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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Springburn/Robroyston 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget in 2025/26.

Background

1. The City Administration Committee on 13th February 2025 allocated £100,320 to the 2025/26 Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget.

Expenditure

2. £100,320 (100%) of the allocation has been 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Budget 2025/26.

Appendix 1

Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership Budget 2025/26

Budget: £100,320	**Allocated: £100,320**	**Unallocated: £0**

Total Number of Awards: 37	**Awards under delegated authority: 9**	**Awards to GCC/ALEOs: 5**

Client/Project	**Evaluation Submitted by Deadline Y/N**	**Summary Findings** (please include how the project contributed to the investment priorities, the impact on the community and the wider area and the number of beneficiaries). Please also include any information relevant to breach of conditions of grant e.g. non/late submission of documentation or amendments.
Barmulloch Community Development Company Community in the Park 2025	Y	<u>Summary of Project;</u> Around 1000 people came together for the event. We had the Chinese recreation Centre providing an excellent Chinese dance demonstration, Wrestling was also brought into the heart of the community, and they put on a entertaining show for everyone to watch. The stalls and information market was also very well attended with partners and services coming together to meet the community face to face and share their projects and services. Children and adults had various activities including large rides and smaller family rides. Bouncy castles and face painters also entertained the children and families had the opportunity come together and share food at the food zone where they had access to reduced cost food and refreshments. <u>Impact of Project</u> This event helped reduce social isolation, increased community cohesion and enabled the community to have safe fun in their local environment. Having the event in the park also helped

		people integrate in the community by meeting different services and local neighbours. Families also had purpose to use the parks and play spaces, and the event enabled them to come together locally for events. Having the partners and services there also enabled the local people to have conversations about activities and support in the community and BCDC also had the opportunity to consult local people about future activities. The partners and services also had the opportunity to meet each other in a different environment and enjoy meeting each other and the community outdoors. <u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the project delivered on time
Spirit of Springburn Springburn Community Events 2025	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> The funding enabled Spirit of Springburn to deliver a varied programme of community activities designed to bring people together, reduce isolation, celebrate Springburn's heritage and growing cultural diversity, and connect residents with local organisations and sources of support. Our annual Springburn Community Street Festival took place on Saturday, 18th October 2025 on Springburn Way and the shopping centre's largest car park. For the event, Springburn's main shopping street was temporarily closed to traffic and transformed into a busy, colourful and welcoming community space. Approximately 2000 people attended throughout the day, supported by 20 volunteers, staff and approx 18 participating organisations. The festival offered free activities for children, young people and families, including BMX biking, football and cricket taster sessions, street games, face painting and opportunities to meet our friendly mascots. A community stage showcased local musical talent, a Chinese fan dance and performances by local children. Free food tasters were also provided by African Challenge, members

		of our Chinese community and our Ukrainian friends from BUTA, allowing residents to share and celebrate food from different cultures. A wide range of local groups and support organisations participated, including BUTA, BCDC, SAMH, We Are With You, SISCO and others. New groups become involved each year, helping the festival remain representative of Springburn's changing and increasingly diverse community. The event also allowed residents to meet local organisations in an informal setting and learn about services and support available in the area. Funding also supported our weekly Broth and Blether sessions during the winter and Tea and Chat during the summer. These take place every Thursday at Springburn Community Hub and started April 2025 and are still running. We have delivered over 40 sessions, with approximately 30 to 40 people attending each week and approximately 1200 across the funded period (a lot come every week). These sessions provided an accessible, warm and welcoming place where people could enjoy refreshments, meet others and feel safe and included. Attendance has grown, and Thursdays have become increasingly busy at the hub. The sessions helped reduce isolation, build friendships and connect residents with information about local services and other forms of support. Broth and Blether and Tea and Chat ran alongside our weekly Springburn Heritage Exhibition. Visitors could learn about Springburn's important locomotive history, explore old school photographs, reconnect with memories and former friends, or discover more about the area they had recently moved into. Approximately 2500 people visited the exhibition during the funded period. It is very popular. Together, these activities provided both a major annual celebration and regular opportunities for connection throughout the year. They helped people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures participate in community life and strengthened the sense that Springburn is a close-knit, welcoming and increasingly diverse community.

		Impact of Project The project had a positive impact on people of all ages by providing both a large community celebration and regular weekly opportunities for people to meet, participate and access support. The Springburn Community Street Festival gave local families an affordable and accessible day in the heart of their community. Children and young people took part in BMX biking, football, cricket, street games, face painting and dance, while parents and carers had an opportunity to relax, meet others and enjoy watching their children participate. These activities encouraged physical activity, confidence and social interaction and provided children with positive experiences in a safe, community-led environment. The festival also strengthened relationships between Springburn's increasingly diverse communities. Food, music and dance from our African, Chinese and Ukrainian communities allowed people to share and celebrate their cultures. Residents from different backgrounds were able to meet in a friendly and informal setting, helping to increase understanding, reduce barriers and create a stronger sense of belonging. Local musicians, dancers and community groups were given a platform to showcase their talents and work. Organisations including BUTA, BCDC, SAMH, We Are With You and SISCO were able to engage directly with residents. This helped raise awareness of services and made it easier for people to approach organisations, ask questions and find out where they could obtain further support. Our weekly Broth and Blether and Tea and Chat sessions created a regular, welcoming space where people could enjoy refreshments, meet others and feel safe. The increasing attendance on Thursdays shows that the hub has become a valued place for companionship and community connection. The sessions were particularly beneficial for people experiencing loneliness or isolation, including older residents and people who may otherwise have limited opportunities to socialise. The informal environment also helped people feel more comfortable asking about local services or discussing support they might need.

