helped reduce social isolation by bringing people together each week in a welcoming and supportive environment. Family members and staff responded positively to participants' enjoyment and the atmosphere created through the sessions. The success of the project strengthened the partnership between Loop Theatre and Bealach House, resulting in an ongoing relationship that has continued beyond the original funding period. Spend The project was fully spent on time
Trondra Community Centre External environmental improvements		Summary of Project External painting of the Trondra Community Centre was undertaken. This has resulted in a transformation in the appearance of the building making it look cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing and fit for purpose. Two colours in total were used, with a lighter colour replacing the previous time worn grey, and adding to the visual improvement, and a darker complimenting colour used on areas of the building which attract more wear and tear. In addition, faults in the surrounding

		fence were repaired, along with the installation of new gates attached to the fence which are now able to be secured closed. The work has resulted in a safer and more pleasant working environment for staff, and a more welcoming environment for service users. <u>Impact of Project</u> The painting of the building has been transformative in it's appearance, with both service users and staff reporting that it has changed on approach and entering, to a clean and smart building which looks fit for purpose, and one which they look forward to coming to. The fencing repair and installation of gates has improved security around the building, which to date, has resulted in fly tipping and vandalism incidents being reduced to zero. The monthly Young Adult Carers Peer Support Group has benefited in particular from being able to close and secure the gates during their evening meetings, which allows them to move freely and confidently between the building and it's Wellbeing Garden. The improvement in the building's appearance also benefits first time users of tenants GEAAP and GNECC services. When someone may be feeling anxious or hesitant about first engaging with services and seeking support, the building's previous grey, dark appearance did not always support that engagement. The improvement in the appearance of the building now reflects the value of the services delivered from it. It presents a welcoming environment for both service users and staff. <u>Spend</u> The project was fully spent on time .
Easthall Residents Association		<u>Summary of Project</u> Throughout the festive period in 2025 we arranged a host of events to bring our communities together and make Christmas a special time and create lasting memories. Especially this year, many have been

Festive events		feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis and across our communities of Easthall and Wellhouse where poverty is a real barrier, we felt it extremely important to deliver all our activities FREE of charge allowing everyone the opportunity to participate and enjoy. Our scheduled events included: **Saturday 29th November – The Hub at Christmas Carnival and Fayre – 12pm to 4pm** We brought in 6 fun Fair rides this year, tea cups, dodgems, bungee trampolines, water game, toddlers trampolines and the Miami ride for all the 'big kids'. This was set up in the car park area and inside The Hub we had our café, serving hot food and drinks and 8 craft stalls, 3 of which had crafts on offer created by our various groups using the centre, the other 5 small local independent businesses had the opportunity to showcase their products from scented candles, home products, knitwear, home baking and personalised gifts. Upstairs we had our purpose built Santa's Grotto where all visiting Santa received a FREE selection box and had the chance to pass on their last minute letters. Our Santa is BSL trained and was able to converse with several local families who have deaf children and parents. In total we gave out 832 selection boxes. The estimated attendance on the day was approximately 1,600 people. **Saturday 6th December 2025 – Glenburn Christmas Carnival and Fayre – 12pm to 5pm** This event grows in popularity year on year, our community always pull together and come along and enjoy all the fun of the fayre. This year we had 10 fun fair rides including water game, tea cups, helter skelter, dodgems, bungee trampolines, toddler trampolines, train ride, the Miami, 60 foot high and 200ft long Zip Slide and hook a duck. We also had our BBQ outside and our café inside looking after all our catering needs. Inside we had 12 craft stalls, 4 being crafts on offer from our very own groups and the other 8 a mix of local small independent businesses. We also had our Santa's Grotto where all visiting Santa received a FREE selection box, giving out 1,478, and we had live entertainment with a couple of local talented

		singers performing. Once again our Santa is BSL trained and able to communicate with members of our community with deafness, a really important factor when being inclusive for all in our community. Our event was also featured this year in Glasgow Evening Times with a reporter turning up out of the blue unbeknownst to ourselves, having had details passed via one of our attendees on the day. We had an estimated 3,200 individuals attend across the day. **Three Course Christmas Lunches and Parties** This year we delivered a total of 5 Xmas lunch and party days and : Tuesday 16th December – ASN Group total - of 67 attendees Wednesday 17th December – ASN Group - total of 64 attendees Tuesday 16th December – Men's Group – 24 attendees Thursday 18th December – Ladies Group – 29 attendees Friday 19th December - Pensioners/Community day – 52 attendees After the three course meal of soup, Turkey and all the trimmings, Apple Pie, Trifle or Xmas pudding the groups all had a party with entertainment, the opportunity to dance and a visit from Santa himself. **Children and Young People's Xmas Parties**

		We delivered 4 Christmas parties, 2 at The Glenburn Centre and 2 at The Hub in Wellhouse: Monday 22nd December – Glenburn – 63 attendees Wednesday 17th December – Glenburn – 47 attendees Tuesday 16th December – The Hub – 51 attendees Thursday 18th December – The Hub – 46 attendees Our parties consisted of us having a DJ, playing party games, a visit from Santa, all children were provided food and snacks and given a selection box. **Bingo Christmas Parties** We delivered a Christmas Party for our Bingo groups at the Glenburn Centre, and at The Hub. Both were delivered on Friday 18th December. The event at The Glenburn Centre consisted of a Three Course meal, music and entertainment and a visit from Santa and all received shortbread and a gift set and at The Hub the group opted to have a Fish tea, this was the groups preference, a visit from Santa and all received Shortbread and a Gift Set. Glenburn Group – 36 attendees The Hub Group – 28 attendees **Celebrating our Volunteers** This year across all our activities we were supported by a total of 47 volunteers, this group of individuals are the lifeblood of our organisation, always on hand helping us to support the capacity of all that we deliver, without them, simply put we would not be able to do what we do.

