Item 3

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Pollokshields Area Partnership.

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AREA BUDGET 2025/26: 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 Pollokshields Area Budget in 2025/26.

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2025 allocated £62,408 to the 2025/26 Pollokshields Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £61,563 (99%) of the allocation was awarded for projects that were delivered by 31st March 2026.

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 Pollokshields Area Budget 2025/26.

Appendix 1

Pollokshields Area Partnership Budget 2025/26

Budget: £62,408	**Allocated: £61,563**	**Unallocated: £845**

Total Number of Awards: 30	**Awards under delegated authority: 0**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 9**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings**
Apparel Xchange – Community Art – 'Peace" – Hearts of Pollokshields **£4,500**	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> "Hearts of Pollokshields" - a collaborative, sustainable art project that brings together community groups in designing and creating a unique installation from recycled materials. The installation will consist of heart shapes crafted from recycled plastic, clay, and fabric—materials sourced from local waste streams and donations. The artwork will celebrate and represent the diverse voices and creativity of Pollokshields, embedding a strong message of sustainability and community spirit. The final artwork will enliven the local park, celebrate community identity, and encourage environmental responsibility. The original proposal was to work with around 300 people over a 12-week period. There were however some challenges with engaging participants, but the workshops were delivered with approximately 180 participants. A condition of the award was that the project would be delivered to Pollokshields residents only. There were challenges engaging with organisations in Pollokshields and the organisation did not collect postcode information on participants but have estimated that approx. 50% of participants were from the Pollokshields ward. The artwork is complete but is yet to

		be installed in a permanent home and is currently available to view at the organisation's warehouse. A launch event will take place once a suitable home for the artwork is found.  <u>Impact of Project</u> The intended impact of the project was to benefit local people by coming together with others from their community, learn new skills and express their creativity through the practice of co-designing the artwork. "*The project will enable participants to connect with other community members over a common concern for peace for all, whether that is in Glasgow or in other societies across the world. The vision of the single tree on which all hearts will hang emphasises the local and global connectedness which the project aims to foster."* *"Overall, the workshops went really well, and everyone very much enjoyed them. The opportunity to be creative while discussing the issues of conflict and peace which, for some, who have escaped and for others family members who continue to be affected."* <u>Spend</u> There was an underspend of £87.11 which was returned.
Kinning Park Complex – Mindful Connections	Y	<u>Summary of project</u> Kinning Park Complex delivered the Mindful Connections programme to residents in Govan and Pollokshields wards, targeting vulnerable groups. The programme combined weekly yoga sessions (to assist with stress relief) with Reiki for parents and babies; and mental health awareness

£2,501 (£1,691 Govan Area Partnership, £810 Pollokshields Area Partnership)		workshops offering education on emotional resilience and coping strategies for older participants. 85 people participated in the sessions. <u>Impact of project</u> The organisation reported that these therapies would be inaccessible to many local residents if they weren't being provided free at an accessible local venue. *"Participants attending the yoga and mindful sessions reported reduced anxiety and stress and improved mental wellbeing."* *"The Reiki sessions were very popular with parents in terms of their wellbeing and being able to soothe and calm their babies."* <u>Spend</u> There was an underspend of £494.33 which was returned.
Flutes Unlimited – Big Flute Fund **£2,789**	Y	<u>Summary of project</u> Area Partnership funding supported the Big Flute Fund, the objective of which was to enhance the stock of specialist low register musical instruments for community use. The funding contributed to the purchase of a contrabass flute and two bass flutes which was slightly different to the original proposal as applicant reassessed instruments requirements and determined that two bass flutes were of more urgent importance than one bass and one alto. There was also a delay in purchasing the instruments with this not concluded until after the financial year end.



Impact of project

"By making these instruments available members have been able to try instruments they would not otherwise have access to, broaden their musical experience within the ensemble and develop new skills. Removing this financial barrier has enabled members to explore new musical roles and has supported learning and progression. The project has also strengthened the social and community benefits provided by Flutes Unlimited."

Spend

		The applicant reported that the award was spent in full and project delivered (after the financial year end).
Police Scotland – Violence against women and children **£6,230**		Summary of project A range of equipment has been purchased and bundled into 'victim safety packs', and these items have been and are being provided to victims, witnesses or other people at risk of harm through proactive and reactive policing. The work has been carried out in conjunction with the Public Protection Unit, Safer Communities Team and Domestic Abuse Safeguarding Unit. Impact of project *"All these combined measures are fundamental to the post-incident victim support strategy or the pro-active safety planning we carry out and achieves the desired objectives of supporting and protecting those at their most vulnerable or at risk of harm."* Spend The applicant reported that the award was spent in full and equipment purchased. Some equipment remains to be distributed but will be ring fenced for the Pollokshields ward and will be distributed as required.
Shawlands Academy Parent Teacher Council – Clean and green courtyards **£6,004**	N	 Summary of project The project transformed two large, bare courtyards at Shawlands Academy, into attractive, green outdoor spaces through the installation of highly durable planters with perennial planting. The 'greener' courtyards will enhance the school environment and provide accessible outdoor spaces for relaxation, socialising, outdoor learning, and wellbeing activities.