		Running these sessions alongside our Heritage Exhibition created additional benefits. Older residents were able to share memories and look for former classmates and friends in our collection of school photographs. Newer residents learned about Springburn's locomotive history and developed a greater understanding of the area in which they now live. This encouraged conversations between generations and between long-established and newer residents, strengthening local identity and community pride. The project benefited the wider area by: • bringing positive activity and increased footfall into Springburn's shopping area; • reducing social isolation and creating opportunities for new friendships; • encouraging physical activity among children and young people; • providing a safe and welcoming place for people to meet; • promoting cultural understanding and inclusion; • connecting residents with local support organisations; • showcasing local talent and strengthening voluntary-sector partnerships; and • celebrating Springburn's heritage and building pride in the area . The project addressed the Area Partnership priorities in the following ways: • Improve Health and Wellbeing: The weekly social sessions reduced isolation and promoted connection, while the festival's sporting activities encouraged physical activity. Residents could also meet organisations providing health, wellbeing and recovery support. • Community Safety: The project created well-managed, positive and welcoming community spaces. It helped residents build relationships with one another and with local organisations, contributing to a stronger and more connected community where people feel safer and better supported. • Services for Young People: Children and young people had access to sports, games, dance, creative activities and positive community experiences. They were able to try new activities, develop confidence and participate alongside their families.

		• Activities for Older People: Broth and Blether, Tea and Chat and the Heritage Exhibition offered regular opportunities for older residents to socialise, enjoy refreshments, share memories and reconnect with Springburn's history and community life. Overall, the funding allowed Spirit of Springburn to combine celebration, physical activity, cultural inclusion, heritage and practical community support. It helped make Springburn a more connected and welcoming place for residents of all ages and backgrounds. <u>Spend</u> After request for extension of funds and to cover the Broth and Bleather project, the full amount of £8,200 has been committed.
Early Years Scotland Creating Caring Connections	Y	<u>Summary of Project</u> Early Years Scotland delivered Marvellous Minds and Sensory Stars, two complementary programmes of support for families of neurodivergent and neurodiverse children, across Barmulloch Community Development Centre (BCDC), Springburn Parish Church and a local primary school, Saint Catherines, between September 2025 and June 2026. Marvellous Minds ran as two-hour sessions providing parents with a safe space to share experiences, learn more about supporting their neurodivergent child, and develop strategies for self-regulation. Sessions covered sensory processing, understanding and supporting language, understanding behaviour, and autistic play and schemas, with refreshments provided in a comfortable, cosy environment. A WhatsApp group was set up for each cohort to provide ongoing peer support between sessions. Sensory Stars provided free, inclusive sensory play and family support for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Sessions were child-led, offering sensory exploration, movement, communication, social interaction, books, songs, and fine and gross motor development, with parents supported

		informally alongside their children to understand sensory processing, communication, schemas and individual play styles. Both programmes were promoted through a range of local channels, including flyers and posters at venues and nurseries, social media, emails to local nurseries, and information left at the GP surgery near the venues. Delivery took place predominantly across the autumn, winter and spring months. In total, 30 families and 60 individuals (30 children and 30 parents) took part in Marvellous Minds and Sensory Stars sessions across the three venues during the reporting period. <u>Impact of Project</u> **Marvellous Minds** Feedback from participants who completed the initial project evaluation was extremely positive, with all respondents reporting the following: • Gained practical tools for understanding themselves. • Had opportunities to think about and develop strategies for self-care. • Benefited from connecting with families with similar experiences. • Developed awareness of relevant services available to their family. • Were learning strategies to support their child's wellbeing and connection. • Felt the learning environment supported their sensory wellbeing. • Felt the pace and range of activities suited their learning style.