		We gave the offer this year to our volunteers of receiving a Gift Card for them to treat themselves to something that they would use or if they'd prefer to have a meal as a group either out at a restaurant or at the centre and combine it with a movie night. 17 of our young volunteers opted for a Chinese take away and watching a movie in the centre 14 of our volunteers opted for a meal out at Kastriots, picking from the Festive set menu. 16 of our volunteers opted for a gift card, ranging from Amazon, Dine out card, JD Sports, One For All, Primark and Boofi Restaurants. <u>Impact of Project</u> I believe it would be fair to state that the impact of our Christmas at The Hub and Glenburn Does Xmas 2025 activities was felt by so many of our residents. This leading to making our residents feel safer, more connected and having raised spirits leading to improved mental health. Both Christmas Fayre events had a joint attendance of approximately 4,800 individuals, we witnessed whole families coming along babies in prams, children, young people, mum's, dad's, aunties, uncles and grandparents, it was amazing to witness. This is almost double the amount we engaged with last year (2,600). We are particular proud of the work delivered behind the scenes which makes these events special, that's across 2 communities with around 2,000 homes. Our event at The Hub has doubled in attendance from the previous year and our Glenburn event drew attention from local press. Further impact across the community in Wellhouse has supported the housing in building better relationships with their tenants, relationships had been strained over the past couple of years due to housing and community group having a public disagreement, sadly meaning it was the community who were suffering. The new Director has made it their mission to build relationships and this was evident on the day with their presence and support volunteering at the event alongside a few other staff.

		One other key factor of our Community Fayre Events is being able to deliver these FREE of charge, mitigating the barrier of poverty/affordability, this relieves pressure on individuals and families, at a particularly stressful time of year, this helps individuals feel supported, included and valued. Wider impact has allowed us to connect individuals who came along and found out about our regular weekly activities and have now joined in with our Youth Clubs, Bingo sessions, My Life My Choice Groups, Ladies, Gents Groups and our Recovery Group. We find interaction at our Xmas Fayres hits different as spirits are so high, folk feel more relaxed and enter discussion a little easier making the impact greater. All our activities were aimed at being inclusive and accessible and welcoming to individuals of all abilities, faiths and very much along our ethos of building communities and celebrating culture and diversity, something else which is as equally important given the current political and social challenges we face around welcoming different cultures. Our events brought people of all ages together, our youngest attendee at our children's parties being 4 years old and oldest attendee of our festive events being 87 years young. Obviously, this doesn't include the Xmas Fayre's where we did have younger attendees. All in all across our party activities we engaged with a total of: 207 children and young people 300 adults Provided 272 three course Xmas Lunches Distributed 2817 Selection Boxes We believe it is important to recognise that all the above interactions and supports do not just benefit the individual attendees many of these provide whole family support, support building better relationships, improving mental and physical health, reducing the risks of social isolation and

		loneliness, improve individuals feeling of safety within their community and support individuals to feel more connected. We thank the Baillieston Area Partnership for their support, truthfully told without their support our events would not have been possible and our communities would not have had the opportunities they did in creating lasting memories. <u>Spend</u> The project was fully spent on time.
Brighter Baillieston Garrowhill Community Centre LED lighting		<u>Summary of Project</u> The grant was awarded to upgrade outdated, energy-inefficient lighting fixtures throughout the community centre to modern, energy-efficient LED systems and in turn will lower the ongoing electricity and utility bills. From an environmental side this will reduces energy consumption and carbon emissions, aligning with regional climate action and sustainability goals. <u>Impact of Project</u> Delivers brighter, higher-quality lighting throughout the facility, enhancing safety, visibility, and overall user experience for community groups and visitors. The funding supports local community-led initiatives—such as those managed via local charity operations like Brighter Baillieston—to ensure long-term facility viability and modernised public spaces <u>Spend</u> Final expenditure was delayed until 24 April due to an unforeseen illness affecting our main electrician, which rescheduled the final works. Because of the contract's financial size, we could not ethically or legally process payments until all official electrical safety certificates were in hand. The work was completed and fully certified on 24 April. We sincerely apologise for failing to contact you in advance to request an extension. As a volunteer managing competing operational demands, administrative tasks can unfortunately slip, though we recognise communication should have been prioritised.

		To prevent future occurrences, we are establishing a clear buffer timeline for all contracted work and appointing a dedicated volunteer to monitor deadlines and contact funders immediately if delays arise. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.