		Impact of project 1,500 pupils and teachers observe the greener space from surrounding windows daily. Hundreds of young people use cleaner and greener space for rest, play and education.  *A new eco committee is emerging off the back of this, keen to maintain the planters. Overall, the reception has been positive.* Spend The applicant reported that award was spent in full and project completed.
Inhouse Event Solutions CIC -Queen's Park Summer Events **£17,404** (£5,220 Pollokshields Area Partnership; £6,964 Southside Central Area Partnership;	N	Summary of Project The event season ran from 3 July to 3 August, delivering 32 days of music, film, family activities and community celebration across the majority of the school summer holidays. Over the course of the season, more than 46,000 tickets were issued for free and donation-based events. "*This was a record-breaking level of participation and demonstrates the significant demand for inclusive, accessible and affordable entertainment within the local community."* The programme provided a diverse range of activities designed to appeal to different ages, interests and abilities, including: ● 41 film screenings ● 15 early-years sessions

£5,220 Langside Area Partnership)		● 2 children's disco events ● 70 hours of free soft play ● 15 creative arts workshops ● 15 Open Stage community talent show slots ● 15 dance and fitness classes ● 2 live outdoor sports screenings All community events were offered on a free or donation-based ticket model, helping to remove financial barriers and ensure that participation was not dependent on household income. The breadth of the programme meant that residents could access opportunities to socialise, be active, develop creative skills, experience the arts, showcase their talents and spend positive time together as a community. <u>Impact of Project.</u> *"The programme supported the reduction of social isolation by creating welcoming opportunities for local people to meet, socialise and build relationships. This was particularly important for lone parents and families, who were provided with opportunities to connect with others in their local community. Participation in community activities also supported mental and physical well-being, providing positive experiences, opportunities to be active and spaces where people could spend time together."* *"A key focus of the programme was removing barriers to participation. By providing accessible and affordable activities within the local area, we enabled vulnerable people and families to participate regardless of financial circumstances or transport limitations. This helped ensure that opportunities were available to a broad cross-section of the community."*

		"Overall, the summer programme provided more than a series of events. It created opportunities for people to connect, participate, learn, develop and feel part of their local community, while contributing directly to the priorities identified." <u>Spend</u> The applicant reported that the funding was spent in full and events delivered.
Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA) – Alternative Fireworks events **£7,796** (£3,898 Pollokshields Area Partnership; £3,898 Southside Central Area Partnership)	N	<u>Summary of project</u> Delivery of alternative activities for children and young people on the evening of 5 November (Guy Fawkes Night). These events are designed to provide safe, engaging alternatives to spending time on the streets during a period when both Pollokshields and Govanhill have historically experienced increased levels of anti-social behaviour and unsafe use of fireworks. The events were delivered by YCSA in partnership with Govanhill Youth Club and other local agencies, with activities tailored to meet the needs of different age groups and communities. Govanhill Park was no longer deemed suitable for use for the event therefore Govanhill delivery was altered to a trip to an escape room for approx. 20 teens and a children and family event at the Roma Cultural Centre, attending by approx. 70 people. The Pollokshields Event took place at Glendale Primary School and was attended by approx. 400 people <u>Impact of project</u> YCSA reported that the Guy Fawkes Night programme had a significant positive impact on children, young people, families and the wider communities of Pollokshields and Govanhill. By providing free, accessible and engaging activities on the evening of 5 November, the project offered a safe and welcoming alternative to spending time on the streets during a period traditionally associated with anti-social behaviour and unsafe firework use. Although some incidents of anti-social behaviour continued later in the evening, YCSA stated that local partners recognised that the events contributed to reducing community disturbance and engaged many young people who may otherwise have been on the streets.

		"Overall, the project demonstrated how community-led, partnership-based activities can improve safety, increase inclusion, strengthen community cohesion and provide meaningful opportunities for children, young people and families during a challenging period of the year." <u>Spend</u> The applicant reported that the award was spent in full and events delivered.
The Pollokshields Trust – Community Iftar events **£700**	N	The evaluation report was not returned despite reminders to the organisation. The organisation responded to earlier contact confirming that the events had been delivered.