		Parents described the difference the programme made in their own words: "This was my starting line because I never knew how to do, how to react for each behaviour of my son and now I can say that I have more control over how I react." "I entirely enjoyed the program and it gave me a lot of information. Now I can google things when I am struggling to understand sometimes what is happening because now I know what to ask, but before I didn't have any ideas." "I'm sad it's came to an end and the group's been great, I've really enjoyed it and it's helped me understand things a bit better." "Thank you for this group because it helps me understand a lot." "Thank you for helping me see how I can empower my child, I love that word!" **Sensory Stars** Written evaluations and qualitative evidence was gathered through verbal feedback, consistent attendance and practitioner observation. Families were provided with a welcoming, non-judgemental and sensory-friendly environment where children could participate according to their individual needs, rather than being expected to play or interact in a particular way. Parents were supported to understand their child's communication, sensory processing, regulation, schemas and play through real-time observation and modelling. The crossover between the two strands proved particularly valuable for one family, allowing a parent's learning from Marvellous Minds to be explored directly alongside her own child's play in Sensory Stars. Children developed relationships and opportunities for connection on their own terms, from a two-year-old gradually building trust and drawing staff into her physical play, to a child with significant hearing loss being supported through his particular interests in singing, books and puzzles. The programme

		also gave parents and carers the chance to connect with others locally, reducing isolation and providing access to free indoor play, learning and support within their own community. **Learning and wider benefit to the area** The pilot has generated useful learning about how families access community-based support in the Ward. Considerable promotional activity took place across local venues, nurseries, social media, GP provision and existing community networks, but establishing referral pathways with health professionals proved more difficult in Springburn than in other areas where Sensory Stars operates, where established relationships with health and early years professionals have provided valuable routes for families into the service. Developing these local professional referral pathways is an area for future focus. The school-based Marvellous Minds delivery also demonstrated the value of taking provision into an already established and trusted community setting. The strong attendance and the school's subsequent request for further support point to clear local need, while showing that how and where families are reached can matter as much as the availability of the service itself. **How the project addressed Area Partnership priorities** Health and Wellbeing: the project addressed this priority by reducing isolation, providing parent-to-parent connection, developing understanding and self-regulation strategies, and offering accessible, non-judgemental support to parents who often face significant stress and anxiety in parenting without tailored resources. Sessions gave parents and children a stigma-free, sensory-friendly environment in which to build emotional resilience and meet developmental needs together. Services for Young People: the project addressed this priority through free, inclusive, sensory-friendly early years provision in which neurodivergent children and children with emerging developmental differences could play, communicate, develop relationships and be supported according to their individual needs. Families were able to access this support without needing a formal diagnosis,

		providing critical early intervention during what can be the most stressful and isolating period for a family, and filling a clear gap in early years provision for younger children in the Barmulloch area. Spend The funding was fully spent and the project delivered on time.
Lenzie Way and Place Residents Association. Garden Equipment		Summary of Project This report sets out how the lawnmower bought with council funding is being used, and the difference it has made to the health and wellbeing of our community. ## How the lawnmower is used The lawnmower is used to look after four grass areas in our neighbourhood. All four are now well maintained, where before when the factor was in place only 3 of the areas were regularly cut and one was left completely overgrown. The work is done by volunteer residents, not contractors, so the green spaces are cared for by the people who live beside them. ## Who is involved The Residents Association has a committee of six. On top of that, between 10 and 15 residents regularly volunteer. Along with grass cutting, volunteers carry out litter picks and weeding, so the lawnmower is one part of a wider, ongoing effort to look after our area Impact of Project

Impact on the community

Before the Residents Association was set up, most of us lived as individuals and had little contact with our neighbours. Working together on the green spaces has changed that. Having the lawnmower has given us a regular, practical reason to come together, and it has added another layer to the connections and support between neighbours.

That stronger sense of community also shows in how we deal with fly-tipping. Residents now keep a closer eye on the area. When people see fly-tipping, they challenge it and report it to the council, and they feel confident doing so because they know their neighbours will back them up.

With the areas being cleared, and less litter it has helped reduce the number of rats around the properties in the area (along with bait boxes being put down from our community fund).

Impact on health and wellbeing

The project has had a clear positive effect on the health and wellbeing of those involved:

- **Physical activity:** Grass cutting, weeding and litter picking get people outside and moving.
- **Fresh air and nature:** Volunteers spend regular time outdoors, working with and caring for the natural environment.
- **Social connection:** The work brings neighbours together, reducing isolation and building friendships.
- **Sense of safety and pride:** Well-kept green spaces and a watchful community help people feel safer and prouder of where they live.

Activity in numbers

Measure	Figure
How often the grass is cut	Fortnighly
Volunteer hours per month	10+
Litter picks held since funding	Monthly
Bags of rubbish collected	10+
Fly-tipping reports made to the council	10+

Partnerships

Prior to us having the lawnmower, we had volunteers from The Men's Shed Springburn come down to assist with the initial clearing of the area at the front of Lenzie Way as this area hadn't been cleared in the 6 years that the factor was in place. We have then been able to continue to maintain the clear spaces with the lawnmower.

Looking ahead

In the future we would like to see the grass areas be used by the community, potentially having a drying area for washing, wild flowers planted for nature and pollinators, possibly a community garden if we could access funds and have enough people in the area interested.

Conclusion

The funded lawnmower has done far more than keep the grass short. It has helped turn a group of individual households into a connected, supportive community that looks after its green spaces, its environment and each other. We are very grateful to Glasgow City Council and their partners for this funding and the difference it has made.

		<u>Spend</u> The funding was fully spent and the project delivered on time.